## Hawthorne quits OCC board post

Former trustees who miss those monthly oakland Community College meetings are being offered a chance to get back in the action.

If the vacancy created by Elizabeth Hawthorne's resignation last needs, the board will look to former mode to the board will look to former may respect to the will head a committee to may respect to the will head a committee to may remained trustee Sandra Ritter, who will head a committee to may remained attorner colleagues will want to meet with us once a month for the next seven months," she added with a smile. Required to live in Oakland County while serving on the OCC board of trustees, Hawthorne was a Birmingham resident when elected in 1982. But the Washleana Community College administrator commuted to the Ann Arbor area, where she is also a doctoral student in higher education and deciral student in higher education and dischange in the recent marriage to U-M profes-

sor Lawrence Mohr spurred a move to a "neat" house in the campus community. And her reluctant resignation from the OCC board.

"I loved being on the board. That's the only part about leaving that I really repret," said Hawhorne, who was eagerly looking forward to running for re-efection neat year.

This is a high quality board, and I wish more residents would pay attention to it. So many incredible things happen at this college that people one to be thrilled they're paying tax-

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with the decision to move. "If this had been a paying job I could kind of have justified it, but this is a good move in every other way."

Hawthorne's resignation came as a surprise addition to the board agenda. Wishing the trustee well, chairman Suzanne K. Reynolds said she will be missed. "You haven't been here very long, but you carried a big sick and did your homework. We appreciate that," the West Bloomfield resident said.

Board members stressed that the upcoming appointment should be made neatly and fast. Ritter set a Wednesday deadline for nominations and plans to brings back a recommendation at the Series of the ser

one who had already been elected to the position.

"It takes away concern over giving someone an advantage," said trustee Ed Pappas of Farmington Hills. Ritter, who also intends to run in 1984, originally asked that the appoint-ce also be someone not interested in re-election.

Elizabeth Hawthorne



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### SEMTA ready to slash train service

Commuters who ride trains between Pontiac and Detroit may be looking for other transportation soon. It may not be easy to come by though.
Facing a \$15 million deficit, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) officials plan to meet Sept. 13 — if not sooner — to trim their budget.
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Also being considered are drastic reductions in SEMTA staff and the number of buses serving Oakland, Macomb and western Wayne.

"it's still up for discussion, but no matter what services we run we're going to lose money," SEMTA public affairs director Marvin Meltzer told Oakland County commissioners Thurs-day.

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"It's just a matter of seeing which subsidized services to cut."

SEMTA, which cut back 20 percent in March 1982, is expected to trim further by Oct. 1. Meltrer blamed the deficit on reduced federal operating assistance, which was \$42,000 in 1981 and is \$25 million this year. SEMTA also receives \$46 million from the state.

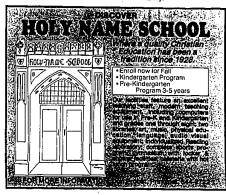
fares, which Moltrer said are the highest in the country at \$1 for two zones
and \$2 cents for each additional zone.
"We think fare increases would be
counterproductive," he said, adding
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"I'd only be in agreement if these people not be candidates for the board. Not because I'm running, but if that's not a stipulation, then we must open it up to anyone," added the Waterford resident, who later retracted her request after other board members opposed the suggestion.
"Last time we did this there was discussion about someone being appointed and running for election and starting off better than the other candidates."
Reynolds asked that the person be on board by the October meeting, "We can't let it go because the governor might step in and appoint someone, I'd rather the board make that decision," she said firmly.







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