

College Execs Dislike Bad Guy Bargaining Role

Top administrators leave their posts at community colleges because they don't like to play the "black hat" role thrust upon them in negotiations with employee groups.

That was the comment this week of Dr. Eric Bradner, president of Schoolcraft College, speaking on the resignations of top people in community colleges in the area.

Dr. Bradner blamed a variety of factors for the wave of resignations including pressure from faculty groups for more say in college affairs.

He declined to mention specific men, but obviously referred to the recent resignation of John Brinn, Schoolcraft vice-president in charge of instruction. Brinn headed the college's negotiating team.

OTHER TOP ADMINISTRATORS have left Schoolcraft, Oakland Community College has lost 13 top men in the past 28 months, five leaving on June 30. Meanwhile, Community College just installed a new president.

"I guess the current breed of administrators came up with a different set of values. Many faculties claim they don't need an administration. We in the community colleges believe that people—the taxpayers—control the college . . . they decide

things," Dr. Bradner said.

He explained that the role of a college administrator may be changing, with a loss of power to faculty groups.

"The administration may have all the responsibility and then have to share the authority," he said.

The college president said he noted a growing rift between students, faculty and administration. To prove his point he read from an article in the *Stanford* University school newspaper calling for more

"student power." The students now want to run the colleges," Dr. Bradner said.

DR. BRADNER SAID he and administrators were thrust from students than ever before.

"I felt I could do more as a teacher of teachers than as a teacher of students. I enlarged my horizons," he said.

Turning to other issues, he noted that administrative negotiators often had "to wear a black hat one minute and a white hat the next. Most people can't do something like this."

Attributing it to "legislative bungling," Dr. Bradner charged that lawmakers had set up a negotiating process without adequate safeguards. Thus bargaining often degenerates into personal battles.

While other colleges in the area have settled teacher contracts, Schoolcraft's still remains at an impasse. Faculty Forum leaders last week requested state mediation after several meetings on wage demands met with no progress.

"A lot of us feel the pressures; some may not feel it is worth the candle," Dr. Bradner concluded.

Referring to Schoolcraft specifically, he said that it was "extraordinary the number of top men we have kept for the four years. If this is all we lose, we've been very fortunate."

Besides Brinn, the college has lost Dr. Del Reed, who became a college president. Jim Doherty, who left for better pay, William Dilworth, an accountant, and Jim Mitchell, who replaced Brinn.

Mrs. Lois L. Waterman, dean, retired.

Dr. Bradner also pointed out that only three of the 104 faculty members from last year have indicated they will return this year.

COMPARING TOP administrative salaries, he ranked his college somewhat below the average, when compared with schools in Macomb, Oakland, Monroe and Washtenaw counties.

"It depends on how you compare—what job description, what responsibility. I would say we are not seriously out of line."

A final factor is the opening of from 50 to 80 new community colleges across the nation. They all need deans, presidents and top administrators.

Prosecution Rests; Clark May Face Jury Thursday

By Fred DELANO

MASON--For the first time since the arrest of Dr. Ronald E. Clark seven months ago, his defense against a charge of manslaughter stemming from the death of a Livonia patient in his Farmington Township office Nov. 3 took shape this week.

The prosecution completed its case Tuesday afternoon,

having concentrated on the testimony of medical experts in an attempt to prove Dr. Clark guilty of "gross medical negligence" in the death of Mrs. Grace Neil, 45, while being administered sodium pentothal. Such negligence, it is claimed, would justify a manslaughter conviction.

It is expected that the case will reach the jury by Thursday.

ATTORNEY Philip Rowliston of Pontiac, who represents Dr. Clark, made no advance disclosure of what witnesses he planned to call. It was believed likely, however, that one of them would be the defendant's wife, Mrs. Violet Clark. That Dr. Clark himself would take the stand appeared doubtful.

Judge Beer denied a defense motion that has become routine in recent years. Rejected was

defense attorney Philip Rowliston's motion to declare a mistrial on the ground that three news stories in the *Lansing State Journal* might have unfavorably influenced the jury.

Beer polled the jury, and each person said he hadn't been influenced by the news stories. Beer added that he didn't think the American public "feels" enough to be so prejudiced.

The three news stories said (1) that Dr. Clark had been "tracked down" by police, who described him as a "fugitive" at escape; (2) that his license had been lifted several times; and (3) that Dr. Clark's connection with other deaths was under investigation.

