

# Schoolcraft Budget Still \$400,000 In Red

Schoolcraft College administrators have tightened the budget as much as possible but still can't make up the nearly \$400,000 the college may lose because of an enrollment drop.

"There's no way we know of to reduce our budget further without severely curtailing programs and services," college President C. Nelson Grote said.

Curtailment of programs

and services could cause a vicious circle" because it will turn students away, he added.

**SCHOOLCRAFT** will lose \$379,000, or 5.72 per cent of the \$6.2 million budget if enrollment continues to decline at the same rate as they did this fall. Enrollment dropped by three per cent, and students averaged lighter class loads this fall for an eight per cent drop in credit hours.

Because state aid is given on the basis of student enrollment, the college will lose state aid as well as tuition and fees.

Schoolcraft saved some money by not hiring part time faculty for evening classes which had to be dropped for lack of students.

"I think we have got to face up to the fact that we can't keep up the same number of people with a fewer number of students," he said.

The college's tuition was increased 10 per cent this year to \$11 per credit for in-district students, \$22 for non-district students, and \$33 for out-of-state students.



PRESIDENT EMERITUS Eric J. Bradner, returned to Schoolcraft College Oct. 24 to help celebrate the college's 11th anniversary. He was honored with installation of a plaque in the Bradner Library named for him. (Observer photo)

## S'craft Board Abstains On 'E'

A request to endorse the veteran's aid proposal in the Nov. 7 election was left unheeded by the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees last week.

Don Ringsred, of the Center for Returning Veterans (CERV) on the campus, asked the board to support state Proposition E, saying that the extra financial help to veterans would help more of them enroll in college classes.

"If the board endorsed the proposal, I think it would help the school," veteran Ringsred said. "I can almost guarantee the college would enroll 60 to 70, even up to 100, more students in the winter term if it passes."

THE BOARD accepted information that he distributed but didn't discuss the proposal.

The ballot issue would permit the state to borrow \$266 million for bonuses and tuition payments to veterans who have served since 1961.

It would extend the same benefits to World War II and Korean war veterans were given and would be financed through revenue from the cigarette tax. In 1969 Michigan voters approved a three cent pack-cigaret tax to finance the bonus for World War II veterans. In 1972 voters added two cents to pay for the Korean War bonus.

Since both bonds are retired, the five cent tax is rolled into the state's general fund and veterans want it diverted out to finance bonuses for Vietnam era veterans.

If the proposal passes, Vietnam era veterans will be allowed \$50 per year for four years to be used toward tuition, books and fees.

Veterans not attending school can get a cash bonus. Vietnam veterans would get \$500. Non-combat veterans would get a bonus of \$15 for each month of service to a maximum of \$360.

## Retirement Studies Set For Seniors

Schoolcraft College has announced a retirement studies program for senior citizens of the college district starting in November.

The program is being conducted at two locations. It will be held on Mondays from 10:30 until 12 noon at the Northville City Hall beginning Nov. 6, and on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at McMarnia Tower No. 2 in Livonia beginning Nov. 8.

There is no charge for the program, but registration is limited to 30 persons at each location, and enrollment is on a first come basis. To enroll, persons should telephone Mrs. Lois Collins at the Schoolcraft Community Services Office.

THE FIRST session of the retirement studies program will be an orientation to the program. After that, weekly sessions will be devoted to social security and medicare, financial planning for the retirement years, good health for the later years, the legal affairs of the older person, and opportunities for retirement living.

The program is sponsored by Schoolcraft College and the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

It is the first effort by the college in meeting the special needs of senior citizens. The needs were identified through a study sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation and directed by Ronald Griffith, Schoolcraft's director of community services. The program leaders are Mrs. Betty Andrews and Dr. Woodrow Hunter of the Institute of Gerontology.

RESOURCE persons for the program include Joseph May of the Social Security Administration, Rev. Dr. Sam Lucy, Bishop of the Visiting Nurses' Assn., and John Dufour, director of the Livonia Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

Persons wishing a brochure which provides specific program information for each week may request a copy from the Schoolcraft Community Services office.

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