

Hay-Pitcher To College President

Schoolcraft's Dr. Grote Realizes His 'American Dream'

By KATHY MORAN

The American dream is still a reality—and Schoolcraft President C. Nelson Grote said he is living proof at his inauguration to the college's highest post on Saturday.

Joined by life-long friends, colleagues, former students, relatives and Michigan educators, Dr. Grote was honored as the second president of the college with a weekend of inaugural activities.

Focus was a luncheon for more than 200 current and past associates of Dr. Grote followed by the inaugural ceremonies in which the president of his alma mater gave the keynote address.

DR. ADRON DORAN traveled from Morehead (Ky.) State University to speak at his friend's inauguration and Mrs. Mignon Doran, his wife, played the organ during the luncheon.

"I'm sure there are those of you who thought you could never get Schoolcraft College started," Dr. Doran said in his address praising Dr. and Mrs. Eric Bradner, Schoolcraft's former first family. "You

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have no worry that Nelson Grote will stop it." Dr. Doran gave a humorous account of his experiences as president of Morehead pointing out the "responsibilities and awesome task" of the presidency.

"THERE IS very little difference between courage and ignorance," Dr. Doran said of the acceptance of the presidency. "It's not courage, you just don't know any better. But it doesn't take long to see what the presidency is."

"He is in store for some of the greatest things in his life," Dr. Doran added.

Citing Dr. Grote's capabilities, Dr. Doran said, "Nelson is young enough to be address grating Dr. and Mrs. Eric Bradner, Schoolcraft's former first family. "You

"They (Dr. and Mrs. Grote) were a team at Morehead, they have become a team at Schoolcraft and will become more effective as time goes on."

A MEDALLION designed especially for the occasion was presented to Dr. Grote by Mrs. Jane Moehle, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, representing the "transfer of authority and responsibility."

Speaking briefly, President Emeritus Bradner said that during the first 10 years of the college's growth "We generated a lot of heat but we stayed in the kitchen."

His advice to the future administration was that they "will have to add a lot of new buildings—be sure you air condition all of them!" Bradner's remark drew

laughter and a round of applause from the more than 300 persons sitting through the ceremonies in the sweltering gymnasium.

REFLECTING on his career and the people partially responsible for his success, Dr. Grote said:

"Little did I realize when I carried water to the thrashing crew for 50 cents a day, pitched load after load of oats and wheat at harvest time for a dollar and a half a day, or trapped muskrat and mink and at times a possum—and by accident a skunk—to exchange fur for cash, that I would some day be earning the salary of a college president."

"This proves once again, that it is still possible to realize the American dream—that where one is born, with rich or moderate means, a full life and a life full can be a reality," said Dr. Grote, who was from a poor Illinois family.

Dr. Grote concentrated on the direction of the college and some of the questions raised by the defeat of a one mill increase by district voters on Sept. 13.

"I am terribly concerned that we may not be able to

continue our open door policy of admission," he said. "I believe in the open door and, if anything, feel that our door should be further opened."

He dedicated himself toward striving for good relations with the faculty, students and community and for "quality education" at Schoolcraft.

AMONG THE GUESTS at the luncheon and ceremonies were State Reps. James Tierney (D-Garden City) and Marvin Stempfen (D-Livonia); William Ryan of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters; James O'Neil, former trustee

now on the State Board of Education; representatives of 17 colleges and universities including neighboring Madonna College represented by Sister Mary Danatha, other the old and new college trustees and officials and friends of the Grotes from Morehead.

Dr. Grote also received letters from U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin (R-Michigan) and Gov. William Milliken.

Other inaugural activities included a smorgasbord and concert on Friday, a breakfast and play on Saturday, and a brunch on Sunday.



THE GROTE FAMILY was in full force to greet more than 300 guests at Dr. C. Nelson Grote's inauguration as second president of Schoolcraft College Saturday. The college's new

first family include (from left) Mark, 7; Mrs. Wilma Grote; Janice, 15; and Carol, 18. (Observer photo by Doug Johnson)

SC Enrollment Tops 6,000

Enrollment for the fall term at Schoolcraft College increased nearly 14 per cent over the 1970 fall term.

