



Karapetian SCC vice president

"David Karapetian has been named vice president human resources for Siburban Communications Corp., a Livenia-based publishing company with non-daily newspapers distribution of the communication of t

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"He succeeds Margaret C. Halava who retires in June after 21 years with the company.

Richard Aginian, SCC president, said, "I am excited that we were able to locate an individual of the quality and calibler of David Karapetion.

"He is experienced in training, uniquinestration, benefits analysis administration, benefits analysis administration and the hiring, counseling' of employees and general personnel functions."

*Karapetian had been with GTE Valentie Corp., Troy, for 11 years, the was director of human resources. He, is a member of the American Anagement Association, American Speity of Personnel Administrators and State Bar of Michigan.

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GRADUATED FROM the Wayne State University Law School and Harvard University. Karapetlas streed as an assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney from 1973 to 1976, where he was a felony trial lawyer. Prior to that he was inhouse chunsel for Patrick Petroleum Co., Jackson.

Karapetian and his wife, Jan, live West Bloomfield. The couple has ur children.

Suburban Communications Corp.
Is the parent of six subsidiaries: Obsirver & Eccentric Newspapers,
Iyonia; Sijegr/Livingston Newspapers, Howell; Lansing Community
Newspapers, Grand Ledge; The
Farmers Advance, Camden; Cincla-

(AP) — A war of words erupted in the Michigan Legislature over legis-lation to fight discrimination against Roman Catholics in Northern Tre-land

Supporters of the bill said they're tring to do what they can for Norther Ureland's Catholics, whose unemployment rate is 2% times higher that that of majority Protestants.

The bill, which passed the House 97% last May, requires the state to use the voling strength of its 415 bil-lied pension fund to urge American companies with operations in North-era Ireland to live up to a set of anti-discrimination guidelines called the M4cBride Principles.

ENGLER, WHO heads the Republican majority in the Senate, opposes the legislation. He sought to keep it bottled up in the Senate Judiciary Committee chaired by Nichols, R-Waterford.

The two senators were targets of a half-page newspaper advertisment in a Pontiac newspaper which questioned whether the senators were "anti-frish...anti-Catholic...or sichply anti-human rights?"

Engler is Catholic, Nichols is Protestant.

Photographs of Engler, R-Mount lasant, and Nichols also appeared Discards in a St. Patrick's Day apped in Detroit with a green slash

Foing on the offensive, the two invited John Stanley, Northern Irelands deputy foreign minister, to appear at a Lansing news conference and explain what's wrong with the Manigan legislation.

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PRIOR TO merger with The Birmingham Eccentric and creation of Suburban Communications Corp., Halava joined the Observer Newspapers in 1967 as assistant to publisher and owner Philip H. Power.

She subsequently was named personnel director and then corporate vice president for personnel, a position she has held for 11 years.

A Lansing native, Halava lives in Okemos. Previously she lived for 18 years in Farmington where she was past president of the chamber of commerce and director for 18 years. She was secretary and member of the board of directors of Farmington Community Center for five years. Before entering the newspaper field Halava served two terms as appointments secretary for Grov. John B. Swainson.

She was executive secretary to machina Bridge Authority during construction from 1954 to 1958. She was 1958 Michigan "secretary of the year" of the National Secretaries Association.

She also served one term as district administrative assistant to 19th District U.S. Rep. Billie S. Farnum and earlier as secretary to the director of Michigan State Highway Department.

Earning a bachelor of science in music at Michigan State University, Halava was a charter member of Lansing Symphony Orchestra (1932). She is a member of the Michigan and Midwest water color societies.

She has three children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

OCC seeking private gifts

Foundation aims to beef up scholarships, library

The notion that Oakland Community College is an affluent school is based on a myth, its leaders say.

OCC operates on less state aid per student than any of Michigan's 28 other community colleges, and OCC is stepping up efforts to get private donations.

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Chief needs: scholarships, library

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That task has fallen to Susan Welss, hired last September as first full-time fund-raiser for the OCC Foundation.

TO DATE she has:

• Reverd up recruitment for the foundation board.

• Completed membership details for such organizations as at the chancellors and presidents clubs.

• Established foundation sub-committees on finance and solicitations.

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• Asked foundation board mem-bers and members of the elected Board of Trustees, as well as OCC administrators, to honor financial pledges.

"WE HAVE to show there is inter-nal (financial) support before going out into the community and asking," Welss said.

OCC is funded in nearly equal parts by three primary sources: tul-

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Susan Weiss
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tion fees (32.8 percent of the total annual budget), local property taxes (35.6 percent) and state aid (29 per-

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Its 26,000 students are enrolled at five campuses sites.

The school receives less state funding than other community col-leges because the state aid formula is based on property base, and Oak-land its wealthy in that respect.

Welss means to stimulate founda-tion fund raising, not through flashy events but by asking people to par-

tlcipate.
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B. JAMES THEODOROFF, a re-tired chief trust officer with Comeri-ca Bank who has lived in Bloomfield Hills 25 years, Is In his second term as chair of the Foundation board.

"Contributing to the college can play an important part in a person's giving program," Theodoroff said. "The school is a very important edu-cational institution in our communi-ty. Fund raising is an absolute neces-site."

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interested donors will soon have an opportunity to participate. Weiss is clarifying whether donations for membership in the Chancellor's Club (\$500) and other similar groups are to be carmarked for specific purposes or put into general programs.

The foundation will host annual events for club members to "meet one another and learn about the school," Weiss said.

Board members have yet to target an exact amount they hope to raise. "We're getting our feet wet first and bollding an infrastructure for fund raising, she added.

Belore coming to OCC, Weiss raised money for Walsh College in Troy, the University of Detroit and Wayne State University.

Other foundation board members had the full than the state of Birmingham who co-owns Seed-Roberts Insurance; ertired Rochester school teacher David Hack, etc., an OCC trustee; and Doris Mosher of Birmingham.

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rish bill heat STANLEY SAID the bill is opposed by the majority of Catholics in Northern Ireland. He said most Catholics are afraid the legislation would discourage U.S. firms from investing in Northern Ireland "thereby depriving the people... of jobs."

Under fire from local Irish-Americas groups, Sens. John Engler and Ridy Nichols agreed to hold hearing "sometime later this year" to cogsider a House-passed bill dealsaed to prod U.S. companies doing butness in Northern Ireland to hire more Roman Catholics. Stanley said a better approach to ending discrimination is a new proposal under consideration by the British Parliament that would establish a government commission to monitor the religious makeup of private and public employers.

Engler has argued that the state Senate is not the place to debate for-eign policy, but he said he has agreed to hold hearings on the bill at a joint meeting of the Senate Government Operations and Judiciary commit-

"So advocates, proponents and op-ponents from all corners of the globe could travel to Lansing on that day to be heard on this particular issue," said Engler, R. Mount Pleasant.

John Cahili, a Birmingham attor-ney who heads a political arm of the Irish-American Unity Conference, said he's "delighted" that Engler has finally agreed to debate the legisla-

"The British government hopes to avoid a vote on this issue because they're afraid if it gets to the Senate floor it will pass overwhelmingly."

IRISH-AMERICAN leaders took exception to Stanley's claim that Catholics in Northern Ireland don't support the MacBride Principles.

Named after Nobel Peace Prize winner Sean MacBride, the princi-ples also call for training and pro-moting members of religious minori-ties — namely Catholics — in the country.

"They've been trotting these peo-ple all over (the United States) to throw amoke in peoples' faces," Blair McGowan, president of the Irish-American Unity Conference in Michigan, said of Stanley's visit.



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