

Budget Fight Stirs All College Groups

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Look for fireworks at the Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees' meeting tonight (Wednesday) on the agenda item "1970-71 budget." Advance salvos at study sessions the previous two weeks indicate there may be a rousing debate between trustees, administration, faculty and possibly students. Each has taken strong stands about one or more factors in the college's prime guiding document.

If the budget is approved, it will be labeled only "tentative" because staff negotiations haven't begun to resolve economic factors, the Legislature has yet to approve a state aid plan, and the trustees

will be holding a \$116,000 ace in the hole. The \$116,000 is possible additional revenue to the \$5,365,695 proposed for the budget by the administration. The board can get it by increasing tuition \$1 per credit hour, which it last week authorized itself to do "in case of an emergency."

NOT UNTIL ALL these factors are known will the board be able to signal a "final" operating budget.

Negotiations with teachers could continue through the summer. The Legislature is expected to take at least until June to resolve its election year "education reform" squabbles.

In addition to the \$116,000 through a tuition increase, the board's only other revenue option would be a millage increase. This would require approval of the voters.

It wouldn't likely come cheap. Because an emergency millage resolution would probably come after May 1, a special election would be required. Even if it were authorized in time to get on the annual June school election ballot, the college would have to invest \$20,000 in election costs.

INDICATORS in several of

the five school districts comprising the Schoolcraft College district are that any millage request would have tough sledding.

The college is presently using 1.12 mills for operating, which will contribute \$1.28 million. State aid is estimated at \$2.18 million.

Tuition (without any change) will be about the same as last year, at \$1.17 million. These are the three major sources of operating revenue.

The total college millage levy is 1.77, of which 0.65 mill is used for debt retirement. At least three Schoolcraft trustees are aiming to cut spending in the "tentative" budget.

GARDEN CITY School District representative Clarke Oldenburg insisted on instructing the administration to pare 37.

At-large Trustee Dr. George Martin, who lives in Livonia, gained support to cut out \$27,000 proposed for bringing a presidential successor to the campus next year. About \$17,000 will be retained to allow a one semester familiarization period, if the board concurs officially tonight.

Dr. Martin and Clarenceville School District Trustee Paul

Nutnick campaigned for a 5% cut in the budget total. Faculty hackles were ruffled when the board began to study a proposed allocation of six new administrators, to be called "division directors," at a total new cost to the college of \$57,000.

Board members questioned the proposal and were told by President Eric Bradner that such positions had been recommended in a management study made for the college.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN of the faculty negotiating team, Larry Vandermolen, was permitted to object to the proposal from the audience. He said the new people are apparently an attempt to "get rid of" faculty members who presently function as "divisional chairmen."

Bradner removed all doubt when he said, "...it is an attempt to put someone in charge of the situation who is not a shop steward."

Other indicators of possible confrontations tonight include letters to the board from the faculty and the student senate.

Faculty Forum President Stuart Bloom said, "We must support to you our concern over the board's failure to provide additional revenue to

deal with today's economic and educational realities. "We urge you, in the light of these realities, to secure these additional revenues in order to

provide those funds which will be necessary for faculty salary increases."

THE STUDENT SENATE wrote objecting to intentions to provide for a tuition increase. "We feel that a tuition increase would be taxation without representation," said the

senate, which has been unsuccessful in its bid to win an advisory seat on the college board of trustees.

Craftsmen Pace Industrial Fair

Young craftsmen from Observers schools led the field of regional winners eligible to compete in the April 30-May 2 Michigan competition in industrial arts.

Of 67 first and second winners, 48 are from the two Redford school districts and 10 from Livonia schools. Other Observers schools with winners in the regional competition last weekend at Redford's Hilbert Junior High School are Farmington, Garden City, Plymouth and Westland.

Judging was by industrial arts teachers and by specialists from various industries, all from outside the school districts with student entries.

The first and second place winners from last week's regional fair can enter the state industrial education awards program to be held during the annual convention of the Michigan Industrial Education So-

ciety April 30-May 2 in Grand Rapids. Prizes will be \$100 bonds for eight grand award winners, one to each division.

REGIONAL FAIR chairman James Miller of 4254 Applecreek, Plymouth, teaches at Hilbert Junior High in Redford and plans to take the winning projects by his woodworking students to the state competition in Grand Rapids. He expects the other teachers will do the same.

