

# 'Lockout' Charged By S'craft Faculty

## Democratic Candidates Also Get Stage



STUART BLOOM, Faculty Forum president: "The board invited us to strike." (Observer photo)

By BOB MCLELLAN

As classes failed to start for the fourth week at Schoolcraft Community College, a member of the school's Faculty Forum charged Monday night that the striking teachers had been locked out.

Occur Poupart, the Faculty Forum's negotiating team chairman, told more than 500 spectators at Livonia's Stevenson High School that college administrators had changed the locks on doors to Schoolcraft buildings to keep out teachers of the 122-member Faculty Forum. The other 40 members of the college's teaching staff are represented by other teacher unions.

Poupart read to his mostly good-natured audience what apparently was an intercepted administration memo advising that striking teachers should be accompanied by administrators at all times on visits to two buildings at the campus.

THE MONDAY night meeting was called by the Faculty Forum ostensibly to clarify knotty issues in the bargaining stalemate between the Forum and the college's Board of Trustees and their negotiating team.

The appearance and brief talks by three candidates for state and national office also gave the two-hour session the appearance of a vehicle to enhance the image of the Democratic Party.

On hand were Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara, Fred Harris and Paul Kadish. McNamara is the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor.

Harris is Democratic nominee for U.S. representative in the 19th District, which includes Livonia, Farmington and Redford Township. Kadish is Democratic nominee for state senator in the 14th District, which takes in Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington.

Schoolcraft trustees had been invited to the meeting, but none showed up. They were represented at the session by David L. Heinzman, the school's public relations director.

Heinzman read a one-page, prepared statement designed to explain that the trustees: Dr. Eric Bradner, Schoolcraft

president, and members of the administration's negotiators could not make it because they had all made previous commitment to hold a meeting taking place at the same time as the Forum's.

The statement said that the board "has consistently declined to publicly discuss provisions of the proposed contract or points of disagreement. The board has taken this position because it believes settlements are best reached through careful study and negotiation between Faculty Forum and board teams, rather than at mass meetings or through the media."

THE TWO bargaining units were scheduled to meet for further negotiation at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the college.

Faculty team spokesman Larry VanderMolen told the Observer after Monday night's public meeting that Forum and board negotiators met for 12 hours Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Livonia's Hines Park Motel. VanderMolen characterized this session as "unofficial" and said talk was based on the terms of a two-year contract instead of one.

Poupart, apparently referring to the Sunday talks, said a hangup between the bargaining teams has developed over job security, especially involving probationary teachers, and faculty involvement and decision-making versus management prerogatives.

The Forum chose Rev. James Schaefer, pastor of Livonia's Pilgrim United Church of Christ, to moderate Monday's meeting. If this was done to convey impartiality, it failed. Schaefer, like Kadish and Harris, belongs to the power-seeking New Democratic Coalition (NDC). Schaefer campaigned actively for Kadish and VanderMolen, the latter when he failed to win nomination for Wayne County commissioner, and Schaefer ran unsuccessfully last year for Schoolcraft trustee.

According to Poupart and Stuart Bloom, Faculty Forum president, the Monday gathering was also inspired to put pressure on the trustees to either officially accept or reject the proposal submitted to the

board negotiators Monday, Sept. 7.

According to Forum bargainers, the board unofficially rejected the Forum proposal at a secret meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8, and sent its negotiating team back to the bargaining table to push for a two-year contract.

BOTH BLOOM and Poupart declared their bargaining team had never been led to believe they were negotiating for a two-year contract with the trustees representatives.

"We must have things in a two-year contract that are not in a one-year contract," Poupart declared. "The board never spelled out it was negotiating for a two-year contract."

According to VanderMolen, the Forum's Sept. 7 proposal to the board has the support of a

majority of the faculty. He said the teachers voted, 81-27, last Friday to back the proposal if it were agreed to by the trustees.

Of the candidate speeches, Kadish drew the heartiest response. The crowd roared and clapped with approval when he suggested the bargainers "lock themselves in" and not come out until agreement was reached.

"I guarantee in 48 hours you'll have a settlement and you'll all be able to go back to work."

McNAMARA SAID he was leaving the Forum session for the trustee meeting to urge the board to do all it could to settle the strike.

"I may get thrown out," he declared. "I wouldn't like it if

they tried to tell me how to run the city of Livonia."

Harris urged both sides to hammer out a settlement.

"Otherwise this may come to compulsory arbitration, and that's not always the answer," said Harris, himself a union local president.

John Ori, president-elect of the Michigan Education Association and a counselor at Livonia's Franklin High School, slammed Dr. Bradner.

"I was impressed with Dr. Bradner's ability to organize this college," he said, "but I'm not so impressed with his ability to lead."

Poupart told concerned young people they probably could not now transfer to Wayne State University, University of Michigan or Western Michigan University but

that they shouldn't have difficulty switching to Eastern Michigan University.

