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OCC officials settle Sun banning dispute

By ERIC PETERS

Oakland County College (OCC) officials have agreed to allow resumption of the Sun newspaper distribution on OCC campuses after that paper was allegedly banned.

Media coverage and public pressure have facilitated with speeding a settlement between Sun representatives and OCC officials. The Sun had been accused of harassing the Sun and removing it from its campuses.

A press conference July 13 revealed the final ban lifted in May when copies of the underground newspaper distributed free as part of a promotional drive were found discarded in trash canisters.

An article published in the Sun last summer of administration moved in what was termed a violation of First Amendment rights and was a violation of the paper.

AT A REGULAR meeting of OCC trustees that night, a protest was raised by OCC students and faculty. Sun distribution coordinator Vance Harrington said two Sun representatives at the meeting were asked to attend a 2:30 p.m. conference of the following day at OCC's Central Office.

Resolution of the impasse came at that meeting arranged by OCC President Joe Hill, according to sources from both sides of the controversy. Details for distribution were worked out the following week and reported back to the Sun.

Trustee David Hackett, present at the July 18 meeting, said the Sun was asked to put into writing their reason for disallowing the publication at no charge on OCC campuses.

The main concern I have as a representative of the county is that I want to be able to tell people when they ask why things are permitted," said Hackett. "I can't tell you why because of the First

Amendment. That's part of it, but it's not the only thing."

NEW GUIDELINES will permit the Sun to be displayed at a single location on each of the OCC campuses, according to Harrington. This was quite a drop from the 27 total locations where the paper had been made available prior to the controversy.

But Harrington said he was glad the paper would be allowed at the schools.

Hackett noted that over-saturation was one of the reasons for the Sun's initial removal. He pointed to one case where 500 copies of the paper were left for 100 students.

Some of the provisos reported that it was blowing around and causing a trash problem," he said. Hackett added that he had heard nothing to support the persecution theory. "I found the paper very interesting," he added. "Some of the articles were quite good."

Vote Tuesday County seats up for grabs

Three district seats will be up for bids in the Oakland County Commission race in the Farmington-Hills primary tomorrow.

In the 32nd District four Republicans and one Democrat will vie for a chance at getting on the November ballot.

Property tax reflects the basis of county wealth and as administered a regressive," says Jack. "Improvements increase assessments which often induces persons to move. This results in eventual loss in revenues and increases blighted conditions conducive to crime."

It is my intention to work closely with the residents of each community to continue help them to attain their goals with an overall consideration as to the progress of Oakland County," he says.

MOREY, 70, IS PRESIDENT OF MOREY'S GOLF and Country Club. He also is a pharmacist.

Founder of the Commerce Republican

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Farmington Hills City Councilman Robert McGovern will be competing against Sylvia Blaine of Walled Lake and John Jack of Milford and Ed Morey of Union Lake. They are vying for the seat left open by retiring Pat Nowak.

McGOWNELL, 47, IS A MANUFACTURER's representative and design engineer in the automotive industry. He has a masters degree in business administration from Wayne State University.

He has served as Farmington Hills mayor, a councilman, the Farmington Township supervisor and was chairman of the Hills charter commission.

Land use planning deserves the most attention because decisions made today will determine the environment in which we and our children will live in the future," says McGovern.

He believes that land use and zoning control must remain at the local level where citizen participation can be most effective."

JACK, 52, OF MILFORD is owner of the Commerce Electrical Contractors. He holds an associates degree from Henry Ford Community College and is a master electrician.

He has been a trustee of Commerce Township and was a delegate to the South-east Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Sentimental struggle results with warrant

By BON GABRENSKI

A 1967 Thunderbird with a lot of sentimental value for Robert Breeze of 500 Bloomfield has led to a criminal warrant being issued against Arthur Orloff, president of the Classic T-Bird Shop in Farmington.

Orloff and his company, located at 2841 Grand River, both have been charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Economic Crime Division.

In 1972, Breeze's wife picked out the T-Bird as a birthday present for him," says Robert McCall, chief of the division. "But since then, his wife has died of cancer and a lot of sentimental value still remains."

Classic T-Bird sold the old model car to Breeze for \$3,000, but failed to inform him that there was a lien of security trust on the vehicle.

After driving the car for several months, he returned to Orloff's to have the T-Bird repaired, McCall explains.

At that time, Maurice Janowitz, of Detroit, had the car repossessed.

"AS IN MOST fraud cases," McCall continues, "Breeze tried to work out the problem with the parties involved before coming to the prosecutor's office. That's one reason why the case is so old. But our office has found sufficient evidence to warrant criminal action against Orloff."

Orloff was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court last week on the fraud charge by 47th District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer.

He will be arraigned in Circuit Judge William Beer's chamber on August 17.

