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Schulman takes helm as new school chief

By RON GARBINSKI

Six months and 147 applications later, Lewis Schulman has emerged the winner. He was selected by the Farmington Board of Education Saturday as the district's new superintendent, following a lengthy selection process by the school board.

Schulman will succeed Marcus Van Arneyde, who will retire in July after serving four years as the district's head administrator.

Prior to his selection, Schulman coordinated programs for the past four years at the secondary level as assistant superintendent for the district.

In his new role as district head, Schulman doesn't intend to be tied down to his desk.

His philosophy as an administrator of education is to become totally involved with the individual students, programs and staffs at each school within the district.

"I want to be a visible superintendent," the outspoken and extremely active Schulman says. "I intend to keep contact with the students and make these associations as relaxed, informal and comfortable as possible."

"THE COMMUNITY'S attitude about schools is based on what its children get out of their school experiences," the 56-year-old administrator continues. "This is an ongoing thing. The day-to-day relationships of the students with the school programs, teachers and other students determine what parents think."

"I want to build my superintendency around improving these relationships because I feel this is a vital part of the educational process," he says.

"As an administrator, I miss the contacts with students and staff I once had when I was in the schools because I really enjoyed these times."

"In my new role, my style will be not as a ceremonial head, but one that is involved with the educational process, both in the schools and at my office."

Schulman, with whom most administrators feel comfortable, has been with the Farmington district since 1969 when he was named Harrison High School's first principal.

Three years later, he was elevated to the assistant superintendent's position.

"I came to Farmington impressed, I identified with the educational traditions of the district and the successful community support of its programs."

"That really made me want to become involved in the district," the West Bloomfield resident adds, reflecting upon his previous teaching experiences at Wayne State University and within the Detroit Public School system.

HIS TEACHING experiences in the Detroit system were "quite significant" in developing his appreciation of what is best for students.

He began his career as a social science teacher at Tappan Junior High School in Detroit back in 1964. Since then he has been principal at four high schools, assistant principal at two, served as an assistant professor at Wayne State for one year and has a varied background in administrative roles.



LEWIS SCHULMAN

my job as superintendent more meaningful," Schulman says.

Mr. Van Arneyde has set a tone of human treatment relationships of children, the community and teachers and I intend to continue that tone.

"Obviously, there will be some changes that I foresee in the future, especially of our financial problems continue to exist from the former World War II cryptanalytic officer continues."

But the community has to realize that the board of education is using the district's funds in the best ways possible.

"If the district wants the best then it is up to us to provide it for them even with the limited funds we have. We can't expound on anything when it comes to students," he says.

Since Schulman has come to the Farmington district, he has experienced cross after crisis, but he hopes the district can raise itself above these problems and further establish its credibility with the community.

WHILE SCHULMAN expresses his excitement about taking over the district's reins from Van Arneyde, district administrators also expressed excitement about their new boss.

He is the most capable person I have ever worked with," says John Summerlee, an administrative assistant at Harrison, who has worked with Schulman at Cooley High School in Detroit and Farmington.

"For maintaining continuity within the district, Schulman was a great choice," Summerlee says. "He is a driven man, who expects a lot from you. He's outspoken, reasonable, willing to have input and not easily swayed. But he is fair."

Clayton Graham, principal at Farmington High School, has enjoyed working with Schulman for the past several years and expressed delight in having the board's new superintendent from within the district.

"It makes me comfortable knowing the new superintendent already is familiar with our district. He already has a lot of ideas and is moving forward in that direction."

What amazes me about him is his loyalty to a former Farmington police officer. He has lived in Farmington since 1954.

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what is best," Graham explains.

He seems to demonstrate an attitude of having students in mind all the time and not just teachers or taxpayers. For him, it is always what's best for the students. He's a real square shooter."

AS SUPERINTENDENT, Schulman hopes to maintain an open and honest stature as administrator, always improving the district's credibility with the community.

While he sees some changes in the administrative offices, he also predicts changes taking place throughout the district.

"I want to provide a full set of experiences for everyone. My responsibility no longer is just for grades 7-12, but for the entire educational system here in Farmington," Schulman says.

"There is a lot of room for changes, but I want those changes to be meaningful for the whole district. I am curriculum minded and I expect the board of education will support many of my views."

"As a new superintendent, I will need their complete support because I can't work without them," Schulman concludes.

William Garden is leaving town. As manager and co-owner of the Stein Haus in Farmington, the 44-year-old feels that his business has been subject to police harassment.

"The police harass my help. My employees are panic-stricken," he said.

He recently purchased a cottage in northern Michigan and plans to move there in August.

"I'm just going to live off the land. I'm fed up with Farmington," said Garden, who is a former Farmington police officer.

He has lived in Farmington since 1954.



Making things nice

One local business brought the T-shirts to use as a uniform. Others have purchased the green and yellow shirts to wear while cutting grass or just roaming the streets. But no matter what your reason for buying the \$3 shirt, it's helping the Farmington Beautification Committee raise funds for its Shawassee-Grand River flower planting project. Erin McShane (left) and Betty Holm sport the Keep Farm-

ington Beautiful logoed shirts as they begin planting petunias in Farmington. The shirts are available at several local merchants, including Viking Sporting Goods, Executive Office Supply, Washington Clothier and Stenkop Nurseries. Other merchants willing to sell the T-shirts should contact Jackie Steyer of the beautification committee. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthé)

At Stein Haus

Bar owner raps cop harassment

By LOUISE ORLITSKY

The Stein Haus, 2801 Farmington Road received five violators in one week recently, he said. Three of the tickets were issued by the same officer.

