

# School trustee wants unity

By PHIL JEROME

Betty Campion opted not to seek a third term as president of the Walled Lake Board of Education because of her concern over board unity.

"I don't want to be president of the board if it's going to be counterproductive to board unity," she said after a recent board meeting.

"The board has got to start working together if we're to have any hope of resolving the problems which will confront us in the years ahead."

"There are things I have to say that I feel have to be said," she said.

"I just felt that I could be of more service to the Walled Lake School District by sitting at the table where I can say things."

When the board elected officers for 1980-81 in July, her name was not submitted among the nominations for president. Stephen Lasher was elected by the other board members.

The board has been plagued in recent years by dissension among trustees.

And Mrs. Campion knows her position as president made her a target for some of the criticism, although she rejects the charge that she is "pro-administration."

"I'm pro-administration, but I'm also pro-teacher, pro-bus driver and pro-anyone or anyone who is interested in providing the best possible education for the students of the Walled Lake School District."

Still, she said her decision not to seek the board presidency was based in part on the perception that she has been cast in a role which may be counterproductive to the goal of board unity.

"I'M DEEPLY concerned about what is happening to education in the district. There are very serious problems relating primarily to finances at the present time and those problems are going to accelerate in the future."

"Unless we get to work to resolve those problems, I'm fearful that the students in the schools are going to be deprived of the type of education they need to be prepared for what's happening in our country in the 1980s and 1990s."

Campion, an Orchard Lake resident, was first elected to the board in 1971 and re-elected to four-year terms in 1975 and 1979.

In addition to her work in the Walled

# Fire chief

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Lake District, she has distinguished herself on the state and county levels as a member of the Oakland County School Board, the State Legislative Committee for the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Federal Legislative Committee for the MASH and numerous other committees.

Campion's dedication to education has been recognized by her fellow trustees who elected her president of the Walled Lake board for five of the nine years she has served the district.

ONE BY-PRODUCT of a unified board, she said, might be increased willingness on the part of voters to approve millage requests for education.

In the past, the board was unable to reach consensus on the need for millage. That's been credited as one reason why voters rejected the millage bids.

Mrs. Campion maintains that more revenues are a necessity if the Walled Lake schools are going to properly prepare students for careers of the future.

"Technology of our society is increasing at an astounding rate. Regardless of what profession you look at, there's an increasing reliance on computers and technology," she said.

"If we're going to equip our student to get jobs in the years ahead, we're going to have to provide them with a basic education in computer science."

Mrs. Campion said there were approximately 100 mini-computers in Oakland schools last year. Now there are at least 300 with many more on order.

She's also concerned about the district having just one accounting computer class at Walled Lake Central High School for both Central and Western students.

"We need more of that equipment. We shouldn't have one computer class for two high schools."

"BUT RIGHT now we're struggling to purchase pencils and paper for our students."



**Lone runner**

A Farmington High School runner puts in the miles on a practice run. (Photo by Dwight Cendrowski)

# Registration open for fall day classes

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- **Dance/aerobic** — Tuesday, 9:30-10:30. Gym. Cost is \$12. No experience is necessary to join this class and have fun while exercising. Move to music to tone your muscles — especially abdomens, hips and thighs. Come with shoes with rubber soles.
- **Musical Comedy Dance** — Monday, 10:30-12:30. Gym. Cost is \$14. This workshop is for those beginners interested in musical comedy dance as a hobby and/or a profession. In addition to learning dances, students will learn how to present themselves. Discussion of auditions and history of musicals included. Wear loose comfortable clothing or leotard and soft soled shoes at first class. Six weeks.
- **Slimnastics** — Thursday, 10-11:30. Gym. Cost is \$15. Become healthier, revitalized and more energetic while toning up tired muscles. Become a slimmer, shapelier you while enjoying exercising and fitness activities with a group.
- **Slimming through Jazz** — Wednesday, 10-11. Gym. Cost is \$12. Have fun. Jazz dance to tone and strengthen muscles. By the end of the course you will know a complete jazz dance routine. Knowledge of jazz dancing not required. Suggested clothing: leotard and tights. Students should plan to dance in bare feet.
- **Tap Dance-Adults** — Wednesday, 11-12. Gym. Cost is \$12. You may never become another Ann Miller or Ginger Rogers but you can have a great time learning to tap dance. This beginning tap class will include learning a complete musical comedy routine.
- **Yoga** — Thursday, 10-12. Room 4. Cost is \$16. Build a healthier life through improved posture, breathing and relaxation. Bring a mat or rug and wear loose clothing or leotard. Anyone with a history of back complaints should consult their doctor. Eight weeks.
- **Counted Thread** — Thursday, 1-3. Room 9. Cost is \$12. Learn this popular needlework craft and make an attractive Early American sampler. Teacher will furnish kits (approx. \$14). Bring scissors and 5-inch embroidery hoop to first class. See finished sampler in office. Class starts Oct. 2 and meets six weeks. Limit 15.
- **Crewel Embroidery** — Tuesday 10-12. Room 8. Cost is \$14. Do you have an unfinished crewel embroidery project or a new project you would like to tackle? Bring your project. Our instructor will teach stitches, clarify directions, and show you more effective ways to accomplish your objective. Six weeks. Limit 12.
- **Knitting**, all levels — Tuesday, 1-3. Room 9. Cost is \$16. All phases of knitting from beginning to advanced. Topics may include measuring, blocking, recycling yarn, and putting garments together. Beginners bring No. 7 or No. 8 needles and skein of 4-ply yarn. Others bring current project or supplies as above. Class begins Sept. 30 and meets eight weeks. Limit 12.
- **Pattern Drafting** — Tuesday, 9:30-12:30. Room 9. Cost is \$20. This class will teach the experienced home dressmaker those additional skills necessary to draft a perfectly fitting basic pattern (block), and how to use that basic block to draft a pattern for any garment they may wish to design or copy from another garment or from a photograph in a high fashion magazine. Bring a roll of white self paper, ruler, scissors, pencil, notebook. Eight weeks. Limit 15.
- **Sewing** — Friday, 9-2 9:30-12. Room 9. Cost is \$20. This course is designed to teach both beginners and those with more experience how to sew garments with a professional look. Short cut sewing techniques will be taught in the construction of garments of the student's choice. Demonstrations and individual help given. Limit 12.

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