

Phys Ed Or Classrooms? SC Decision

By KATHY MORAN

After delaying action on three projects, the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees has decided to examine the college's building priorities and funds at a special study session April 19.

The decision came after the board was faced with a request for continuing plans on a \$250,000 outdoor physical education project.

large expenditure for a relatively small increase in classroom space. The buildings would have created six available classrooms for the rapidly expanding student population.

At that time, the board delayed action until the administration could report on less-expensive ways of obtaining the space.

SOME TRUSTEES expressed surprise when faced with the physical education request last week and said they would prefer the money be allocated for permanent buildings.

"Last week we lamented the need for classrooms," Mrs. Rosina Raymond said. "I know all these things are needed, but what are the priorities?"

"Apparently there is some money there," she added while talking about the previous week's report where the dwindling money in the building and site fund was discussed.

"As I look at those plans, I see only two areas where we are teaching students a skill they can use after they get out of college," trustee Leroy

Bennett said. "I have to ask myself if maybe we shouldn't ask them (physical education instructors) to look at their program again."

ERWIN BROWN suggested that the board examine building priorities at a "study" session and "find just

where we are going before we haven't got any funds left." During the previous week's discussion on temporary classrooms, Bennett had expressed hesitation to spend money in the building and site fund for temporary facilities when it is possible that a college could get matching

funds from the state to build a permanent facility.

In some cases, the state will match dollar for dollar the amount expended by a college for building construction. The board had asked for matching funds on the vocational addition being planned for completion in 1973, but was turned down.

At Wednesday's meeting the board passed a resolution renewing its plea to the Legislature for matching funds on the project.

Since a millage request was defeated by voters on Sept. 13 the college has to curtail

building plans because of lack of funds.

The administration and board are both trying to appropriate wisely the remaining building and site funds to get the maximum results from the expenditures.

"Every one cent we spend today may be worth two tomorrow," Bennett had said previously when discussing matching funds.

The outdoor physical education facilities were trimmed down from an initial \$1.19 million plan that was submitted to the old board in

January 1970. It would provide 12 tennis courts, softball areas, golf areas and soccer areas.

President C. Nelson Grote said all the areas were for instructional and not athletic areas.

The board also delayed action on a \$7,000 master landscape plan.

Arch Vallier said he would talk with the college architect to see what can be done in the way of a permanent classroom building that would be built in modules as the college gets the money.

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--Trustee Leroy Bennett

Retroactive Pay Approved At SC

Retroactive pay totaling \$84,000 has been paid to Schoolcraft College faculty members and office personnel after authorization of the IRS' approval, a budget review indicated sufficient money in the operating budget to cover retroactivity.

Approval of the payments did not require further adjustments in the college's \$6.1 million budget as was previously warned.

After being forced to cut back spending by \$200,000 earlier this year, the college administration stated that further cuts would be

necessitated if retro pay was approved.

HOWEVER, JUST prior to the IRS' approval, a budget review indicated sufficient money in the operating budget to cover retroactivity.

Schoolcraft President C. Nelson Grote applied to the IRS (a Pay Board agent) to pay secretaries their 3.8 per cent pay raise and faculty the 11 per cent pay raise for the period the wage freeze was in effect.

Agreement on the secretaries' contract was reached on Oct. 27 and it was signed by both sides by Nov. 3.

Though the agreement fell during the freeze, the secretaries based their retroactivity request on the fact that the contract was given an effective date of Aug. 17.

During bargaining, the administration had offered the secretaries a higher percentage increase if they made the effective date Aug. 17, instead of July 1 when the old

contract expired, according to Jane Lurain, president of the secretaries union.

The IRS granted retro pay for the secretaries without qualification.

HOWEVER, WHEN it approved the faculty payment, IRS originally specified that the retro pay not exceed seven per cent and that the college give a certified notification to the IRS that it did not pay more than an aggregate seven per cent.

After this decision was announced to the faculty, the Faculty Forum (teachers union) requested clarification from the IRS on whether the seven per cent included increments.

Response from the IRS was that it didn't include increments, bringing the actual faculty payment to 11 per cent.

The faculty had negotiated its contract in 1970 and was in the second year when the freeze took effect.



C. RAYMOND LA MARCHE, newly elected chairman of Ford Motor Co. Oakland County community relations committee, accepts the gavel from retiring committee chairman R.C. Leary of Birmingham. LaMarche, 33112 Oakley, Livonia, is manager of the Detroit supply and central parts depot of tractor and implement operations. The committee is responsible for charting Ford's involvement in urban affairs and for assigning priorities to charitable donations.

GM Payroll Is Record At \$80.7 Million

Payrolls at General Motors' three Livonia operations set a record at \$80.7 million during 1971, up more than \$8.5 million from the previous record year of 1969.

Employment totaled 7,150 compared to 5,700 at the end of 1970.

The record figures were revealed in a statement by F. Harger Green, chairman of the GM Plant City Committee and Fisher Body plant manager; Walter O. Muller, Chevrolet plant manager, and Dick French, GM parts division manager.

The final audited figure was nearly \$1.4 million higher than the preliminary payroll figure announced a month ago.

In addition, GM paid \$87.4 million to some 1,450 firms within a 75-mile radius and awarded more than \$155,000 for employe suggestions.

Milliken Will Talk At SC Graduation

Gov. William G. Milliken will speak at commencement exercises for Schoolcraft College on April 23.

Approximately 500 students are expected to graduate from the community college in April. The exercises will begin at 2 p.m. in the Physical Education Building and are open to the public.

Previous commencement speakers have included educators, a clergyman, a publisher, an industrialist, but this is the first time the college had had a politician.

Milliken became Michigan's governor in 1969 and before that served two years as lieutenant governor under George Romney.

The Traverse City Republican also served two terms in the State Senate and was majority floor leader in 1963.

He is president of J.W. Milliken Inc., a department store chain with stores in Traverse City, Cadillac and Manistee.

The 50-year-old governor is a graduate of Yale University. He has been awarded honorary law degrees from the University of Michigan,



GOV. WILLIAM MILLIKEN

Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University and Detroit Institute of Technology. He was also awarded a doctor of humane letters degree from Northern Michigan University.

Milliken is a member of the board of counselors of Smith College in Northampton, Mass. where his daughter, Elaine, is a senior. He also is a former trustee for Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

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