

Accreditation Team Appearance Brings Peace

Schoolcraft College Turmoil Ends Quietly

Everything is serene on the Schoolcraft College campus after a week of turmoil during which the administration was put on a hot seat after six probationary teachers were dismissed because they failed to meet the standards required of new teachers.

Charges and counter charges filled the air as a student investigating committee requested the Board of Trustees for public meeting for an explanation of the firings.

There were threats of a student strike, picketing and charges that the dismissals would lower the quality of education at the college.

Then as quickly as it started, the entire matter dissolved into thin air and the campus was as quiet as a church on a Sunday morning when a three-man accreditation team appeared Thursday and Friday for a final credentialed of the college prior to a recommendation to the North Central Association.

SCHOOLCRAFT has been trying desperately to gain accreditation and appears on the verge of approval, depending entirely on the report of the accreditation team and a hearing before the NCA Board next month in Chicago.

There isn't any question but that settlement of the turmoil came as a direct result of the scheduled appearance of the accreditation team.

The trio, which included: Chairman Dr. Charles Allen, of the University of Illinois; Dr. Ken Brunner, from Southern Illinois University; and Dr. Reed L. Buffington, president of Chabot College, in Hayward, Calif., had specific instructions.

The report, the final one on Schoolcraft, included such things as the relationship of the students and the administration, the feeling between the faculty and the administration, the faculty and the students, the character of the campus, the buildings, the contents of the library and similar items.

Thus, the administration and the Board of Trustees didn't want the team to run into such things as student pickets, an unhappy faculty, disunion between department heads—all of which could have been picked up in a hurry if the situation hadn't been corrected in advance.

No. 2, Such a meeting was promised by Board Chairman Harold Fischer if asked for in writing. The request was made but Fischer was unable to arrange a quorum of the Trustees and had to delay the meeting until the regular Board session.

No. 3, The Trustees held an executive session during which they took action to deny an open meeting and backed the administration in its action.

No. 4, College President Dr. Eric Brander made a hurried trip home from a vacation in Phoenix, Ariz. to meet with top administration officials and discuss the situation.

No. 5, Dr. Brander, Vice President John Brinn and Dean of Students Edward McNally met with department heads and

ironed out many difficulties that had cropped out in the evaluation of the abilities of faculty members.

No. 6, The same administrators called a meeting of student representatives and went over every step of the actions leading to the dismissals of the six probationary instructors, one of whom was in the third year, three in the second and two in the first. Normally instructors are on two years probation after which a tenure contract is tendered or a dismissal by registered mail 90 days before the end of the college year.

DURING THE MEETING with the students, it was brought out that the administration had followed the provisions of the contract with the Faculty Forum in handling each of the six cases.

Apparently the students were satisfied, not a word has been heard from the group since.

No. 7, The Board met last Wednesday in regular session and the matter never came up for discussion. This despite the fact that Dr. George Martin, a Board member, had sent a memorandum to each Trustee charging that the Board had erred in not allowing a public meeting and so making other charges against the administration.

Dr. Martin had sent the memorandum to The Observer with the request that it be published to show voters in his Livonia district how he felt.

IN LIEU OF his letter and memorandum, it was thought that Dr. Martin would bring the matter to the attention of the Trustees at the Wednesday meeting -- but he never mentioned it and neither did any other Trustee.

No. 8, The accreditation team arrived the following day and found everything in apple pie order. It was just as if the turmoil over the six dismissals had never happened.

Meanwhile, the Faculty Forum negotiating team already has started sessions with the administration team over a contract for next year. Last year the sessions continued for eight months before an agreement was reached--with the present situation, one wonders if the teams will ever reach agreement this time.



STUDYING DATA, prior to making a report to the North Central Association, are members of the accreditation team which visited Schoolcraft College last week for the final inspection before college officials appear before the Accreditation Board in Chicago in March. The trio includes: (from left) Chairman Dr. Charles Allen, Associate Dean for Instruction, College of Education, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.; Dr. Ken Brunner, chairman Department of Higher Education, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.; and Dr. Reed L. Buffington, president of Chabot College, Hayward, Calif.

GM Names Manager In Livonia

The appointment of Dick T. French as manager of the General Motors Parts Distribution Center at Livonia has been announced.

French, a native of Pond Creek, Okla., has been manager of the parts distribution center at Memphis, Tenn., since 1964. At Livonia, he succeeds Henry C. Wright, who was promoted to another GM post.

French joined GM in 1940 at Oklahoma City. He was transferred to Ft. Worth in 1952 and the following year

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D.T. FRENCH was made foreman at the Dallas distribution center, rising to general foreman in 1956. He was appointed manager of the distribution center in San Antonio in 1961 and of the Houston operation in 1962.

Active in community affairs, French has served as an assistant club master and committeeman in the Cub Scouts, board member in the Methodist Church and as assistant coach and administrator in the Pee Wee Baseball League.

He and his wife, Dolores, have three children.