A report given to the Schoolcraft trustees set the current total enrollment at the college at 6,017, an increase of 721 students over the 5,296 enrolled in the previous fall term.

The percentage increase was the largest in three years. Enrollment had increased by

2.85 per cent between fall 1969 and 1970, 10.5 per cent between fall 1968 and 1969, and 13.3 per cent between fall 1967 and 1968.

Enrollment has tripled since the college first opened in the fall of 1964 with 2,000 students.

OF THE 6,000-plus students enrolled this fall, 61 per cent are residents of the district which includes the Plymouth, Northville, Clarenceville,

Garden City and Livonia School Districts. Fifteen out-of-state students are enrolled including five from Lebanon, two from Iran, two from Jordan, two from Canada, one from Greece, one from France—and two from Ohio.

Five of the out-state students are in career programs which include culinary arts, law, foreman, and clerk-typist

training. The remaining nine are in transfer programs including engineering, liberal arts, pharmacy, architecture, pre-medicine, and occupational studies.

MALE STUDENTS outnumber the female students by making up 61 per cent of the enrollment.

Seventy-five are part-time students. Part-time students include any student with less than 15 credit hours.

SC Board Deadlocks 3 Times, Picks Geake

By KATHY MORAN

After four ballots, Dr. R. Robert Geake was elected chairman of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees on Monday.

An organizational meeting of the newly-elected board was held Monday in compliance with a ruling by Circuit Judge Roland Ozark, who had ordered the at-large trustee election on Sept. 13.

The board table was lined with new faces with only two carry-overs from the old board, Dr. Geake and John LaRue. Erwin Brown attended two meetings of the old board after being appointed to replace Dr. George Martin who resigned because of ill health.

Dr. Geake and LaRue were nominated for the chairman's post, but after three secret ballots, they remained tied, 4-4 and nominations were reopened.

Mrs. Rosina Raymond and Leroy Bennett, both recently elected, were then nominated. The fourth ballot failed to give the simple majority of five votes when Dr. Geake received four votes, LaRue



DR. ROBERT GEAKE

two, Mrs. Raymond one; and Bennett one.

Geake was elected on the fifth ballot.

The remaining officers were elected on the first ballot with Mrs. Raymond elected as vice chairman, Mary Dumas as secretary and Paul Kadish as treasurer.

LaRue was the unsuccessful contender for the posts of vice chairman and secretary, and Kadish ran unopposed. All the votes were taken by secret ballots.

Following the officer's election, the new board discussed informational items including plans for study sessions and in-service training sessions to acquaint the board with subjects and procedures related to their new posts.

Geake, of 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, was elected to an at-large seat in June 1969. He is an educational psychologist and is director of programs at Plymouth State Home and Training School.

A member of the Northville Republican Club, Dr. Geake holds a doctorate in education and psychology from the University of Michigan. His undergraduate work is in special education and his masters is in guidance and counseling from U-M. In 1970 he was a Republican nominee for the State Board of Education.

Also a new member on the board is Archibald Vallier of Plymouth.

The first regular meeting of the new board will be on Oct. 27.

ACLU Speaker Is Slated

Civil liberties expert Alan Reitman will discuss "The Pentagon Papers: A Case Study of Individual Rights Versus Government Authority" at Schoolcraft College at 8 p.m. on Thursday Oct. 7.

Currently the associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Reitman will speak in the Waterman Campus Center. Informal discussion will follow his prepared text.

A member of the ACLU staff for 20 years, Reitman has been intimately involved in the major civil liberties crises of the last two decades—the fight against Sen. Joseph McCarthy, the civil rights movement, and now campus and urban unrest. He is responsible for developing the ACLU program in more than a dozen areas.

Reitman's Schoolcraft appearance is sponsored by the cultural and public affairs committee. He is the third in a series of 12 outstanding speakers scheduled during the academic year.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Season tickets are still available and may be purchased at the door.

