

Less Cash, More Kids Could Make It So Ridge, S'craft In Bind?

By KATHY MORAN

An increased student enrollment and insufficient funds could throw Schoolcraft's two community colleges into financial straits in the next school year.

In his recently proposed budget, Gov. William Milliken allotted a smaller proportion of his budget to the community colleges than was expected and has suggested a plan that would mean more students for the colleges to accommodate.

Milliken's plan to put a ceiling on enrollments at the university level and force more students to attend community colleges "makes sense" to Dr. Eric Bradner, president of Schoolcraft Community College.

"But we (community col-

leges) have to have the facilities, and we have to have them soon," Dr. Bradner said.

IN WHAT has been described as the way of the future, Milliken has suggested that the four-year universities limit their enrollment to 200,000 in 1971-72.

Since the universities expected increased enrollments nearing the 200,000 mark, the community colleges and smaller four-year colleges will have to find room for an additional 7,000 students above and beyond their projected increases for the coming school year.

"It would mean an additional financial burden on the community colleges without commensurate funds," S. James Manilla, provost of

the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, said.

"If we have a tremendous influx we would have a greater financial burden," he said.

The Orchard Ridge campus enrollment has already jumped from 1,900 students when it opened in 1967 to a current enrollment of 6,200 students. The college had projected a 1971 enrollment of 7,000 students.

DR. BRADNER has already begun investigating the possibility of setting up temporary structures on Schoolcraft's campus.

He said that most of the buildings on the campus were built for a capacity of 5,000 students and that the 1970-71

enrollment has been between 5,200 and 5,400 students. On top of that, Schoolcraft expected a 10% increase in the fall of 1971 prior to the governor's proposal.

Construction on the campus is three years away, Dr. Bradner said, "which puts us in a juicy bind." He said that the process of preparing and selling bonds through the final construction would take three years.

The governor has asked for \$33.6 million to be allocated for higher education, which is \$6.1 million less than his 1969 recommendation. Of this the community colleges would receive \$5.9 million.

Even if the allocation were at \$7 million, Orchard Ridge would only get about \$20,000, Manilla estimated.



BURTON P. HARRISON JR., of 47020 Beechcrest, Plymouth, has joined Barton-Malow Co., general contractors, as project administrator, a newly-created post. A native of Highland Park, Harrison earned a B.S. degree at Lawrence Tech, served as an Army fighter pilot in World War II and most recently was vice president and director of projects for John G. Hoag & Associates.

Madonna To Hear Lady Author

"A Writer Looks at Morality in the Media" will be the topic of a lecture by Detroit author Jean Madden Pitrone at Madonna College on Thursday, Feb. 25.

The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in the residence hall. The public is invited. There is no charge. The college is at 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Mrs. Pitrone is author of three books: "Trailblazer: Negro Nurse in the American Red Cross" (1969), "The Touch of His Hand," biography of a physician-missionary in Burma (1970), "Cesar Chavez: Man of the Miraculous" (to be published soon).

She also has written numerous stories and articles for various magazines and newspapers, as Redbook, Detroit News Sunday Maga-

zine, Family Digest, Catholic Digest, and others.

Mrs. Pitrone is currently associate editor for Writer's Digest Magazine. She has served as staff speaker for Oakland University's annual writer's conference from 1963 to 1970 and was speaker at the Wayne State University's children's book fair in 1969 and 1970.

She is a member of Theta Sigma Phi, Detroit Women Writers, and Women's National Book Association. Born in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in Ishpeming, Mrs. Pitrone has been residing in Detroit since 1942. She has been writing in her spare time while rearing a family of nine.

Thursday's program is being sponsored by the Madonna College Library Club.

Oakland Dems Honor Sen. Hart

Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) will be in Oakland County Saturday, March 13 for the 14th annual Hart dinner, given in his honor by the Oakland County Democratic Committee.

The 7:30 dinner, served buffet style, will take place in the new dining hall at the university's Oakland Center.

Mrs. Roland (Marie) Mutschall, 25339 Westmoreland, Farmington, and Mrs. Henry (Joan) Schiffer, of Ferndale, are dinner book co-chairmen.

Tickets, at \$10 per person, may be ordered by contacting the ticket chairmen or Oakland County Democratic Headquarters, 1700 S. Telegraph, Pontiac 48053; telephone 334-0971 or 647-2981.

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