

Schoolcraft Receives Accreditation

Schoolcraft College has received full accreditation as a college from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The announcement was made by Dr. Eric J. Bradner, president of the college, to the Board of Trustees Wednesday.

Accreditation status was awarded for a period of three years and will be reviewed by the NCACS within the next three to five years.

Announcement of the decision was made Wednesday morning at the annual meeting of the regional accrediting association in Chicago.

"WE ARE, OF COURSE, delighted," said Dr. Bradner. "This means that all of the rights and privileges -- as well as the responsibilities -- accruing from full accreditation are ours."

"Our students now have assurance of the high quality of instruction at the college. Students intending to transfer academic credits to four-year institutions anywhere in the country may do so in the knowledge that those credits will transfer without question."

"Students enrolled in career programs," Dr. Bradner continued, "gain the same benefits as all other students with the knowledge that the instructional quality they receive meets the high standards of the regional accreditation body."

"Citizens and taxpayers of the college district can take pride in the community college which they support by knowing that within a four-year period Schoolcraft has established itself as an institution of higher education which has met standards of quality required of every university, four-year college and two-year college in the nation."

"IT IS SIGNIFICANT," Dr. Bradner went on, "and a fact that cannot be ignored that full accreditation has come to Schoolcraft in its fourth year of operation. This achievement alone stamps Schoolcraft as an exception among institutions of higher education."

"Recognition by the North Central Association of the efforts and achievements of Schoolcraft College in the four years it has been serving this community is cause for a feeling of pride by every faculty member and administrator at the college -- a feeling in which all of us can share."

Board Chairman Harold Fischer, of Plymouth, said on behalf of the trustees: "The administration and the faculty of the college are to be congratulated. Full accreditation means a great deal to Schoolcraft. The trustees express deep thanks for the efforts of the entire staff of the college which made it possible."

SCHOOLCRAFT HAS NOT been without a candidate status during the intervening years since it opened in August 1964.

In March 1965, the Michigan Commission on College Accreditation granted status to the new college and the federal government accepted its progress towards regional accreditation as meeting eligibility requirements for federal grants.

In 1966, the North Central Association accepted the college as a candidate for accreditation. Last year Schoolcraft completed a year-long self-study as one of the NCA pre-requisites for full accreditation.

An examining team of three educators visited the campus on Feb. 8 and 9. The report of their findings was one of the factors in the decision to award full accreditation.

"A GREAT DEAL" of the early work in seeking accreditation was handled by Retired Dean of Students Lois Waterman, for whom the student center building is named.

It was Miss Waterman who worked so hard to secure state accreditation, and she was one of the big factors in the self-study program.

Although academic credits earned by Schoolcraft students since 1964 have been accepted for transfer to all four-year institutions in Michigan, full accreditation of the NCA places the college in the class of all other institutions of higher education which meet the scholastic and other standards of the powerful regional association.

Dr. Bradner was accompanied to the NCA annual meeting by Vice President John Brinn, Walter Hoffman, Jr., president of the Faculty Forum, and Charles Castillo, speech instructor and former executive board member of the Forum.

Hoffman and Castillo were selected by the Forum to attend the meeting and assist in making the college's final oral presentation to the NCA prior to the accreditation decision.

Birmingham Voters OK Open Housing Ordinance

Ordinance Passes By 383 Votes

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Birmingham became the second city in the nation to pass a fair housing ordinance as campaigning young people rolled up a 383-vote victory.

In final a fair housing ordinance survived a test at the polls by 37 votes.

Ovasso voted on a similar ordinance Tuesday and the official results are pending. Plymouth, where the city commission approved an ordinance, has been forced to take it to the voters April 23.

"Most of the young people went for it here in Birmingham," said a newsman. "They campaigned and got their parents out to the polls to vote for it."

TWO BIRMINGHAM City Commission candidates running on an anti-fair housing slate, Mrs. Janet Dodd and William Heffner, both were defeated.

Elections officials said the vote in Birmingham was 4,205 for the ordinance and 3,833 against. Slightly over 62 per cent of the 12,150 registered voters cast ballots (B164).

The Birmingham ordinance allows private sales of property and refusal to sell can be made for any reason other than race, creed, color or national origin.

Courts can impose misdemeanor penalties for violations, a \$200 fine or 90 days in jail as maximums or both.

BIRMINGHAM WAS sharply divided on the issue of fair housing. The ordinance, a result of a nearby Bloomfield Hills campaign in Birmingham for the ordinance.

The vote caused ripples in Lansing in Washington. State Senator Emil Lockwood (R-St. Louis), floor manager for Romney's statewide open housing bill, said he was "delighted" and saw in it a lever to use on the legislature.

