

Schoolcraft Board Splits Over Arts Center Plans

By DENNIS PAJOT

An Arts Center is in the future of Schoolcraft Community College—at least on paper.

Despite the objections of two members, the board of trustees has approved a \$60,000 appropriation for the architects' drawings.

This means that blueprints for construction of the center will be prepared. A decision to

actually build and letting of contracts remain for a later date.

The architectural firm of Perkins and Will, which gained approval of preliminary plans from the administration-faculty building committee, received the go-ahead after a turbulent debate among Schoolcraft trustees.

FIVE VOTES finally gave the nod, including those of Board

Chairman Mrs. Jane Moehle, Vice Chairman Paul Mutnick and Trustees Dr. Robert Geake, Clarke Oldenburg and John La Rue.

Against investing any more than the \$30,000 already spent for preliminary drawings, at this time, were Trustees Dr. George Martin and William Secord.

Trustee James Boswell was absent from the regular October meeting.

Martin led the opposition, as he has from the beginning of his involvement in the trustees' deliberations on this particular building.

members in each of the next two years—before this building is done," said Martin.

COUNTERING, Mrs. Moehle said, "This building has some faculty rooms and multi-purpose rooms." The architects said the building need not be used wholly for its designed purposes at first, and Trustee Geake said, "It's better from an economic standpoint to build this now."

Dr. Eric Bradner, college president, said the building committee was "unreserved" in its recommendation to proceed with the arts building.

Bradner is a member of the building committee, as are four

other administrators and four faculty members—the latter appointed by the president of the Faculty Forum.

Bradner told the trustees he agrees with the need for 40 faculty offices and said some are "coming into this (new) building." He also emphasized that the college has "growing music and art departments" for which the building is specifically designed.

Wayne Dunlap, head of the music department, added that there are 250 students enrolled in music, 240 in art, about one-third of all students take speech and all elementary education students have "certain portions" in this (new)

building.

HAY WHITE, a representative of the architects, reminded the board his firm has been preparing a campus development master plan for an ultimate of 10,000 students by 1980 into which this building will "dove-tail", although seemingly has "the cart before the horse."

Another architects' representative, Mel Hummer, said the next building proposed will be a large one of non-committed space that can be first used for offices, library and classrooms but will ultimately become the campus library.

Dr. Martin, the unconvinced trustee, asked if the general

faculty and student body had been asked for opinions on priorities.

Dean of Instruction Robert Keene said he didn't know. Dr. Bradner indicated he felt it wasn't necessary due to the makeup of the building committee.

MICHAEL O'TOOLE, a faculty member and head of the history, English and speech divisions, disagreed.

"As far as I know, the (general) faculty was not asked formally about priorities. They may have been asked informally. I know the Student Senate was not approached last year (when O'Toole was Student Senate

adviser)." "We do have immediate needs—we need classrooms and office space now...the next big project should be a classrooms and office building," he said.

The president of the Student Senate, Randy Johns, gave no opinion but asked if a student could serve on the building committee. Dr. Bradner said he'd talk to Johns about it privately.

Another member of the Student Senate, Ron Folsy, asked for a package of board information materials, "so we can follow what you're talking about up there."

He was told he could, except for "classified" matter such as grievance documents.

Women Get GOP Posts

Mrs. Isabel Haynes of Farmington has been elected to a second two-year term as President of Republican Women's Federation of Michigan (RWFEM).

The election came during the annual fall meeting Oct. 22-23 in Harbor Springs.

Also elected to a post in the 8,000 member organization was Mrs. Henry Sladek of Livonia, named third vice president.

In attendance at the meeting were delegates representing 130 federated Republican women's clubs throughout Michigan.

Schoolcraft Joins New Association

Schoolcraft Community College will be a member of the newly created Michigan Community College Association, a group combining previous associations of community college boards and administrators.

Schoolcraft Board Chairman Mrs. Jane Moehle served on the by-laws committee of the new association and gained unanimous concurrence for membership from her board.



ISABEL HAYNES

"THE NEED right now is for classroom buildings and teachers' rooms," said Martin. "You're asking to outsize the faculty and student body. Right now we can stop at \$30,000 (cost of preliminary plans). I think we need other things first; then when we can afford this, fine."

Secord said, "I agree with George. We have needs more prominent than this complex. I don't believe the money is here to use in deference to more immediate needs on campus."

They cited 12 faculty members currently using makeshift offices constructed with half-wall partitions in three existing classrooms.

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