

Health professionals learn about politics

U.S. Rep. William Brodhead (D-Detroit) will be the speaker at "Political Power for Nurses," taking place at Mercy College of Detroit on April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

The program will help nurses and other health care professionals learn about the political process and the strategies needed to change. Future trends in health care delivery will also be discussed.

Brodhead will discuss the effects of federal and state health care legislation, including the impact of President Ronald Reagan's budget cuts and block grants proposal on health care, both now and in the future.

Brodhead is a member of the House Ways and Means committee. Other

speakers will be Susan Schaffer, RN, M.S., an assistant professor of nursing at Wayne State University, and Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D., associate vice president for academic and student affairs at Mercy College.

Schaffer, who is currently chairperson of the committee on legislation for the Detroit district of the Michigan Nurse Association, will discuss the effects of interest groups in the health care system, and will contrast the differing lobbying methods of the American Medical Association and the American Nurse Association.

She also will discuss the ANA's role in nursing legislation at the federal and state levels.

Johnson, a former associate profes-

sor of political science at Mercy, will analyze the effects of politics on the health care delivery system in the United States. He will discuss the process by which a bill becomes law and will point out where in the legislative process constituents and groups can be most influential.

Each presentation will be followed by a discussion and question-answer period.

Griffin promoted

Mark Jung, president of Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co., the Caterpillar dealer in Novi, has announced the appointment of John R. Griffin of Farmington Hills to the position of vice president of marketing.

Griffin's prior experience includes five years at Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill., working in General Offices and United States Commercial Division and eight years with Michigan Tractor as marketing manager and Detroit area salesman.

He holds a M.S. degree in marketing from the University of Illinois, belongs to the Michigan Road Builders Association and Association of Underground Contractors, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Farmington area YMCA.



John Griffin

Consulting division formed by Hopper

Hopper Associates, Inc. has established a new documentation consulting division in its main office in Farmington Hills.

The new division, headed by Kathleen Soule, provides consulting services in writing, producing, managing and budgeting documentation. The divi-

sion also offers in-house writing seminars.

Hopper Associates, Inc. is a management information systems consulting firm specializing in custom-coded and packaged systems products and services.

How it feels to be legally intoxicated

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"You walk into any bar, any time and find a dozen people in worse shape than any of these guys or both of these guys combined," Seifert said.

"And you know you watch them walk out the door, get in the car and drive out onto Grand River or Farmington Road and put it in 'D' for do it!" It's a sobering thought, I can easily remember celebrating a softball victory at bars where ball players each buy a round of beer. I've driven home feeling less in control than I did at the controlled drinking experiment where I was declared legally drunk.

Richardson said the experiment "really opened my eyes" about how persons can be well over the legal limit of intoxication and think they're fine.

"This is the thing that kind of concerns me," Richardson said at the meeting. "I know where I am right now, I think. And I have been in worse shape than this. I have walked out of

the Village Inn, got in my car and driving on home — sure I only live two blocks from the Village Inn — and made it home. I guess I've been luckier than hell that it's not happened to me (an arrest)."

MOST MEN in attendance agreed they probably have driven home as drunk as Richardson or me at least once, and probably many times more. Remember, these are civic leaders of Farmington talking, not the resident rummies.

If stopped for a minor traffic infraction — such as driving with headlights for a short distance — Seifert admitted there is a chance neither Richardson nor I would be taken to the police station for a Breathalyzer test if we were as drunk on the road as we were in the church basement.

If our breath didn't reek of alcohol and we appeared steady and coherent to the patrol officer, we might be allowed to continue home with or without

a traffic ticket.

But if the officer noticed our breath, saw signs of unsteadiness or heard slurred speech he might ask us to get out of the car and take another kind of test.

The police chief demonstrated with one of his volunteers.

He asked me to stand up, tilt my head back, close my eyes, hold my arms straight out and touch my nose with the index finger of my left hand. No problem. I wasn't weaving. My arms were steady and I made direct contact with the index finger to my nose. I was trying hard to prove I could

do it and felt it showed I was still in control.

The only problem was I touched my nose with the index finger on my right hand, not the left.

Doesn't sound like a big thing until you start to wonder what I would have done if I was supposed to turn right instead of left in a split-second situation.

I might have slammed into the side of a car traveling alongside mine, maybe even killing an infant riding in the back seat. I might have been convicted of a felony, face up to 15 years in jail and the loss of my license.

Kind of takes all the fun out of drink-

Station is small, but spirits remain high

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