He and Bloom said draft deferments were still in effect for the collegeless students and that, as far as they could answer, Schoolcraft would still offer its students two terms this school year.

Heinzman said the college was prepared to start classes three days after the strike is settled.

Bloom responded to a man who shouted: "Why can't you go to work and then talk while you're working?"

He said the board offered to let the teachers work under their old contract only if grievances were solved at board discretion.

"The board invited us to settle," Bloom said.



DAVID L. HEINZMAN, the college's public relations director, was the only representative of the administration and board: "I have been authorized to go no

further than this statement . . ." (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)



A CAPACITY CROWD of more than 500 attended the Schoolcraft College Faculty Forum public meeting in Livonia's Stevenson High School, and it included fac-

ulty members, parents, students — but only one administrator and no board members. (Observer photo)

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## County Under-Cover Unit To Be Expanded

Proposed expansion of the Wayne County Metro Squad and two other programs designed to improve law enforcement and justice have been approved by the most important committee of the County Board of Commissioners.

The Ways and Means Committee, which consists of 15 commissioners, acted at a meeting Sept. 10. The committee approved:

• An application for \$138,314 in federal funds which would finance enlargement of the highly-successful Metro Squad next fiscal year. The under-cover unit of Sheriff's deputies and municipal police has confiscated an estimated \$8-million worth of marijuana since being authorized by the county board last May.

• A Jail Steering Committee report that the county seek a federal grant of \$60,000 to help finance the complete computerization of record-keeping at the Wayne County Jail. This would include a jail information system which would provide instantaneous detailed information on every prisoner.

• An application to the Michigan Commission on Crime and Delinquency for \$50,150 in federal omnibus crime bill funds to help support a new "pre-trial release and citizen custody project" at Detroit Recorder's Court. The program would cost a total of \$100,525, with \$50,375 coming from the Detroit Model Cities program.

APPROVAL OF the grant application for the Metro Squad would finance 60 percent of its operation for the entire next fiscal year and add two patrolmen to its core staff of eight officers.

Complete computerization of jail record keeping has been under development for nearly a year by outside consultants and county officials.

Commissioner Philip A. Tannan, of Detroit, D-District 15, Steering Committee chairman, reported that the system would tie into a similar system being considered for the prosecuting attorney's office and would also link up with the Detroit police computer system and an envisioned county data processing network.

Under the pre-trial release program planned for Recorder's Court, persons awaiting trial for minor offenses would be released on their personal recognizance if screening indicated they were likely to appear for trial. Many such persons presently are jailed while awaiting trial because they cannot raise bond money.

Those released under the program would receive follow-up assistance such as job placement, medical help and legal counseling, in an effort to keep them from becoming repeat offenders.

THE WAYS AND MEANS Committee also recommended that the Board earmark \$12,500 for overtime pay for sheriff's deputies assigned to assist local police in emergencies. The funds will cover \$3,200 in overtime incurred during a recent disturbance in Highland Park.

Wayne and Means Recommendations will be before the full Board of Commissioners at its Sept. 21 meeting.

Commissioner Frederick Yates, Detroit, D-District 9, is Ways and Means chairman and Harvey J. Beadle, Redford, D-District 19, is vice chairman.

## Madonna Has 3 Kids' Art Classes

Three art classes for youngsters, ages nine to 14, will be offered this semester at Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Students may choose one of three classes: Creative drawing, design and composition, or oil painting.

Classes will be held Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning Oct. 3 and ending Nov. 21, a total of eight weeks.

Registration will take place at the art department Thursday, Sept. 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Fees are \$10 for tuition, payable at registration, and \$2.50 for supplies except for the oil painting class, in which students provide their own materials.

Registration information may be obtained by calling the college at 425-8000, ext. 8, art department.

## OU Class Takes ESP-Even Ghosts

"Mediums, Mystics, and Mountebanks" is the title of a new course being offered this fall at Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education.

Taught by Dr. Richard W. Brooks, associate professor of philosophy at OU, the course will deal with the broad field of parapsychology and what is often called "ESP" or "psi". Although he does not consider himself a "psychic," Dr. Brooks has long been interested in parapsychology and in attempts by serious thinkers to make sense of psi phenomena. He is particularly interested in recent reports of Russian investigations of parapsychology, and feels that Russian scientists are years ahead of the U.S. in this field.

DR. BROOKS readily admits that there has been a great deal of deception in the field which has frightened most scientists away. He includes "Mountebanks"—that is, frauds—in the course title in recognition of that fact.

The course, according to Dr. Brooks, will be a "free-for-all discussion and careful investigation through selected readings of all purported psychic phenomena: telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis, mediumship, and ghosts-to name just a few."

Dr. Brooks' course will be held Thursday evenings starting Sept. 24 at the Birmingham Community Center, and is open to all "regardless," he says, "of their preconceptions about the subject." Anyone interested in registering should contact Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education, 377-2000, ext. 2171.