

Non-campaigner wins OCC seat

By Kathy Parrish
Staff writer

No one is more surprised than Doug, who is Wakefield that he's now an Oakland Community College trustee.

"You're kidding," said the Southfield resident, who without even campaigning took second place to incumbent Sandra L. Ritter in the race.

"It's unbelievable. I'm in shock."

A Waterford resident, Ritter held onto her OCC seat with 14,098 votes. Also competing for the two six-year terms were Wakefield, 8,218 votes; Willard C. Kendall of Avon Township, 7,510 votes; Donna Kistofsky of Bloomfield Hills, 7,337 votes; and Vern Tessier of Avon Township, 5,530 votes.

WAKEFIELD, 49, WAS talked into running by his OCC freshman son,

Voters also return Ritter to college board

Steve, Wakefield admittedly waged a "passive" campaign.

"If I got it, fine. If I don't, fine," the school librarian told a reporter when asked about getting his picture taken for a pre-election story.

"I'm kind of a low-key person," Wakefield said after the results were in. "I think I do a good job behind the scenes, but I'm not out there in front a lot."

A librarian at Kennedy High School in Taylor, the new trustee has been a teacher. He went for the trusteeship because he wants to see the administrative side of things.

And he's excited about getting that experience at OCC, which he believes is doing a "fine job administratively."

"It's done a very good job with substantially smaller administration than many other community colleges."

"I'm not against people when they're needed. But I don't believe schools should be too heavy in administration."

Wakefield, a graduate of Eastern and Western Michigan universities, is committed to community colleges which reflect the ethnic, cultural and racial make-up of the areas they serve.

He also would like to see it serve all ages at as low a cost as possible.

Fund drive to help kids

"We're seeking an area where people are experiencing career changes. I feel the opportunity exists in the area of heads and brains people for these changes."

INCORPORATED INTO A SHIRTS Hospital, the annual drive will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16, at the Waterford Shrine Hospital. The Waterford Shrine Hospital is located at 18000 E. 18th Ave. in Detroit. It is a 100-bed hospital for the treatment of children with physical and mental disabilities.

Ritter is also a director of the Association of Community College Trustees and a trustee director of the Michigan Community College Association.

Shirley, from Detroit, Western Michigan, will be the guest of honor. She has been a volunteer on Friday and Saturday, collecting donations for a hospital fund drive.

During this annual event, Shriners distribute newspapers and collect money for the Shriners Hospitals for the Crippled Children.

Since the first Shrine Hospital opened in 1922, over 281,000 children have been treated at the hospital.

The Shriners maintain a 24-hour phone number (313-7600) to accept information on needy children who may qualify for care at a Shrine Hospital.

Voters' choice issues 'red alert'

Issuing a "red alert," the anti-tax group calling itself Voters Choice '84 is asking for 100,000 more petition signatures by July 9 to put its proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"I believe it will be on the ballot and pass," said Richard Headlee, one of five spokespersons for the multi-partisan group. Headlee of Farmington Hills is president of Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co. and was the 1982 Republican candidate for governor.

Gwen Dempsey-Daigle, vice president of North American Real Estate in Waterford, said in a news conference the group needs 304,000 valid signatures and has an estimated 268,000 valid ones.

It is seeking more than the required minimum because of the chances 20 percent will be discarded as invalid.

IF APPROVED by voters, the Voters Choice initiative would amend the state constitution to:

- Require all increases in tax rates or taxes to be approved by voters.
- Roll back last year's income tax increase to the previous 4.6 percent effective 90 days after the election. The provision also would apply to gasoline and cigarette tax increases approved by the Michigan Legislature since the end of 1981.

• Require a four-fifths vote by local legislative bodies to increase any fee, license or permit. (Thus, a building permit fee increase would require votes of six members of a seven-person city council; a tuition increase would require six votes of a seven-person community college board and seven votes on an eight-member board of a four-year college.)

• Limit the Detroit non-resident income tax to 0.5 percent. (Detroit voters in 1982 raised the rate to 1.5 percent, half the 3 percent resident rate.)

HEADLEE, WHOSE recorded voice narrates a 15-minute slide show, said the proposal would "reduce state tax revenues by approximately \$946 million and reduce local income taxes by about \$40 million in Detroit and Highland Park."

He added, "State spending was \$2.3 billion in 1985-87. We indexed that figure to population and inflation growth. Spending in 1983-84 should be \$7 billion."

"Actual spending was \$12.16 billion — \$5 billion higher than normal growth allowing for population and inflation increases."

The group argues that legislators are too susceptible to pressures from special interests which seek more state spending to curb the budget and taxes.

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