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tires. birthday cakes and honey bees have in common?
They are just a few of the unusual terms that pass through the post of-fice, according to Farmington Post-master Ken Harris.
"I don't think too many college students are mailing their dirty laundry home as they used to, but just about everything goes via parcel post." he says.

says.
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niture in the mail."
Other regular items are live chicks and even entire personal libraries. A recent item which became a newsmaker was an egg mailed across the country.

"Of course, it had been carefully cushioned and packaged," says Harris.

Another was the mailing of house-hold goods from New York to Hawaii over the course of a year in individual packages. The total postage was less than \$3,000. Moving companies esti-

to \$8,000.

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THE MULTIPLE MAILINGS were accomplished with only the loss of a small socket and damage to a type-control with the social socket and damage to a type-control with the social social ways and the social ways are as the social ways are so proof to the social ways are so poorly wrapped they cannot be accepted. This is for the protection of the mailer. The says. "Of course, our window clerks will point out the deficiencies.



## A gem of a class

Donald Wallace shows a student the art of lapidary, or the cutting, pollshing and setting of semiprecious stones, during one of the adult education classes offered by Clarenceville School Distit. Another popular class, silversmithing, will also be offered beginning March 10. The lapidary class will begin March 9. Both classes meet in the Clarenceville Junior High art room, Middle Bet north of Seven Mile, from 7-10 pm. for 19 weeks. The courses are limited to 16 per class and cost \$18. Registration can be made for either class by sending a check or money order to the adult education director, Cla ville School District, 28830 Eight Mile, Farmington Hills, 48024 order to the adult education director. Clarence

# Schoolcraft College sets election June 13

By TIM RICHARD

It's definite. Schoolcraft College will

It's definite. Schoolcraft College will ask voters to approve a property tax increase in the regular June 13 school election. The two-year community college will seek approval of 0.8 mills (80 cents per \$1.000 of state equalized valuation). It is understood, however, that the actual increase will amount by 1980 to 1.33 mills because the new money will be used to operate new facilities to be financed by a \$10 million bond issue. Taxes for the bond issue interest payment and debt retirement, however, are not subject to a popular vote, though the bond issue and millinge request are inseparable.

THE BOARD VOTE was 5-1. Favoring the millage request were Chairman Paul Kadish, Vice-chairman Rosina Raymond, Treasurer Nancie Blatt, Trustees Gerald Cox and Mark McQuesten.

Opposed was Trustee Leroy Bennett, who wanted the board to sell the \$10 million bond issue price to the mil.

nett. who wanted the board to sell the sil of million bond issue prior to the millage vote to impress on the public the need of expansion of the campus. Missing from the vote were trustees Arch Vallier and Ron Cowden, Vallier and Ron Cowden, Vallier is in semfi-terment in Florids. Cowden was involved in his duties as a Livonia school principal, but has been supportive of the millage request in past discussions. McQuesten confessed to having "qualma" shout holding the election when classes aren't in session. The college's spring term concludes at the end of April.

THE ELECTION will be held at the same time as elections for three college trustee seats and for local board of education seats in Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth school districts.

Mrs. Raymbnd said, publicly what she has been hinting at for some time—that she will seek a new six-pear term on the Schoolcraft board. She said she will strongly support the milliage request in her platform.

Bennett confirmed officially what he. too. has been saying—that he will not run again. Vallier has been wavering, but lean-ing toward not running because his travels have caused him to miss so many meetings.

MRS. RAYMOND, of Livonia, is a part-time Wayne State University teacher and long-time political activist in the Democratic Party. She lines up with the board's liberal group on student-oriented issues. Bennett, of Plymouth, is a math department head in the Livonia School District. He has been a swing vote, usually hining up with the business-oriented members. Bennett has been the board's 'most outspoken-some years its only-champion of a fine arts center.

ter.
Vallier, of Pymouth, with a background in industrial engineering, has been the board's most business-minded and hard-liner in dealing with the familier union.

IN A RELATED action, the board designated its entire membership to serve on the millage campaign steer-ing committee.

ing committee.

Two members—Dr. Cox and Mrs. Blatt—volunteered to meet, with the college administration to discuss composition of the steering committee. This will be the college's second millage request in two years. A similar, though slightly smaller, proposal was defeated in the regular June election last year under significant circumstances: K12 school districts which had money proposals on the ballot alregeted Schoolcraft's requests: K12 districts with no local money proposals on the ballot favored the Schoolcraft proposal.

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Those political circumstances ied the board to consider a special election—until it found a special election—until it found a special election would cost \$50,000 to 850,000 and, might generate much ill-will among local district. The college currently has 1.77 voted mills but levies 2.13 mills because debt retirement taxes aren't subject to a popular vote.



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