



GIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS — The Livonia National Bank-St. Mary Hospital Scholarship Fund was awarded to six future nurses at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia-recently. Presenting the checks to the young ladies is Elvin D. Dougherty, president of Livonia National Bank. Sister Mary Calasanta, administrator of the hospital.

was also on hand. The young ladies are, (from left) Louise Eaton of Dearborn Heights, Marie Chateaufort of Garden City; Cynthia Nassar of Livonia; Maryann Sarma of Livonia; Janet Snyder, Livonia, and Sandra Ochman, of Plymouth. The fund was started by the bank in 1968. (Observer photo by Maune Walker)

Boswell Missing-- Plans Purchased; Again--Yet SC Can't Build

Schoolcraft Community College Trustee James Boswell, representative of the Livonia School District, remained absent from trustee meetings for the seventh consecutive month last Wednesday.

Depleted to seven active members, the board continues to have difficulty mastering the necessary five affirmative votes for passage on some items.

BOARD MEMBERS reaffirmed their inability to do anything about Boswell's continued absence when a Livonia citizen and student urged that they appeal to the State Board of Education to remove Boswell and have a vacancy declared.

Mrs. Jane Meehle, Schoolcraft board chairman, repeats that the board's attorney has said such recourse is impossible.

Trustee Robert Geake of Northville, a candidate for the State Board of Education, said that because of existing community college laws there is nothing the state board can do.

MRS. MOEHLE said she has asked the Michigan Association of Community Colleges to seek an amendment to the law to use in future instances of this type.

The citizen-student, Schoolcraft Student Senate president Tom Winkler, a resident and voter in Livonia, said the possibility of a recall is not feasible.

He said the cost to the district would be excessive for the few weeks a replacement would serve to complete Boswell's term, which expires in June 1971.

What do you do with a \$160,000 set of plans for a new \$2.9 million building, especially when you have to pay for the plans but can't pay for the building?

Such is the dilemma of the Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees.

They accepted working drawings from architects Perkins and Will of Ohio at the September meeting and thereby authorized payment of the \$160,000 fee for the work they ordered.

But they declined to advertise the drawings to contractors for bids, on the grounds that just completed employe contract negotiations appear to have committed all available funds.

THE PLANS are for a 55,000-square-foot first wing of a projected Fine Arts Building. It will be the instructional facilities portion. An auditorium and other performing arts facilities are to be included in a future second phase development.

The board had planned to begin construction next year. The \$2.9 million estimated cost is based on December 1970 anticipated bids and is 12.8 per cent greater than a June 1970 estimate.

Some members of the board expected to achieve agreement to build next year. Two members, William Secord and Dr. George Martin, have consistently fought against it and voted against acceptance of the plans.

ACCEPTANCE CAME on a bare five-vote affirmation despite the added complication of current financial worries.

"The timing is so bad. It's unfortunate this had to come along when we have no money for anything," said board chairman Mrs. Jane Meehle.

Kenneth Lindner, college vice president for business, indicated that funds have been held in reserve, but apparently these can be diverted to operational purposes.

Also necessary, if building is indeed to occur, are federal and state matching funds. A commitment for the funds would be

obtained now except that the board has delayed acceptance of a required master plan.

A master plan was accepted from Perkins and Will, also, clearing that obstacle.

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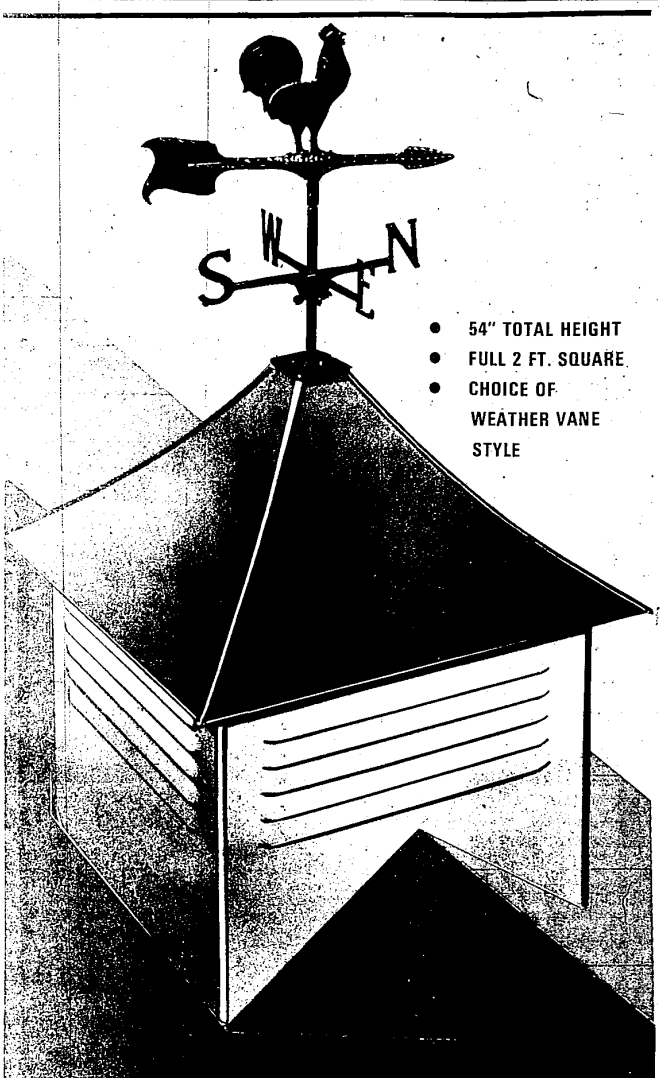
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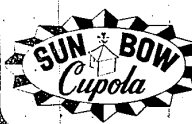
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