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Area Deaths And Funerals

MILDRED E. WHIPPLE — Services for Mrs. Whipple, 72, of 30720 Krueger, Garden City, were held recently in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with the Rev. V. Frederick Halboth Jr. officiating. Burial followed in Cadillac Memorial Cemetery.

An eight-year resident of the area, Mrs. Whipple died Sept. 28 in Garden City Hospital.

Survivors include a son, George Whipple, a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth McCloskey; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

NORMAN WHIPPLE — Services for Mr. Whipple, of 30720 Krueger, Garden City, were held Sunday, Oct. 2, at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Rev. V. Frederick Halboth Jr. officiated. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Whipple died Sept. 28 in his home at the age of 78. He was an order writer for Stuart Wilson Ford agency in Dearborn. He was a lifetime Garden City resident.

He is survived by a son, George; a daughter, Mrs. Jane McCloskey; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

EARL SODKOW — Services for Mr. Sodkow, 67, of 670 Kellogg, Plymouth, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday (Oct. 4) in the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. The Rev. Lewis S. Brown Jr. will officiate and burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

A lifetime resident of the Plymouth area, Mr. Sodkow was a retired supervisor for the Wayne County Road Commission.

Survivors include: his wife, Laura; a son, Gary Sodkow of Plymouth; a daughter, Mrs. Don Mathias of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JEANNE ANNE MACDONALD — Services for Mrs. MacDonald, 47, of 30274 Amer Drive, Farmington Township, were held recently in the Heaney Sundquist Funeral Home and St. Alexander Catholic Church with the Rev. Albert C. Kolb officiating. Burial followed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

A resident of this area for several years, Mrs. MacDonald died Sept. 20 at Providence Hospital in Southfield after a long illness. She was a member of St. Alexander.

Survivors include her husband, Duncan S. MacDonald; a son, Daniel J. MacDonald of Farmington Township; and a brother, Robert Dittmeyer of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

ANNA M. HURT — Services for Mrs. Hurt, 80, of 15888 Dearing, Livonia, were held recently at the Mauno-Fry, Inc. funeral home with Rev. V. Frederick Halboth officiating.

A Livonia resident for 18 years, Mrs. Hurt died Sept. 18 in Bonford General Hospital. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Survivors include: two sons, Ray McCarter and Earl McCarter; two daughters, Mrs. Richard Hanson and Mrs. Henry Mulholland; a son, Margaret Fairlight; two brothers, Fred Schwanen and Albert Schwanen both of Bens, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

VEDA R. HAGGERTY — Services for Mrs. Haggerty, 68, of 18448 Carmel, Redford, were held recently at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home and St. John's Church, where burial followed.

A 15-year resident of Redford, Mrs. Haggerty died Sept. 21 at Cambridge Nursing Home.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Haggerty; and a sister, Edna Kester of California.

GERALD B. KOMP — Services for Mr. Komp, of 32381 Boon St., Garden City, are scheduled for Wednesday morning, Oct. 6, at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mr. Komp died Sunday, Oct. 3 in Wayne County General Hospital at the age of 51. He was a life-long resident of the community and worked as a welder with Deth and Armstrong Construction Co.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Komp and a brother, Ronald.

CLEMENTS E. ZEILINSKI — Services for Mr. Zeilinski, of 33126 Lincolnshire, Westland, were held Monday, Oct. 4, at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, and in St. Raphael Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Helwig Cemetery.

Mr. Zeilinski died in Petrus General Hospital Sept. 30 at the age of 48. He was an auto plant assembler and a life-long resident of the community.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; three sons, Eugene, Christopher, and Gerald; and two sisters, Mrs. Wladyslaw John Glow and Mrs. Mathilde Zaslowski.

JAMES W. TAYLOR — Services for Dr. Taylor, 87, of 23065 Warner, Farmington, were held recently at the Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home with Kenneth E. Brown officiating. Burial followed at the Evergreen Mausoleum.

Dr. Taylor died Sept. 4 at the Farmington Nursing Home. He practiced dentistry in Detroit for 25 years before retiring and moving to the Farmington area several years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn; a daughter, Mrs. Robert H. Haverth of Farmington; and three grandchildren.