

FOUR-YEAR TERM 12 seek 4 OCC trustee seats

Richard N. Corey

Age 48, of 31158 Perry's Crossing, Farmington Hills. President and owner for 15 years of a three-store retail chain. Executive director, Golden Dental Plan, BA and LL degrees, Wayne State University. Real estate management and appraisal, University of Detroit. Air Force Officers School, Director of Kentmore Subdivision. Precinct delegate many years.

1. "I have been a long-time supporter of the community college concept. I campaigned for establishment of the community colleges and the passing of millage. As a businessman, I have had an opportunity to hire many community college students as well as graduates and found them to be very proficient in training and education. What turned me on to running is that I strongly believe in the concept and feel that, as a businessman, I could add needed experience in management to the board."

2. "I believe that the present board is being run as a 'closed corporation'. In these economically depressed times, with mass unemployment, we must re-educate the unemployed for new positions, and we must gear up the colleges for this task in order to get people back to work, off the welfare rolls and 'feeling good about themselves'."

Helen B. Cost

Age 64, Dakechire Highway, Royal Oak. Resident 14 years. BA in chemistry, Lake Erie College; PhD in biochemistry, University of Minnesota; 120 credits in educational administration, Wayne State University. Has been member of Royal Oak League of Women Voters, president of Royal Oak Association for Academically Talented. Quality assurance supervisor in logistics engineering at General Dynamics Land Systems Division.

1. "Since, due to world events, the industrial base of Michigan may be truly changing, it is important, in addition to current programs, to develop or modify programs and approaches that will support newly emerging high-technology industries, which may be the future of the state of Michigan."

Trustees are responsible for determining policy and must continually consider, in addition to finances; a) the skills required of citizens for those career areas that will survive or develop in the state, and b) the traditional career program opportunities that the well-rounded community college must offer its students.

2. "I feel that I can contribute my experience and expertise to setting program policy at OCC, as an educator, having been very active in the development of scientific and technical programs; as an engineer in both the automotive and now the defense industry; and as a person who is deeply and personally committed to the education process."

Helen V. Komer

Housewife, presently a student at OCC, going for an associate degree in computer science. Attended Eastern Michigan University 1½ years after high school. Two consecutive terms as president of Woodstream Farms Homeowners Association. Coached and managed girls softball three years. Neighborhood worker for American Cancer Society and Mothers March of Dimes. Works out of home selling custom window treatments.

1. "I became aware of the OCC board position when I read an article in the

Observer & Eccentric. Since becoming a student at OCC, I am very impressed by the service they provide and the fact that OCC can move so quickly to fill the educational void created by the new technology. A four-year university is a goal to educate and be available to students, not to publish as is predominant in universities."

2. "I am anxious and enthusiastic to become a part of this growth. I am a careful and thorough thinker, and the fact that I am not a trained administrator will help me to bring a fresh viewpoint to the position. Also, being a parent makes me more knowledgeable about the realities of the board decisions."

Edward H. Pappas

Age 34, of 29022 Chickadee Bend Drive, Farmington Hills. Attorney practicing in Oakland County with the law firm of Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman. Bachelor of business administration, University of Michigan. Juris doctor, U-M Law School. Member, Michigan, Oakland County and American Bar Associations. Co-chairperson, national model court competition committee, State Bar, 1974-76. Trustee, Oakland-Livingston Legal Aid Society.

1. "I have a strong commitment to community colleges because I have personally observed their importance and their importance to my father having been president of Mott Community College. I believe that OCC's successful vocational-technical and continuing education programs, as well as its excellent liberal arts programs designed to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges, are more important than ever today because of changes in the economic base, cutbacks in governmental funding and increasing need of attending four-year colleges."

2. "My understanding of community college goals will be useful in evaluating policy matters for OCC. My business and legal background will be useful in evaluating the college's business affairs, including the budget. Both, I believe, will help to insure the continuing success of the college."

Barbara Jane Willing

Age listed, of 500 Park, Royal Oak. Past OCC trustee. Charter member, board of WE Restaurant. Girl Scout leader. Past hospital volunteer. Presently self-employed, providing a secretarial service to law offices, insurance companies, medical clinics, bookkeeping, etc. Attended OCC, Pontiac Business Institute, Wayne State University seminars, University of Michigan seminars.

