

Schoolcraft Budget Adopted In 6-1 Vote

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Eight persons attended the public hearing on Schoolcraft College's \$6.1 million budget before it was adopted by the board in a 6-1 vote last week. The audience, which included four persons who have

taken out petitions for the trustee election, listened while business manager E. Frederick Peterson and W. Kenneth Linder, vice president for business affairs, gave a slide presentation on the budget. A total of four students and

faculty members also attended the hearing. No questions were asked from the audience.

Voting against the tight budget was Board Chairman Jane Modle, who said she objected to its lack of provisions for new positions and the priorities used in cutting costs.

Though the budget is a half-million dollars more than this year's \$5.5 million, it had to be cut in such areas as administrative costs and student services because of an anticipated 12.5 per cent increase in enrollment.

IN ADDITION, the projected budget provides for only three semesters instead of the usual four because of the nearly five-week teacher's strike that delayed classes last fall.

As a result, the college calendar had to be adjusted, and the summer semester was cancelled. The college lost up to 5,000 credit hours and

From the Business Administration Department and the Business and Marketing Club, those honored were Pat Dohany, Caprice Coleman, Carl Perko, Greg Smith, William Stibich, Randy Bishop, Kathy Huculok, and Patty Comors. Joan Jamison was given a business education departmental award.

Humanities departmental awards were given to: James Shumaker, Celeste Berry, Charles Sharbaugh, Diane Denaro, Kathleen McDonald, Joan Morden, Pat Trevelthan, Zlob, and Michael DeQuinn. Pat McGarity and Kathy Romanow were given physical sciences departmental awards.

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and \$200,000 from federal grants and other sources, the college anticipates a \$6.1 million income.

INSTRUCTION costs make up nearly 63 per cent of the budget totaling \$3.8 million. In the 1970-71 school year, instruction costs made up nearly the same proportion of the budget at 62 per cent.

The next biggest cost item is plant operations, totalling \$943,000 or 15.4 per cent.

Student services make up slightly less than in 1970-71. At \$221,000 or 8.5 per cent, the student services expenditures percentage-wise are down from the \$485,000 which was 8.7 per cent of the 1970-71 budget.

General administration costs are proportionately lower in 1971-72 with \$303,000 or nearly five per cent. The previous year administrative costs were 5.6 per cent.

BUSINESS operations are up from last year's 6.7 per cent to this year's projection of 7.2 per cent or \$440,000.

A contingency fund of \$22,000 is left in the budget for emergency costs, and a transfer fund of \$37,600 allows money to scholarship funds, cultural affairs and special projects.

Though a labor contract for the Schoolcraft College Association of Office Personnel is still under negotiation, the settlement is expected to be within the budget.

Tuition charges of \$10 per credit hour for residents, \$20 for non-residents and \$30 for out-of-state students remain the same.

Regional Affairs



PAST PRESIDENTS THREE — Two past presidents of the Michigan Nursing Home Assn., Joseph Mash (left), administrator of Farmington Nursing Home, and Clark Sawyer (right) of Flint, offer a plaque and good wishes to the association's outgoing president, Alexander Spiro, administrator of University and Dorvin convalescent centers in Livonia. The group gathered at a recent annual convention in Bellaire.

Ecology Story Told In Photos

An illuminated display on conservation and ecology will be presented at Westland Shopping Center July 6-10.

It consists of trans-illuminated color photos gathered from all over the U.S. and tells what is being done, as well as what needs doing, to preserve the environment.

It was put together by nine organizations -- American Forestry Assn., Environmental Defense Fund, the Fund for Animals, National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Wilderness Society and Penology, Inc.

Representatives of the groups will distribute literature and answer questions. Purpose is to appeal to ecology-minded persons to get involved with an organization closest to their specific interests.

Orchard Ridge Gives Honors

Eighteen Farmington and Livonia students were honored at an honors convocation on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College recently after receiving perfect (4.0) grade averages in the winter semester.

