

College gives 6 degrees

"The traditional commencement address," said Schoolcraft College commencement speaker Sarah Goddard Power, "assumes you're still wet behind the ears."

"You are not wet behind the ears," she told the 235 graduates in blue in gold academic gowns Sunday in the college gym. "You have experience in the world."

Indeed, the age range of persons receiving associate degrees from the two-year college ran from 20 to 68, many of them military veterans and working women who attended evening classes.

Nearly 2,000 persons jammed the building to capacity to see the traditional ceremony. The college this academic year awarded 77 degrees—33 in the arts and sciences and 44 in applied sciences. Many who earned their degrees in the 1974 spring, summer and fall semesters, however, were unable to attend the ceremony because they are already in four-year colleges or on jobs outside the community.

The official list of graduates will be published by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers when it is officially tallied by the college—in about four weeks.

THE 10TH commencement was the largest ever for the 13-year-old college which enrolls 3,000 students and serves the school districts of Clarensville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth.

Six honorary degrees were presented this year, the largest amount the school has ever bestowed in a single school year.

Commencement speaker Sarah Power, a recently elected University of Michigan regent active in many civic organizations in western Wayne and Washtenaw counties, was awarded an honorary associate in arts degree.

Mrs. Power, the wife of Observer & Eccentric co-publisher Philip Power, was recognized for her work with such groups as the Institute for the Administrative Advancement of Women, the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO and National Endowment for the Humanities. She was born in Detroit; earned a bachelor's degree in history at Vassar College and master's degree at New York University.

Richard T. ("Tommy") Thompson received an honorary associate in arts degree posthumously for his "exceptional press coverage and support to the establishment and development of Schoolcraft College" and "giving unselfishly of his time and talents in this constructive effort."

Thompson, who until his death of a heart attack two weeks ago was on the editorial board of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Plymouth managing editor of the group after serving as executive editor, came to the O&E in 1962.

Thompson, declared the college, "earned the praise and recognition of readers and his fellow journalists" and "devoted 48 years to his life's work of newspapering, a craft whose demands place it among the hardest things men and women can do..." Thompson was a Redford Township resident.

It was Thompson's first degree of any sort. In the depression, he was forced to drop out of Ohio State University when he was maneuvered out of a dishwashing job.

Robert Breithaupt, Livonia, was awarded an associate in applied science degree. He is one of the nation's six executive master chefs and director of food services at Schoolcraft College. Breithaupt founded a gourmet club at the college and was faculty advisor in team competition that earned several "best in show" awards for the school.

Philip Ogilvie, Northville, was awarded an honorary associate in arts degree. Active in community and youth-oriented endeavors including the Boy Scouts, Presbyterian Church and Rotary Club, Ogilvie has served as Northville's city attorney since 1968. He helped establish a probation department for the municipal court and was also a member of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Charles Kirkpatrick, Birmingham,



EVELYN THOMPSON, widow of former Executive Editor Richard T. (Tommy) Thompson, accepted the posthumous associate in arts degree for her late husband from Schoolcraft President C. Nelson Grote. Thompson covered and editorially endorsed the formation of Schoolcraft College, maintaining a paternal interest in the school until his death on April 14. (Staff photos by Art Emanuel)

was awarded an honorary associate in applied science degree for his participation in Livonia scouting, church, civic association and school matters.

A former Livonia resident, he was elected to the first board of trustees of Schoolcraft College and served as its first treasurer. He was a member of a citizen's study committee for the college.

Miriam King, West Bloomfield, received an honorary associate in arts degree for active leadership roles in youth activities in Livonia; she has been a rehabilitation consultant with the Oakland County Intermediate School District for the past 10 years and was appointed by Gov. Milliken to the Michigan Commission on the Employment of the Handicapped.

She is chairperson of the committee for a Barrier Free Environment and was chairperson of the Livonia Citizens Action Committee advocating passage of the initial property tax in support of Schoolcraft College.

MRS. POWER'S theme was "the movement for a partnership of men and women for a better world," a phrase she prefers to the "women's movement."

"Things are still grim, but they're getting better," she said, noting that 80 to 90 per cent of the world's 780 million illiterates are women but that "at least educated equally with men."



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