Kazoo Pair Work On Projects

Two Observers' students at Kalamazoo College are spending the winter quarter away from campus engaged in senior independent projects.

Michael Molly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Molly, 9575 Memorial, Redford Township, is a history major, is writing a thesis on the Winston Churchill and the Dardanelles during the first World War.

William Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston, 29770 Holly Hill, Farmington, is a theater major, instructor and musical supervisor of the opera "Many Moons," to be presented on campus.

Soil Sample Tool Developed

A unique tool that enables soil scientists to remove soil samples virtually undisturbed from as far down as 100 feet has been developed at the Bureau of Reclamation's Engineering and Research Center in Denver.

Known as a double-tube auger sampler, it consists of two steel barrels, one inside the other, with a cutting head and flights of augers on the outer barrel. It operates without the need of air or water injection.

2 Detroiters Face Execution In Cop Slaying

TWO YOUNG Detroiters, if convicted, could become the first persons legally executed in Michigan in more than a generation.

Ovis Frierson, 24, and Nathaniel Spivey, 19, are charged in federal court with robbing the Trenton State Bank last week and murdering Trenton Patrolman Robert Parr, 34, an FBI man. Michigan law has no capital punishment, but an execution could be performed for a federal crime at the federal prison in Milan.

State And Local News Round Up

MAJ. GEN. Ronald D. McDonald, Michigan's former adjutant general, was momentarily reinstated by Acting Gov. Milliken under orders from the State Supreme Court, which had ruled that McDonald was improperly removed by Gov. Romney. But Milliken then immediately retired McDonald "under honorable conditions." McDonald will receive back pay amounting to \$78,000 and monthly retirement benefits of \$1,200. He had been suspended in 1964 during a land-liquor-money scandal involving the National Guard.

THE STATE SENATE has given 30-1 approval of a bill to license private police, security guards and patrol services, all to be regulated by the State Police. Another bill, approved 27-0, will allow the election, in the next general election, of county officers. In cases where the office has been filled by appointment; county officers ordinarily have a four-year term. Both bills go to the House.

CHIEF JUDGE T. John Lesinski resisting a bill that would give his State Court of Appeals the job of hearing appeals from probate courts and state administrative agencies. He says his court would need 11 to 16 more judges, adding that he's not out "to build an empire."

SEARS, ROEBUCK & Co. is recalling some 6,000 Homart natural gas baseboard heaters after the death of a Jackson man in October. The Tennessee firm which manufactures them has gone out of business. The State Health Dept. attributes the problem to a defective tube which cracked and allowed carbon monoxide gas to escape.

GOV. ROMNEY, campaigning in Wisconsin for the GOP presidential nomination, has been adopted and made an honorary chief by the Winnebago Indian tribe. A sign carried in the ceremony said: "We need them who speak without forked tongue."

Wonderland To Offer Shoppers A Big Time

Bargain-hunters will have another field day during Wonderland Center's sixth annual Washington's Birthday Sale, Feb. 22, 23 and 24.

Topping a list of "22-cent specials" worth almost \$1,000, is a 23-inch color television set. The set, in a handsome walnut cabinet, will be sold for 22 cents to the person selected in a contest on Feb. 21.

FOUR OTHER winners will be able to buy a black and white portable television, an AM/FM radio, 100 gallons of Wards gasoline and a boy's or girl's bicycle for 22 pennies.

Registrations for the "big gains" will commence Feb. 15, and continue through Saturday, Feb. 24. Entry blanks will be available at all Merchants' Council member stores.

Most Wonderland stores are readying scores of regular bargain-priced articles for the three-day event which will be advertised in the Feb. 21 edition of The Observer.

All of the 22-cent "prizes" will be displayed in the windows of the Good Housekeeping Shop.

State Troopers Arrest 21,280 During Busy Holiday Season In December

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In addition, 506 juvenile-traffic offenders were arrested and 519 delinquent minors apprehended.

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LABORATORY ASSISTANCES numbered 90 for municipal departments, 82 for the State Police, 32 for sheriffs and four for other agencies.

The latest print and examined 29,782 individual fingerprints, including 21,562 for the State Police, 6,418 for local police and 1,802 for sheriffs. There were 47 subjects identified, including 32 suspects in crime cases.

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Judge Sets Clark Trial On April 2

The Circuit Court trial of Dr. Ronald T. Clark on a manslaughter charge is scheduled to start Tuesday, April 2, before Judge William John Beer in Pontiac.

The 56-year-old Farmington Township physician is accused of causing the death last Nov. 3 of Mrs. Grace Nell, 43, of 20225 Rensselaer, Livonia, through an overdose of sodium pentothal.

Mrs. Nell died in Dr. Clark's office, 90735 Grand River, while allegedly undergoing treatment as a heart patient. She also was employed by the medic as a part-time nurse.

Her death is one of several involving patients of Dr. Clark still being investigated by Oakland Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY Sale

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