There was no allegation that any of the news stories was inaccurate.

It has been testified that it was Mrs. Clark who discovered Mrs. Neil had expired during the sodium pentothal injection process after her husband allegedly had left the room in which the injection was being given in the clinic at 30735 Grand River.

From assertions made in Rowliston's opening statement to the jury, and from questions he repeated to different prosecution witnesses during cross-examination, the bid to gain an acquittal for Dr. Clark appeared based on these four cornerstones:

1. Prior to her death Nov. 3, Mrs. Neil had undergone "from 30 to 50 similar treatments" by Dr. Clark in the same office.

This, according to Rowliston, demonstrated that there was "no criminal intent" on the occasion which ended her death.

2. Mrs. Neil, he said, suffered from "anxieties, premonitions and fears." Four of the prosecution's medical authorities confirmed during cross-examination that, as a truth serum, sodium pentothal often is administered in psychiatric treatment of such a patient.

3. No authority, not even the manufacturer of the sodium pentothal used by Dr. Clark, ever has been able to reach a scientific definition of the dosage which can be considered a fatal quantity before it is administered.

This, too, was substantiated by three prosecution experts, including Dr. Robert Sweet, chairman of the University of Michigan department of anesthesiology. Dr. Sweet admitted that even under the most stringent anesthetic controls there have been deaths from sodium pentothal in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor.

4. Having served several years as assistant to Dr. Clark, as well as having received previous injections, Mrs. Neil was familiar with the apparatus used in giving a patient an intravenous sodium pentothal injection by the so-called drip method, and knew how to speed or stop the drug's flow.

Summer Vacation Days Are Here



Choosing sides for scrub baseball game is popular pastime



Tom Christoff, 16, likes nothing better than to fish



Dawn Clair, 5, enjoys sliding in this style



Janet Dobbs, 8, finds nothing better than a swing



DAVID SARTIN

Dave Sartin Joins Staff Of Observer

David Sartin, 21-year-old June graduate of Michigan State University, has joined *Observer Newspapers* as a reporter. He has been assigned to the Redford Township staff.

Sartin, a native of Farmington, earned a degree in journalism after graduation from Farmington High in 1964. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Hatcher, 37309 Oakland.

To complete required course work, Sartin was a temporary staffer at the *Livonia Observer* last spring and fall. He has also been published in the *Detroit Daily Press*, the *MSU State News* and a *Panama Canal Zone* newspaper and, while in high school, in the *Farmington Enterprise*.

He was sports editor of his high school newspaper and edited a dormitory newspaper in his freshman year at MSU. Sartin also brings experience as a public relations trainee with Ford Motor Company, as an apprentice pattern maker and as a public works employee—all of which he squeezed into summer vacations.

OBSERVER

Second Front Page

State Police Plan Special Xway Patrols

With July 4 weekend activities pushing Michigan traffic volume toward high summer levels, State Police patrols again will devote special attention to high risk road areas and hours in efforts to minimize accident potential during the holiday period.

The patrols will be in force from noon Wednesday, July 3, to midnight Sunday, July 7, providing maximum coverage from 3 to at least 9 p.m. daily when traffic volumes are expected to be heaviest. Special consideration will be given to highway sections having had accident experience.

State Police aircraft, weather permitting, and motor vehicle inspection personnel also will participate in the holiday patrols.

DIRECTOR Frederick Davids urged motorists to be particularly vigilant of their speed rates and of the spacing of their cars in traffic. Excessive speed and lack of safe maneuvering room are factors frequently involved in holiday accidents, he noted.

"There is a direct correlation between the frequency of traffic accidents of all kinds and traffic violations. That's why motorists should be extra attentive to safety rules when traffic is congested. Don't

let a driving misadventure on your part get you involved in a holiday mishap," Davids stressed.

There should be similar concern for safety precautions by those persons who will be taking part in water sports, such as swimming, boating, water skiing, scuba diving and fishing.

Grant Will Aid Needy Collegians

Schoolcraft College has received grants totaling \$13,200 from the U.S. Office of Education under the Educational Opportunities Grant program of financial assistance to college students, it has been announced by Dr. Eric J. Bradner, president of the college.

One grant provides federal auditing assistance for students applying for EOG assistance for the first time during the academic year that begins July 1. A second grant provides \$4,500 for second-year assistance to enable qualified students to continue their work at Schoolcraft College.

The funds are administered through the Office of Student Affairs at the college.



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