Did Contract Dent College Budget?

Schoolcraft Strike Ends; No Emergency Funds Left

And DENNIS L. PAJOT
Schoolcraft Community College Trustees ratified a twoyear faculty contract Saturday in a specialty-called ession, and the morth-loss greather strike by the Faculty
Forum enders voted the previous day, 89-29, to accept contract terms.

ONE GRIM NOTE struck during the trustees' meeting caused Northville Schools Representative William Secord to cast a lone dissenting vote. He said he did so because of the college's financial condition.

tion.

Secord's dissent followed a
Statement by Kenneth Lind-ner, business manager and
chief negotiator, that the
school was pledging all its in-come for the next two years to
meet operating costs because
of the faculty contract provi-sions.

sions.

Asked by Secord, Lindner said the college will lack funds to meet any emergency in the next two years that hasn't been covered by insurance.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT Eric Bradner later noted that the new contract also takes up money planned for capital improvements.

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LINDNER EXPLAINED state law permits the college to pool all its funds-including even those originally intended for building-and use them for committing

operating.

He pointed out the school now levies a 1.77-mill tax and is permitted by law to exact no more than five mills, and only then with approval of

no more than twe mills, and not the with approval of vaters. "voters" in thic case refers to those in the school districts of Plymouth, Livonia, "Northville, Clarenceville and Garden City who comprise the community college district.
Lindner said he was unable to say if the trustees would soon go to the public for more tax money, but he revealed that any movement in this respect judie quickly be indicated when the trustees, as expected, enhant upon a new 10-year master plan for the Livonia Haggerty Rd. campus in the hoxt few weeks.

"FINANCIALLY IT'S not

Declared Secord: "If we have a major catastrophe on campus this year or next, we could be in real trouble." Lindner agreed. "It'll be hip and tuck," he asserted. "Ail of our capacity to bond or borrow has been pledged to operating costs." couldn't fund it."

The new contract provides a 13.8 per cent salary gain for the faculty over the next two years. Secord's vote and statement obviously referred to this.

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Larry VanderMolen, Forum spokesman, termed Secord's action "surprising" and ref-used further comment.

Dr. George E. Martin, a trustee, abstained from voling on the contract because, he said, his wife, Candis, is a member of the Schoolcraft Pall other members of the board voted to approve the hoontract with the exception off James Boswell, absent trustee who has both refused to attend meetings for several months or to give up his seat as Livon-ia's board representative.

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SALARY INCREASES, which were never a strike issue, will cost the college about, a half million dollars over the two years, with the major portion in the first year.

Long-standing teachers benefited the most, with persons at the tenth step (10 or more years experience) gaining \$2,900 riskes the first year and \$1,000 the second. Pirst year teachers will the year's and next year's beginner will receive a \$200 greater salary. Steps in between were increased by \$200 increments from the \$500 larger base for the 197-12 year-through the eighth step. The ninth and tenth steps were given a \$200 increments from the \$100 larger base for the 197-12 year-through the eighth step. The ninth and tenth steps were given a \$200 increments from increments from the \$500 larger base for the 197-12 year-through the eighth step. The ninth and tenth steps were given a \$200 increment from the continuement from the \$500 larger base for the 197-12 year-through the eighth step. The ninth and tenth steps were given a \$200 increment for the properties of the prop

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ule last year had first-year instructors getting \$8,500 and reaching \$12,600 in the tenth year, with \$400 increments along each step in between. For 1970-71, these teachers will start at \$9,000 and be able to reach 15,200. How will start at \$9,000 and be able to reach 15,200. Bachelor's degree holders were receiving \$7,800 to \$10,500. They will state this fall at \$8,200 and peak at \$12,600. Next year they'il get \$3,500 to \$13,500. They will state this fall at \$8,200 and peak at \$12,600. Next year they'il get \$3,500 to \$13,500. See \$1,500 to \$13,500. They will state this fall to \$1,500 to \$1,500 to \$1,500 to \$1,500. They will state they should be \$1,500 to \$1,500. They will state \$1,500 to \$1,500. They will stat

\$10,300 to \$17,300.
BESIDES the salary gain, the teachers picked up more sick days, a "due process" clause for discharge of non-tenure probationary teachers and at least as much academic freedom in the classroom as they had last year. When the class they had last year clause was dropped, leaving such matters strictly up to state and federal constitutions.

LINDNER DESCRIBED the

new contract as better than the previous one.

"The contract language is much more specific and direct." he observed. "Both sides will gain from this explicit language! We have cut all the armbiguities."

VanderMolen said the contract represented a fair compromise for both sides. "It's certainly not in revolutionary document, however," he described he was a support of the contract president, praised the two negotiating learns which spent 400 hours at the bargaining table in the last laine months.

"These people have integrity, were diligipant and did a yeoman's job," she asserted. "I hope this contract will be honored in good faith and implemented in good will."

REGISTRATION TOOK.

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PLACE at the college Monday,
and Tuesday, and classes were
scheduled to start today
(Wednesday).
Before the strike, the college
planned to offer two 18-week
sessions and a pair of eight-

week meetings. That plan has been altered to provide two 18-week meeting. This and one it week meeting, the college will again offer two 18-week and two eight-week sessions.

VanderMolen said School-craft wouldn't lose much by not offering the regular summer meeting next year.

"The summer session has always been low in attendance, and lew courses are offered, it was not to be a session of the college will be passed out the following day. The winter session starts will end dan. 28 and grades will be passed out the following day. The winter session starts with registration Feb. 4 and 5 and runs to June 1. The spring semester, runs from June to Aug. 14.

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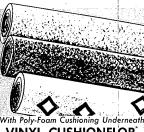


A TEACHER beginning his seventh year (the number of years Schoolcraft has been operating) will be receiving a \$1.600 raise this year and \$900 next year.

ALL SCHEDULES received identical boosts. Most of the 156 Schoolcraft instructors are on the master's degree sched-ule, and most are on the higher

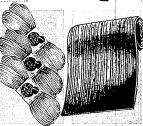






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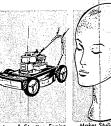
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