Arrangements for the state awards program are being handled by Robert H. Mathers, 1500 Gary Lane, Livonia. He has Charles English, 38224 Ladywood Ct., Livonia, and Ken Heim, 8315 Donna, Westland, on the state committee along with others from various parts of Michigan.

CATEGORIES for the student projects include architectural drawing, electronics,

graphic arts, machine shop crafts, mechanical drawing, patternmaking and molding.

Other categories are plastics, wood and wrought metal, with several classifications in each division. For example, under plastics are carving and casting, fabricating and fiberglass.

An open division includes sections for upholstery, transportation vehicles and projects that require equal amounts of work in various categories.

REDFORD WINNERS include: Redford Union High School: John Ringholz, John Lawrence, Paul A. Smith, Ron Tapper, Dan Heller, Jeanne McJawne, Ron Respondek, Richard Rowden, Carey Davis and Terry Dombrowski.

Hilbert Junior High: Gary Lee Turner, Mark Gustafson, Steve Stagnola and Steve Ziehr. Pearson Junior High: Rick Limmer, James Young, Dan Tappen and Steve Wolff for a group project. David Gardag and Ron Cooper.

Thurston High School: Ken Hamm, Bob Kurtz, Carmine Martone, Craig Richert, Brad Clark, Gary Figs, Mark McPherson, James L. Jablonski, Roger W. Caruthers, Everett J. Finkbeiner, Robert Schuster, Neil Marawski, Ed Reckinger, Thomas J. Valerio, Scott

Baker, Dan Cotter, Ron Mursen, Cliff Deremo, Mike Skiba, Ken Vega and Gary Diedrick.

LIVONIA WINNERS and their schools are: Franklin Junior High: William Martin, Jack Brown and Kevin Coffman.

Stevenson High: Greg Spennburgh, Dow Hicks and Gary Plank.

Dickinson Junior High: Tom MacConnell. Riley Junior High: Kenneth D. Kretz.

Whitman Junior High: David W. James, Philip VanWerkhoven and Dave Snyder.

GARDEN CITY: Radeloff Junior High: Mike Hogawson, Chris Warren and Russell J. Connelly.

WESTLAND: John Glenn High School: George Osterhout. PLYMOUTH: Junior High East: Mark Kraay.

FARMINGTON: Powers Junior High: Brady Harris and Brent Smith.

Several students placed first, second or third in different divisions. In every event the projects which won third place or honorable mention in the regional fair were excellent examples of the high quality work of their schools, the fair chairman said.

Car Salesmen Win Awards From Ford

Ford Motor Co. salesmanship awards were announced this week for three Observers-area dealerships.

Winning 1969 sales awards were:

• Jack A. Hurley, Thomas Shankie, Joseph J. Bida, and Joseph J. Krause of Leo Calhoun Ford, Inc., Plymouth.

• William Thomas and Gordon W. Bunn of Bill Brown Inc. of Livonia.

• Fred J. Taylor, Stuart W. Snyder, Robert E. Hamlin, Richard Melvill and William Smith of O Green Ford Inc. of Farmington.

RECEIVING 300-300 Club membership pins were:

• Larry Coan, Thomas Sizemore, Henry M. Beck, Cecil J. Finlan, Robert E. Austin, Eugene T. Halls and Doug Metcalfe of Leo Calhoun.

• Dewey Wallen, James S.

Hiney, Jack L. Moriarty, Gino Pellet, Manville Laing, Hugh J. Coughlin, William M. Guran, Joseph W. Ellis, E. C. Holdsworth, Joseph R. Egan, John M. English, Douglas Jackson, Kenneth Goodwin and Allen W. Cassidy of Bill Brown.

"THE SALES AWARD is designed to focus attention on outstanding Ford salesmen throughout the country and to highlight automotive sales as a profession that performs a valuable service to the national economy and the local community," said J. Carver Wood, Ford Division Detroit district sales manager.

"Excellent retail sales performance is the basis for entry into the 300-300 Club," said Wood. "The average member sold nearly \$500,000 worth of automotive merchandise during 1969 to qualify for the national honor."