State Senator George W. Kuhn (R-Berkeley) said he was "surprised" by the vote in Birmingham, but declined to say whether it would budge him from opposing a statewide statute.

GRAND RAPIDS--A federal court may get jurisdiction of a community internet television (CATV) case originally begun in Ingham County Circuit Court.

Edward Lamb, who would be developer of CATV in Lansing, wants the federal court to enjoin the City of Lansing from preventing him from establishing CATV there. The question is whether the city or the Federal Communications Commission rules govern the case.

LANSING--Michigan Guardsmen getting riot training received sweeping new orders last weekend from Michigan Adjutant General Clarence W. Schenke.

The guardsmen are to fire only on order from a Guard officer or when a fellow Guardsman's life is in immediate danger. Guardsmen are no longer to take orders from civilian authorities of "ride shotgun" on fire vehicles.

The riot training started because of charges that the National Guard was "trigger-happy" during last July's Detroit riot.

LANSING--Donald McClintock, 5, and Derric Stallworth, 3, suffocated Friday when they crawled into a refrigerator and closed the door. They were playing at the home of a neighbor with whom their mothers had left them for a short time. Their mothers are sisters.

BLISSFIELD--Two Ohio men, Joseph Portia, Jr., 38, of Toledo, and John A. Portia, 25, of Delta, drowned in the River Raisin Saturday when their canoe overturned. The bodies were recovered the following day.

KALAMAZOO--Construction of Westmain Mall, a \$15 million enclosed shopping center, began here last week. The mall features two department stores (Federals and Granta's) and 60 other stores along with a 5,000-car parking lot. It is to be open by Christmas, according to Alan H. Ginsberg, president of Alco Construction Co.

Vallier, Moelke OK Millage

With approval of Mayor Harvey Moelke, of Livonia, Plymouth City Supervisor Arch Vallier and Redford Township Supervisor Aldrick Bellare, serving as a special committee of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, voters of Wayne County will be asked to continue a special one-mill property levy in the Aug. 6 primary.

The committee voted to recommend continuation of the millage in order to avoid a "revenue curtailment" of county services.

The Board of Supervisors, meeting March 26, acted without a dissenting vote to put the renewal proposal of the ballot.

The five-year special levy, which amounts to \$1 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, was approved by voters in 1964 and expires next year. It means about \$9.5 million annually for operation of vital county services.

A SPECIAL SUPERVISORS' committee composed of top officials from throughout the county recommended that the voters be asked to continue the millage. The County Board of Auditors had warned that loss of the revenue would result in a "severe curtailment" of public services and have an "adverse effect on the residents of the county."

"We are not asking property owners to approve a tax increase," emphasized Richard Austin, secretary of the Board of Auditors. "We are asking only that the citizens of Wayne County continue their present level of support for critically needed public services which, even with one mill, are operating at a bare minimum."

In the meantime, we are trying to persuade the State to face up to its full responsibility to reimburse the county for state services which the county is forced to render."

Redford's Judge Canham Named Chairman Of YWCA Fund Drive

Circuit Judge James N. Canham has been named general chairman for the Northwest Branch YWCA expansion fund campaign.

Canham, who resides at 14999 Knoch, in Redford Township, heads a steering committee of community leaders in raising money for expansion of the present Northwest Branch YWCA facilities.

Projected plans include the construction of an indoor swimming pool, as well as the addition of a new multi-purpose room and several smaller meeting rooms.

THE NORTHWEST Campaign is part of an over-all Metropolitan YWCA capital funds drive, the first in 40 years for the organization which is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year for 75 years of service to the community.

The three-county campaign is for \$1.6 million, of which \$900,000 is to be expended on the Northwest YW facilities. This is the largest single allocation in the total planning. The goal for the Northwest area campaign organization to raise itself, however, is \$250,000.

Judge Canham was formerly associated with the law firm of Canham, McDonald & Dillon, until 1955 when he assumed his first elected office as Justice of the Peace in Redford Township. In 1961, he was elevated to the Wayne Circuit Court. The same year he was named as the "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Jaycees.

Currently, he serves as a member of the Michigan State Bar, Crime Prevention Center Committee. He was elected by his colleagues as executive judge pro tem for the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1966.

Among those serving on the steering committee are: Clarence Vahl, 30395 Brookside, Livonia, personnel director, Allis-Johnson Personnel; Mrs. Arthur Jenkins, 32169

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Store, Montgomery Ward & Co.; and Philip H. Power, 271 S. Main, Plymouth, publisher, Observer Newspapers.

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