1. "As an OCC student, I became involved in student government in 1972. In 1973 I ran for election and sat on the board for four years. As a student and as a trustee, the good experiences overwhelmed me into taking part in the institution. I constantly sell OCC to my prospective clients, my friends. With all the budget changes occurring at state and local levels, I cannot sit back and take a spectator view. I must be involved to make sure that (there are) only good things at our school."

2. "Four years of perfect attendance during my term as trustee; my love for the school. I hope to offer suggestions on creative financing, since OCC is far from self-sufficient in the form of monitoring cost effectiveness; encouraging community awareness, closing the gap of communication between the administration and the board, and the board and the community. I would also like to encourage a greater involvement of the community and industry in OCC's philosophy."

Once a sleepy and ignored unit of government, Oakland Community College is drawing more attention from the public and candidates in recent years.

A dozen candidates are seeking four terms on the seven-member board of trustees in the June 14 election.

Two will be elected for six-year terms, one to fill a four-year vacancy and one to fill a two-year vacancy. OCC trustees are elected in even-numbered years at the same time as trustees to K-12 school boards.

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers asked the candidates to provide "a brief biography, your age, occupation and company, degree and college, previous civic experience (e.g., PTO, Rotary), and previous governmental/political experience."

They were also asked:

1. "Why, of all the governmental offices open, did you choose to run for trustee of OCC? In other words, what 'turned you on' to OCC?"

2. "What particular skill, attitude or idea do you have to offer the OCC board?"

They were asked to hold their total answers to 200 words. Some exceeded the limit, and their answers were edited to present their views as accurately and fairly as possible.

OCC OPERATES four campuses — a Southeast Campus system in Royal Oak and Southfield; Or-

chard Ridge, in Farmington Hills; Auburn Hills, east of Pontiac; and Highland Lakes, at Union Lake.

The two-year college offers "transfer" programs (the first two years of the traditional four-year BA and BS programs), vocational-technical programs and a variety of leisure and enrichment programs. The board meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., as well as in special meetings, in the college's administrative center in Bloomfield Hills.

The board hires and evaluates the president, adopts the budget, sets college policies and approves contracts.

Candidates must be qualified voters (at least 18 years of age, U.S. citizens and registered to vote).

SIX-YEAR TERM

Antonia Sanchez-Murphy

Age 35, of 261 Draper, Pontiac. School psychology, junior and senior high levels, Pontiac School District. Frequent speaker at state educational conferences and local parent groups. Active in Latino groups in Pontiac and Oakland County. Also worked as bilingual counselor at Pontiac Northern High School.

1. "Born in Spain but raised in Detroit and educated at Wayne State University, I am a feminist and professional educator committed to the fundamental value of higher education and the importance of educational availability and adaptability to the local community. A resident of Pontiac, I have been active in the Pioneer Highland Civic Association, of which I am secretary for the second year."

2. A chance to serve as a trustee at so important an institution as OCC is significant because it will give me the opportunity to sensitize OCC to the needs of today's community college population: high school graduates, minority students, working parents, adults returning to college in addition to the high school dropouts and the so-called 'losers' of our society. For these people as for all Americans, higher education is an important means of self-understanding and development, career improvement and continued individual freedom."

Adam S. Karibian

Age 45, of 133 Puritan, Birmingham. Practicing architect and function as principal in the firm Adam S. Karibian & Associates, P.C. Bachelor of architecture and master of architecture degrees from University of Michigan. No previous governmental-political experience.

1. "The editorial that appeared in your paper was the first to start my interest. As a resident and taxpayer of Oakland County, I would like to be more closely involved with the academic, fiscal and expansion policies of the college."

2. "I can offer planning and teaching experience plus the ability to evaluate, without prejudice, both sides of an issue."