Another 16 students from the area were also honored for getting perfect averages during the fall semester.

ACHIEVING perfect grades in the winter were:

Farmington students--Ruth Bowles, Gary Brock, Anne Burton, Linda Crame, Teri Davis, Janet Frege, James Hamilton, Marly Leeds, Richard Levy, Daniel Nevenswander, John O'Connell, Manfred Ostermeier, William Royle III, Janice Schweitzer, Alan Valade, Janis Walker and Douglas Wilkins.

Livonia student--Rickey Mankowski.

EARNING the 4.0 grade points in the fall semester were:

Farmington students--Patricia Alenburgh, Patricia Bilek, Cynthia Bradley, Robert Crain, Teri Davis,

Districting Bill Stymied

Colleges Could Choose Voting Plan

State Rep. Marvin Stempien's (D-Livonia) bill that would force community college districts to choose between holding at-large and single-member district elections is still delayed in the House.

After losing in a 53-47 vote (56 votes are needed for passage), the bill won a vote to be reconsidered. But now, more than two weeks later, the bill has not been up for a second try.

Five Observerland representatives voted for the passage while three opposed it. Voting for the bill were Reps. Richard Young (D-Deerborn Heights), John Bennett (D-Redford Town-

ship), Thomas Brown (D-Westland), Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park), and Stempien.

OPPOSING the bill were Reps. James Tierney (D-Garden City), Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) and James Diefenbach (R-Birmingham).

Stempien's bill originated over the controversy on whether to hold at-large elections at Schoolcraft College or whether to divide the college district into equal population districts and elect a trustee from each district.

Stempien favors the district plan but when he could not get support for a bill to have each college district in the state use this election plan he com-

promised to have each college district vote on which election method to use. Currently most of the community colleges hold at-large elections.

As the bill now stands, it would authorize community college apportionment commissions to divide the districts up and by May 15,

1972, the community college trustees and commissions would have to reach an agreement on whether to follow the district plan or continue with at-large elections.

THE ELECTORATE could also have a say in the matter if they petitioned the college within 30 days of the May 15th date to have the decision put to a public referendum.

Tierney, who has opposed Stempien's plan, has a separate bill that would just apply to Schoolcraft College and would authorize them to hold at-large elections.

Formerly the college elected three trustees at-large and five from each school district in the college district. Now they are acting on a court order to hold at-large elections until the State Legislature takes action.

TIERNEY'S BILL is similar to one passed in the Senate that was sponsored by Sen. Carl Pursell.

Stempien, Tierney, and Pursell met privately with Dr. C. Nelson Grote, acting Schoolcraft president, and the board of trustees Wednesday night to discuss the two bills.

The board had voted to support Pursell's bill previously.

Stempien reportedly said at the meeting that he was confident of getting enough support to pass his bill in the House.

Petitions Due July 27 In Trustee Race

Persons interested in running for Schoolcraft College trustee have until July 27 to file petitions to get the ballot.

With less than a month to go to collect the minimum 50 signatures from registered voters to get on the ballot, only seven persons have taken out petitions for the five-seat race.

Each candidate will run at-large in the college district composed of Plymouth, Garden City, Northville, Livonia and Clarenceville School Districts.

Petitions are available at each of the school district offices as well as in the Schoolcraft College administration building and are due by 4 p.m. July 27.

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Pvt. Susan Spencer, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Cross, live at 3045 Olson, Livonia, recently received the American Spirit Honor Medal at the Women's Army Corps Center, Ft. McClellan, Ala.

She received the award for high academic standing during the eight weeks of training.

Pvt. Spencer also was promoted to private pay grade E-2. The promotion was awarded two months earlier than is customary, under an Army policy providing incentive for outstanding trainees.

Rifleman

Donald Bucci, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eligio Bucci, 5429 Chase, Dearborn, was recently promoted to Spec 4 while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division near Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Bucci is assigned as a rifleman.

His wife, Cynthia, lives at 15706 Blue Skies, Livonia.

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