AREA DEATHS

ROBERT LEE MANN, 57, of 1000 E. 10th St., died April 21 at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was born in 1913 in St. Louis, Mo. He was a member of the St. Louis Chapter of the B'nai B'rith. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. MANN, and two daughters, Helen L. Mann and Mildred L. Mann, both of St. Louis, Mo. He is also survived by his son, Robert L. Mann, of St. Louis, Mo., and his daughter, Mrs. MANN, of St. Louis, Mo.

DE RUSSELL W. SURSWAY, 57, of 1000 E. 10th St., died April 21 at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was born in 1913 in St. Louis, Mo. He was a member of the St. Louis Chapter of the B'nai B'rith. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. SURSWAY, and two daughters, Helen L. Mann and Mildred L. Mann, both of St. Louis, Mo. He is also survived by his son, Robert L. Mann, of St. Louis, Mo., and his daughter, Mrs. MANN, of St. Louis, Mo.

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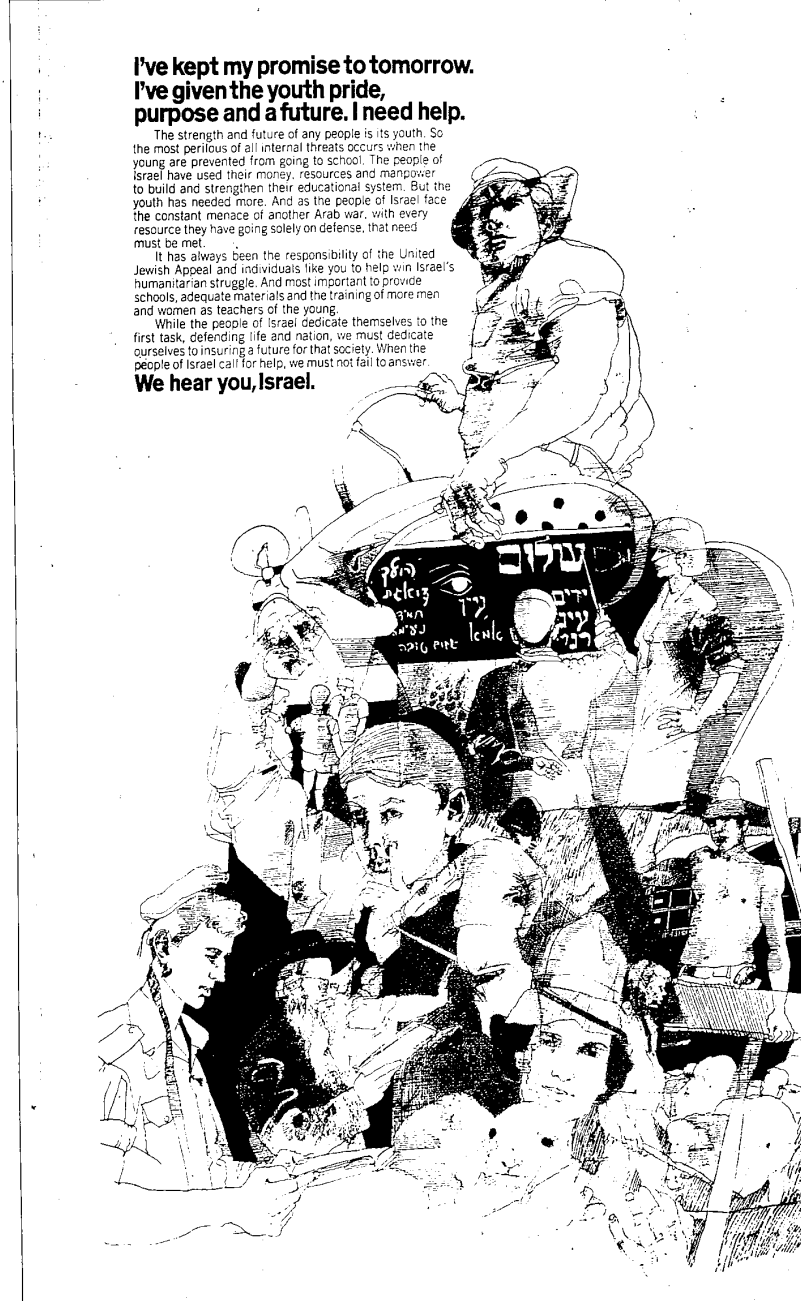
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