

Mrs. Dumas Holds Key SC Vote

By KATHY MORAN

Schoolcraft College is closer than it has ever been to having advisory seats on its board of trustees.

In a special study session last week on advisory seats, at least four trustees expressed willingness to allow advisory seats for a trial period, and another trustee showed signs of leaning that way. Five votes are needed to establish the seats.

Wednesday's meeting was a study session so the board was unable to take action on the proposal. However, the board has a regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 15, at which time some action is anticipated.

NEWLY ELECTED Paul Kadish led the discussion in favor of advisory seats and Rosina Raymond, Leroy Bennett and John LaRue indicated their willingness to try the proposal.

Mary Dumas, who campaigned with the promise of supporting the "concept" of advisory seats, at first spoke in opposition to the seats at the meeting but modified her position before the evening was over.

Among those in the audience were representatives of the students, faculty, secretaries and professionals. B. William Secord, former trustee who sponsored motions three times to have a student seated on the board, also attended and spoke in favor of the idea. Secord's motions had been defeated.

"I have and do strongly support advisory seats to the board," Kadish told the audience of about 20 persons. "I think it would be wise not only to have a seat for the faculty and student representatives but also one representative of all the non-teaching personnel so all

employees and student groups would be represented on the board.

"Even though the state law doesn't allow you to vote on the board, you would be sitting alongside us in all other respects."

Kadish said the advisory seats would cement some of the straining relationships as well as have the psychological effect of making the groups feel more of an integral part of the college.

PROPOSERS OF the advisory seats argued primarily that the seats would help bridge communication gaps and increase understanding by the employees and students.

"I'm being very selfish about this," Mrs. Raymond said. "I'm thinking of what insight you're going to give us in terms of the needs in the community, student groups,

faculty and non-academic personnel."

Philip Ogilvie, Northville city attorney and member of the Schoolcraft College Foundation, said the student participation in the Foundation "has been a great help to us."

Rather than have special interest groups show up in force when an issue is to be discussed at a board meeting, a regular seat would give groups "more insight into all of your problems," he said.

"Students pay one-third of the bill of the college, one-third of the operating expenses, one-third of the faculty salaries and one-third of the administrator's salaries," Secord said. "These people should be heard; they almost have got to be heard."

"With the attorney general's ruling that an 18-year-old can sit on the board, you may find one sitting on the board in a young capacity."

MRS. DUMAS put herself on the firing line when she told the audience, "When I campaigned for office, I said I was basically in favor of the concept of advisory seats. Then I got into office and saw the number of groups who would get a seat on the board."

"It became apparent that not just one seat was needed. I'm pleased that the board has taken the action to open up the meetings," she said, adding that persons can get items put on the agenda.

"I would rather see it that a person be invited to sit at the

board during that particular discussion. I wonder if you are really interested in some of these things and sitting far into the night discussing water, sewers and drainage ditches."

"I would rather see the room filled by faculty when there is an item on the agenda concerning education. I think in the long run with an adversary system, you might get more response from the board."

DR. LARRY VanderMolen, physical science instructor,

criticized Mrs. Dumas' alleged change in position.

"It's situations like this that make it very difficult for one to teach political science at this college," he said. "I say this with all graciousness, but students often say to me that politicians promise one thing but get in office and do another."

"I'm sorry to say, but this is the case here."

Paul Kadish added, "Once being elected I would hope you would live up to your promises."



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JAMES S. BIGELOW of 15450 Woodside, Livonia, has been promoted to senior automotive development engineer in the Elastomers Dept. at Enjay Chemical Co.'s Southfield office. Bigelow, who holds bachelor and mechanical engineering degrees from Lehigh University, came to the area in 1970 after being an electrical applications engineer with Enjay in New Jersey. He is assigned to Ford and American Motors liaison.

PLAYING the "devil's advocate," Bennett brought up for discussion some of the possible negative aspects of having advisory seats.

"If one person is seated at the expense of all others, we will be depriving others of their rights," he said.

He cautioned against having the seat and using it as a means of circumventing the proper channels and bypassing lines of responsibility. Another concern is what the board would do in cases of conflicts, such as when negotiations are up for review by the board.

LaRue expressed favor of the seats but also cautioned against bypassing normal channels and emphasized the need for preliminary study sessions on important matters.

"I agree there needs to be better communications, but I don't think this is the way," Arch Vallier said, reiterating his position that he doesn't want information third-handed. "I don't want one person representing the faculty or any group to give us a warped view. I think a better way we can do it is to let them speak from the audience on an issue."

Ted Lindsay, former left winger with the Detroit Red Wings and president of Lindsay-Favelich Corp., Livonia, has been named president of the Metropolitan Society for Orphaned Children and Adults.

Vice presidential posts went to Richard G. Johnson, of Farmington, and John L. Potter, of Detroit. C. Harry Chisholm, of Southfield, is secretary and Thomas W. Roberts, of Detroit, treasurer.

The Metropolitan Society, 17300 Schaefer, Detroit, is a voluntary health agency serving the tri-county area of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne.

Registration at Madonna College, 35600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, is scheduled Dec. 15, for the physical education program beginning in January on a credit or non-credit basis. The three courses offered in the initial program are: Gymnastics I, Physical Education Activities I and Aquatics I.

These three courses may count as one credit hour or non-credit and will run from Jan. 10 through April 28. The non-credit fee is \$15 whereas credit-tuition is \$36 plus a laboratory fee of \$15.

Gymnastics I, which is scheduled from 4:15 - 5:15

S'craft Enrollment Ranks 8th

Schoolcraft College with 6,017 students ranks eighth largest in the state among community colleges based on fall semester enrollment figures released by the Michigan Department of Education.

The report shows Macomb County Community College with 17,640 students is largest among the state's 29 public community colleges. Oakland County Community College ranks second with 14,563.

Schoolcraft, serving the school districts of Clarendonville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, opened to students in 1964. Its enrollment has tripled since the first student body of 2,018 was admitted to classes even years ago.

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