Suzanne K. Reynolds

Age 41, of 4253 Somerville, West Bloomfield. Two part-time positions: community school director, Green Elementary School, Pontiac; 21-year resident of Oakland County. PhD and EdS in educational administration from Michigan State University; MA in administration and supervision from University of Michigan. AB from Western Michigan University, associate degree from Flint Community College, 31 years in education. Teacher — elementary through graduate-level classes. Administrator — elementary principal, assistant director of career education, curriculum/staff development model, school district superintendent, director of cur-

riculum, teacher training program director.

1. "The community college can have the greatest impact on the educational achievements of residents: a) Because educational costs for college are climbing rapidly and the economy is depressed, more young people will find it necessary to live at home while receiving their college education. b) The job opportunities of the '80s and '90s will be directed at those who possess technical skills but will not necessarily call for a four-year college degree."

2. "I would emphasize that OCC is a community college and should continue to find new and better ways to serve the 'life-long' educational needs of residents."

Earl M. Anderson

Age 68, of 30150 Palmer, Madison Heights. Two years at University of Indiana. Resident of Oakland County 32 years. Member, vice president, Lamphreys School District PTA, 1958-61. Volunteer Torch, 1956-62. Elected member Madison Heights Charter Commission, 1954. Extensive experience in employee relations field. Member of citizens committee formed to establish Oakland Community College. Member of OCC Board of Trustees since 1964, re-elected three times. Chairman, board of trustees since 1980.

1. No answer.

2. "Has fought successfully for the establishment of vocational-technical and job retraining programs at OCC. Instrumental in founding the Oakland Police Academy and affiliating it with OCC. College's volunteer liaison to the Michigan State Legislature. Has played a major role in maintaining low tuition rates."

William J. Condon

Age 52, of 8835 1 Kingfisher Lane, Clarkston. Principal, Will Rogers Elementary School, Pontiac. 21-year resident of Oakland County. PhD and EdS in educational administration from Michigan State University; MA in administration and supervision from University of Michigan. AB from Western Michigan University, associate degree from Flint Community College, 31 years in education. Teacher — elementary through graduate-level classes. Administrator — elementary principal, assistant director of career education, curriculum/staff development model, school district superintendent, director of cur-

Terms of office

Normal terms of office for the OCC Board of Trustees are six years. The two-year vacancy was created by the resignation in 1980 of Lila Johnson. Gordon Henderson, who was appointed by the board to replace her, declined to seek reelection.

The four-year vacancy was created by the resignation of Richard Pappas of Troy.

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Candidates for the two- and four-year posts squared off last week at two campaign forums.

To hear more about them and their stands on the issues facing the college, turn to Page 5A.



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TWO-YEAR TERM

Elizabeth M. Hawthorne

Age 38, of 4573 Broughton, Birmingham. Doctoral candidate, Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of Michigan Higher Education Administration. Educational consultant. BS in education, child study, Tufts University; M.Ed., educational psychology, Temple University; M.A., political science, U-M. Campaign worker in several local, state and national campaigns in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan; precinct delegate, 1980-82. Advocacy activities on behalf of young children. Member, day care center board, Fairfax, Va.

1. "Higher education is undergoing reevaluation by government, the private sector, the general public and the higher education community itself. I believe that important decisions for higher education will be made in the next several years. OCC is a quality institution with the potential for leadership in the community college sector."

2. "I am able to contribute a commitment to excellence, academic and employment experience in higher education, and ideas for continuing to promote positive, and functional interaction between OCC and the community it serves."

William R. Sinischo

Age 51, of 35 Norwich, Pleasant Ridge. Senior account executive for North American Steel Corp., Melvindale. Attended Concordia College, Milwaukee; B.A. degree from Valparaiso University, 1952. Secretary to the Southwest Dearborn Heights Civic Association that helped implement the city charter.

1. "OCC should reflect the education requirements of the community but nevertheless maintain the opportunity to participate in an inexpensive curriculum that includes both collateral and classical studies."

"The current character of the board is imbalanced; it is overpowered with members who are only concerned with academia and consequently fail to bring a broader, realistic view to its activities."

2. "A broad education background, coupled with over 30 years of business experience, make me particularly qualified to define goals and approaches, evaluate programs and suggest their implementation. I am particularly interested in developing close ties between the college and business communities toward establishing mutually advantageous relationships."