

Why S'craft Won NCA Accreditation

Schoolcraft College has been granted continued accreditation as an associate degree granting institution, he received by telephone from a spokesman for the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Schoolcraft President C. Nelson Grote said he was "delighted" with the news "That we have been granted continued accreditation for the maximum time is a credit

to our faculty" and administration," Dr. Grote said. "As president, I am pleased to have been involved in the later stages of this decision by North Central, and I wish

publicly to extend thanks and congratulations to my predecessor, Dr. Eric J. Brader, under whose administration the college gained this fine academic distinction."

WHILE THE association does not grant accreditation for a specific number of years, Dr. Grote said that maximum accreditation probably means

Schoolcraft would not be re-examined for 10 years. Schoolcraft originally gained accreditation in 1968 within the minimum time possible for a new institution.

At that time North Central extended full accreditation with the condition that a review visit be conducted in three years. It was this review visit which has resulted in continued full accreditation just announced.

The North Central review team recommended accreditation without reservation, pointing up "strengths" and "concerns" in several areas. A Schoolcraft statement excerpted these "strengths" and one "concern" in a statement.

GOVERNANCE (Administration): The competency of the president, vice presidents, deans and area directors is generally recognized by the faculty and students. Procedures for administration decision-making are well defined.

"Meetings are regularly held by various administrative organizations such as the President's Council, the Administrative Committee, and the deans and area directors. Minutes are well kept and available. There is a healthy openness and freedom of expression, with tolerance for all opinions regarding educational policy. "There is a healthy climate in which faculty members with the most unorthodox ideas may openly express them. They are challenged by administration to show evidence that these ideas would better meet the purposes and aims of the college."

FACULTY: "Faculty members are well qualified and teaching in their areas of specialization. Salaries and working conditions are excellent. Above average relationships exist between vocational-technical and academic areas of instruction."

ACADEMIC PROGRAM: "Attention is being given to basic and remedial courses in an effort to reduce the student failure rate. Well balanced offerings in arts and sciences are preparing students soundly for transfer to four-year colleges and universities."

VOCATIONAL - technical program: "Well designed and equipped laboratories for most fields. Strong evening and apprenticeship programs. Unusually large and effective part-time cooperative programs."

"Excellent food service curriculum which provides as class experience for students enrolled in the program the preparation and serving of snack and hot food service for the College (and for community groups by reservation)."

STUDENT SERVICES: "Counseling and advising program is well staffed and organized. Participation by students in college governance and activities is commendable."

LIBRARY: "A well qualified staff, working under capable library leadership, who are service oriented and anxious to assist faculty and students. An adequate and well balanced materials collection, easily accessible to users."

FINANCE-OPERATIONS: "While recognizing as a strength the adequate local and state financing of present operations, the review team expressed this concern: 'future normal growth in services will depend on the outcome of a local tax increase election to be held in fall, 1971.'"


FACILITIES: "College facilities have been well planned, and construction has essentially kept pace with growing requirements. A competently prepared master plan for campus construction, 1970-1980, is being implemented. All buildings are of recent permanent construction except several temporary units soon to be replaced by permanent structures." North Central's report said.

Accreditation means that Schoolcraft's academic standards are recognized by all North Central members, and student credits earned at the college are fully transferable.

Extensive preparation for the review visit included a self-study or "institutional profile" published last December. The study was directed by Gordon Snyder, a biology instructor at the college.

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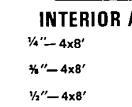
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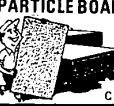
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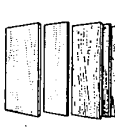
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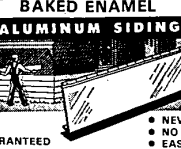
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