



BACK IN 1962, these people served in the first administrative offices of Schoolcraft College when it was located in the old Newburgh School. From left: Mrs. Clara Rousseau, administrative assistant to the president; Mrs. Dorothy Hall, former secretary to the vice president for

business; Miss Lois Waterman, dean emeritus; President Eric J. Bradner; Patrick Butler, librarian; W. Kenneth Lindner, vice president for business; and Edmund Snyder, assistant librarian. They reunited recently for this special picture.



FRISBEE is to the Schoolcraft campus what baseball is to Detroit or soccer to Argentina — a sport, an institutional pastime, a unifying force. Student Rich Olivero of Inkster displays the proper wrist action for President Bradner.

Regional Affairs

300 Will Gather To Honor Bradner

By R. T. THOMPSON, ... More than 300 longtime friends, educators, representatives of all phases of the teaching profession, members of the college faculty and business and civic leaders from the five communities that comprise Schoolcraft College, will pay tribute to the man who has been most responsible for the college's rapid growth and development, Saturday, May 8, in Waterman Center.

That person is Dr. Eric J. Bradner, who has served as Schoolcraft president since 1962 and worked on the early planning for two years prior to accepting the presidency.

Dr. Bradner announced plans for retirement more than a year ago, and Saturday's dinner will be one of the ways the five communities have of saying "thank you" for a job well done.

DR. BRADNER'S term of office officially ends June 30, terminating 36 years service to secondary and higher education. The last 10 were devoted to helping establish the Schoolcraft College district and to directing program and campus development.

Under Dr. Bradner, Schoolcraft emerged from a college on the planning board in 1960 to one with a campus that includes nine modern buildings and an enrollment of more than 5,000.

In the early days of planning, Dr. Bradner met with the board of trustees in the old Newburgh elementary school on Newburgh Road at the intersection of An Arbor Road in Livonia. The building had been abandoned by the Livonia Board of Education but it was a temporary home for the fledgling college.

The trustees and Dr. Bradner spent many hot summer nights in sessions, ducking a nest of wasps who always seemed to come out of the walls when the lights were turned on.

Then, the college purchased a 105-acre farm at the intersection of Haggerty and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia in 1962, and Schoolcraft Community College finally was on its way.

DURING THE period of development, Dr. Bradner devoted most of his time to assignment planning, employing staff members and guiding the construction of the first structure — the Administration building.

He brought in Miss Lois Waterman as dean of students; hired Kenneth Lindner from the Garden City school system as business manager; reached into Plymouth for Librarian Pat Butler; and contracted Mrs. Clara Rousseau, of Livonia, as administrative assistant.

Others on the original staff included: Mrs. Dorothy Hall, secretary to Lindner, and Edmund Snyder, assistant librarian.

All are still members of the staff with the exception of Miss Waterman, who retired several years ago and for whom Waterman Center was named, and Mrs. Hall.

DR. BRADNER was the proudest individual in the United States and perhaps the entire world when Schoolcraft opened in August 1964 with an enrollment of 2,018, a full time faculty of 42 and three buildings completed.

Then in the fourth year of operation, the college reached another milestone when it was admitted to full membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It was the quickest time that a college could apply for accreditation. To the amazement of perhaps all, except Dr. Bradner and Miss Waterman, the NCA accepted Schoolcraft without reservations.

Dr. Bradner, the son of a Methodist minister, was born and reared in St. Johns,

Mich. He received his bachelor's degree from Occidental College in 1938, a master's from Northwestern University in 1932 and a Ph.D. from the same institution in 1942.

He began his teaching career at Macomb, Ill., high school in 1933, moved to Harvey, Ill., to teach at Thornton High in 1936 and then divided his time between the community college there and the high school in 1939.

He transferred to San Mateo, Calif. in 1945 to teach at the high school and junior college there before becoming dean of men and director of guidance at Yuba College in California in 1947.

THEN HE shifted his activities to Michigan where he was dean of Bay City Junior College from 1949-1961, taking the post as advisor to the proposed Northwest Wayne County Community College in 1959.