The fraud charge obtaining money under false pretenses, is a felony offense punishable by 10 years in prison or \$5,000.

Civil action in the incident still is pending and scheduled to resume this week in 47th District Court.

The great funeral debate

By YVONNE DEVLIN

If someone you know has died, going to their funeral is almost second nature in our society, but theologians still debate whether all the ritual is necessary. Even if the body is going to lay in state at a funeral home, the Rev. John Hooper

City man sets fire, kills self

Officials theorize that a 35-year-old man poured fuel oil around the inside of his Farmington home and then ignited the flammable liquid before shooting himself with a 22 caliber rifle Friday morning.

At approximately 8:45 a.m., Farmington Police Safety officers responded to a fire at the home of John Earnshaw, 2307 Pickett.

Upon entering the home to extinguish the blaze, officers found Earnshaw lying dead in the bathtub, untouched by the flames.

Sgt. Gunny Voyles suffered smoke inhalation while fighting the fire and was taken to Botsford General Hospital where he was treated for torn cartilage in his chest and released.

Director Daniel Brynes said it took about ten minutes to bring the fire under control.

Damage was confined to the house's library and adjoining living room and the second floor bedroom directly above. The rest of the home received extensive smoke damage.

Earnshaw's only living relative is a sister residing in Dallas.



Festival good times

(left) Weeks of preparation, hours of rehearsals and hundreds of volunteers set the stage for Holly Ann Schmidt to be crowned Miss Farmington 1976. See the story and pictures of the area's most glamorous spectacle during Founders Festival days in today's Farmington Life section. (BELOW) Bill Diehr, a Farmington Elk, tends to one of the ox roasts which his service group prepared for hungry festival goers last week. (Staff photos by Harry Maubou)



Theologians split over final rituals

of Trinity Episcopal Church in Farmington Hills encourages the family to spend as little time there as possible. By being at home the family is freer to be themselves without the hushed tones and whispers of a funeral home, says Hooper.

"The family should take one last look at the person they love and close the casket. I don't believe bodies should be on display. It's a barbaric drag," says Hooper.

"Families keep answering the same questions and persons don't need to see the body and be forced into social situations that are unnecessary," he says.

BUT ON THE other hand, the Rev. Chase Fox, of St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington, feels that rituals are important for grief-stricken survivors.

"We encourage members to have a church funeral. This is an opportunity for the survivors to have contact with those who care. I'd not want to see a funeral happen so quickly that the survivors can't receive sympathy," says Fox.

At St. John, psalms are sung at the service and following this, a dinner.

"There's something about sharing a meal where we can find warmth and closeness and anywhere else," says Fox.

The rituals, in the long run, are very useful in allowing the grief process to begin to happen, he says.

The grief process is impeded by the open casket and use of cosmetology, argues Hooper.

"Cosmetology and embalming are external expressions of our internal desire for the deceased to live. All the trappings and surroundings of the funeral are for the benefit of the living," says the Rev. Joseph Drogowski of St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

JUDAISM HAS always stressed that the body shouldn't be put on display for persons to gawk and stare at. This is desecration, according to Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom of Congregation Adat Shalom.

"The assimilation of Jews into the society is also decreasing the use of cosmetology and embalming. Funeral homes encourage this," says Rosenbloom.

"Flowers are a sign of life, love and hope, but they don't do the deceased any good," says Drogowski.

"I would personally like to see donations to favorite charities," says Drogowski. Hooper encourages families to put in the obituary a notice not to send flowers to the funeral home, because, he says, "It's a gross waste of money."

Though Jewish tradition prohibits flowers, Rosenbloom notices a growing trend of more persons sending flowers.

"For many years rabbis went along with the violations of Jewish law regarding death and burial, but the younger rabbis

are more militant and in the next 30 years there may be a reversal towards the tradition," he says.

THE ESCALATING expenses of a funeral are totally unnecessary, and Hooper claims that cremation makes sense.

"The body is no longer a vehicle of human life so it can be turned to ash. But if the family still prefers burial, I strongly encourage them to purchase the least expensive body container that the law allows," he said.

The traditional Jewish funeral have the simplest possible casket and prohibits dressing the deceased in anything but a plain white shroud so there will be no distinction between the rich and poor, Rosenbloom explained.

Cremation is prohibited by Jewish law. "Funerals may be necessary for some people, but not all," says Drogowski. "I personally have killed my body in science and will have no funeral."

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GLAD FACES

Founders' Festival activities lured people from all around to participate in its many enjoyments. To see how faces in the crowd reflect this year's fun, turn to today's photo essay by staff photographer Harry Maubou on page 1.

Thanksgiving

For many, the death of a loved one is never forgotten. While experiencing funerals has become second nature to much of the American society, theologians are still debating whether all the grief of the final ritual is necessary. (Staff photo by Tracy Baker)