"One of the officers brings a pair of binoculars with him."

"The night the Old Village Inn was held up, he was handing out tickets in the back of the parking lot."

"Any problem in that parking lot and the lot becomes the Stein Haus parking lot," he said.

"I think the city is building up to take away my license," he said.

"There are teams of police reports mentioning the Stein Haus and its parking lot. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission isn't too swift to close an establishment."

"The police have leaned on bars before according to Garden."

"I was told to lean on Frederick's Purple Plum when I was an officer," says Garden.

He believes the police are especially strict against anything that doesn't conform to their thinking.

Garden sees reentry as a problem that comes with the liquor business.

ALTHOUGH GARDEN intends to leave town, the Stein Haus will remain open under the proprietorship of Garden's brother-in-law.

Garden recalled a late night telephone call from his bartender, asking Garden to come over to the Stein Haus because the employee was afraid to leave by himself.

"The police were sitting outside."

"I asked him if he was doing anything wrong. He said he wasn't and I told him I wasn't coming over and that he should close up," said Garden.

A police officer for 17 1/2 years, Garden believes his establishment is receiving police attention because he is a former officer who has done well in business.

One of the tickets was given at 2:30 a.m., the time the state law dictates that bars must close.

One of Garden's employees was drinking a beer while closing the place.

"Our check said 2:25 a.m. but the officer says his was handed 2:30 a.m. One of my employees got the time on the phone as fast as he could. It was 2:31 a.m. That's how closely they watch this place," said Garden.

Another violation was issued because a customer was walking out the door with an open can of beer, said Garden.

He objects to Farmington Public Safety Director Daniel Byrnes' recent comment that police surveillance caused youthful crowds to move from a gathering spot near Green's Restaurant to the Stein Haus parking lot.

At the May 17 council meeting, Byrnes explained that the city's alcoholic consumption ordinance was used to prevent large gatherings of youths.

"I'm talking about persons under 25," said Byrnes.

Garden said that 80 percent of his customers are under 25.

"Sure, I have kids in my parking lot. My customers are young." If kids are drinking or smoking grass in their cars in the lot, it isn't my concern.

"I don't want rowdiness. I've introduced a 31 cover charge to keep out the riffraff."

He objects to the use of the city's alcohol consumption ordinance as a means of controlling youthful gatherings.

HE BELIEVES the practice is discriminatory.

Homeowners join fray on human rescue squad

By STEVE BARNABY Farmington editor

Yet another voice has been heard in the Farmington Hills human rescue service controversy.

The Council of Homeowners of Farmington Hills has endorsed the concept of a city-run human rescue service. In a presentation made before city council last week, the homeowner group criticized the privately run service presently used by the city.

"The present rescue system, in our judgment, has been found to be inadequate. The safety of our families and neighbors is of major concern," said Sheldon Slavin, an association member.

"Funds must be made available from within the existing budget to allow for a rescue service which will meet the needs of our community."

committee to study the human rescue service.

"The government of Farmington Hills should have complete control and responsibility for the Farmington human rescue service," said Slavin. "The Farmington human rescue service should be implemented by the present fire chief and organized within the structure of the department."

The city council recently hired John Van De Voort as the city's first full-time fire chief. Much of the animosity between volunteers and the city revolved around the hostile relationship between then Public Safety Director Ronald Holko and the volunteers.

Among the suggestions made by the association is to have two rescue teams; one team in the northern section of the city and one in the south.

The association said the private service is inadequate because it is based only in the southern section.

Slavin also told the council the association would like to see a two-half-time trained firemen on each squad. An additional on-duty fireman would serve as a backup driver for the two human rescue squads, according to the association plan.

The squads would work an eight-hour day, with trained volunteers providing service after 8 p.m.

"THE FIRE DEPARTMENT should have full responsibility for the transportation of patients to the hospital. The patient should be charged for transportation fee for the service," said Slavin.

Presently, city residents using the private rescue service have to pay transportation costs.

The cost of a city run rescue service could be worked into the upcoming budget, according to the association's study.

But council members were receptive to the association study. Councilman Robert McConnell said the association was jumping the gun.

"The association has passed judgment before all the facts are in," he said.

Slavin disagreed, saying a number of cases have been reported where the Farmington Hills Ambulance Company personnel have gotten lost on their way to and from calls.

He also noted that sometimes the fire department reaches the scene before the ambulance company.

Association officer Joe Alkateeb expressed bitterness over the reception the council gave to the report.

"We're not welcomed at city hall. Anytime we come to city council we get interrogated or attacked. All we're trying to do is to show our concern," he said.

Cost is the big question. The association believes the plan could be implemented for about \$80,000 a year, according to Alkateeb. Other sources show the cost could go as high as \$130,000.

Area golfers power OCC

Three local golfers helped Oakland Community College defeat Lansing Community College and Delta Community College in a tri-meet last Wednesday at Bay Valley Country Club in Bay City. OCC finished with 319 to Lansing's 230 and Delta's 365.

John VanVleet, a graduate of Farmington Harrison, was medalist with a three-over-par 75. Tom Bradley, also from Harrison, shot an 81. John Morgan, from Southfield High, finished with an 82.

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