Dr. Bradner moved from Bay City to metropolitan Detroit in 1961 when he became Schoolcraft president.

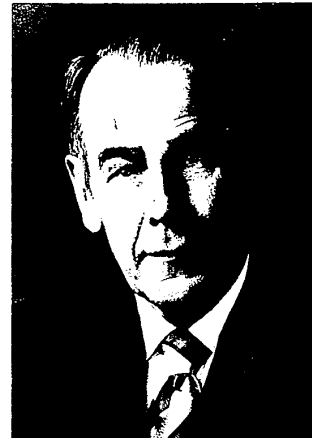
Tributes have been pouring in to the college ever since the date of the testimonial dinner was announced.

They came from: Gov. William Milliken; Philip Hart and Robert Griffin; Donald Fink, president of Montclair Community College; Mayor Edward McNamara of Livonia; Robert Bradley, dean of business services, West Shore CC; Dr. Edwin O'Leary, chairman, division of education administration, St. Louis University.

Richard Rinehart, president, Bay DeNoc CC; James Davis, Northwestern Michigan College; Ronald Campbell, president, Monroe CC; Supt. John Porter, Michigan State Department of Education; Dezo Silagyi, Macomb CC; H. D. McAninch, president Jackson CC; Dale Lake, president Kalamazoo Valley CC; Harold Sheffer, president, Glen Oaks CC; and Russell Amerman, retired superintendent, Northville Schools.

Many more are expected during the next 10 days as the committee in charge makes final plans.

Then, Dr. Bradner will wait for the arrival of his successor, C. Nelson Grote who takes over officially on July 1 but won't be inaugurated until Oct. 4.



DR. ERIC J. BRADNER, president of Schoolcraft Community College since it was founded in 1962, will retire with this school year.



THE CAMPUS at 18600 Haggerty was carved out of Livonia farmland, but Dr. Bradner has seen to it that natural beauty is restored to the land through skillful landscaping. Behind him is the Waterman Campus Center.

4 Reps Back Economic Bill

A \$5.5 billion economic development program passed in the U.S. House of Representatives last week with all four Observerland representatives voting for passage. The bill was approved by a 319 to 67 vote.

Voting for passage were Reps. Marvin Esch (R-2nd District), William Ford (D-15th), William Broomfield (R-18th) and Jack McDonald (R-19th).

The legislation provides \$2 billion for local communities to develop and carry out public works programs which would in turn help create jobs in the construction industry.

FORD SAID funds would be available for waste-treatment plants, health-care facilities, street repairs, water supply and sewer systems, public buildings, and recreational facilities.

"This bill will provide relief to the many communities throughout the country which are presently suffering from unemployment and economic distress by creating desperately needed jobs," Ford said.

"In addition to providing immediate useful employment for unemployed Americans, these amendments would also make it possible for local areas to

build municipal buildings and other public facilities without overburdening their own local tax bases."

Ford said that the unemployment rate is critical especially in Michigan and his 15th district, which includes Garden City, Westland and Canton Township.

"The most recent figures indicate that, despite the Nixon Administration's casual and optimistic attitude, during the past year unemployment in Michigan has been increasing at the rate of approximately 25 per cent — from 6.7 per cent in February 1970 to 8.4 per cent in February 1971."

"The unemployment situation has now reached a critical stage," he said. "And the current trend cannot be reversed without prompt and affirmative action by the U.S. Congress."

International Buffet Set At S'craft

Foods and beverages from around the world — all you can eat and drink — will be served Friday evening (April 30) at Schoolcraft College's "International Buffet Dinner."

Co-sponsored by the International Club and the Gourmet Club, the buffet will be served from 5:30 to 8 in the Waterman Campus Center. Entrees will be Arabic, Creole, Chinese, German and Latin-American. The bread will be French, the salads Hawaiian and Jamaican, and the beverages Columbian, Oriental and Tahitian. Desserts will include Danish, German and Hungarian delicacies.

Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the Student Activities Office or from John Lesko, advisor to the International Club. During dinner, from 6 to 9, entertainment featuring foreign students living in the college area will be presented in the Liberal Arts Theater. Admission will be 50 cents at the door.

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