

3 Boards Back At-Large Election For Schoolcraft

By KATHY MORAN
After three endorsements, a plan to have Schoolcraft College trustees elected on an at-large basis is gaining momentum.

The State Board of Education and the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees officially endorsed an at-large election Wednesday. State Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia) suffered a setback in his bill to have trustees elected from seven single-member districts on Thursday.

The State Board endorsed the at-large election by a 3-2 vote after a subordinate board committee on community colleges reported it favored at-large elections.

SCHOOLCRAFT's current board adopted 7-1 a resolution

to submit an at-large election plan to Wayne County Circuit Court on June 1.

The board had been ordered by Circuit Judge Roland Olzak to submit a reapportionment plan by that date to make trustee elections in keeping with the "one-man, one-vote" constitutional requirement. Five board members represent school districts of varying sizes rather than equal population districts.

In the same resolution, the board endorsed the bill introduced into the Michigan Senate by Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) which calls for an at-large election of trustees.

The House committee on colleges and universities discussed but did not act on

Stempien's bill calling for the division of all community college districts into equal population districts, each with one trustee representative.

STEMPEN TOLD the committee his plan would make trustee elections "more representative" and would make them uniform throughout the state. Under his plan, 27 of the state's 29 community college districts would have to re-district. Twenty-six districts now elect trustees at-large.

Stressing that his bill would give an advantage to minority groups because they would compete in much smaller districts, Stempien said it would avoid "a tyranny of the majority."

Dr. Eric Bradner,

Schoolcraft's retiring president, testified against the bill at the hearing, saying that Stempien's plan was unworkable because of the lack of adequate census figures. Stempien said he had been assured by a member of the State Elections Department that the figures could be made available.

MISSING FROM the hearing were members of the New Democratic Coalition of Livonia who had initiated the court action against Schoolcraft College to force reapportionment before the trustee election.

Twenty-seven minor amendments to the bill establishing election procedures were approved by the committee. But when it

appeared there were too few votes to report it out of committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Afterwards, Rep. Daisy Elliott (D-Detroit), committee chairman, said, "I expect it to be reported out of committee next week."

The amended bill calls for a November election of trustees after an apportionment plan is submitted by Aug. 15.

Both Pursell's bill and the board's resolution call for a Sept. 13 trustee election with the new offices effective Oct. 4.

THE SCHOOLCRAFT board voted 7-1 to submit the plan calling for the election of six board members at-large and the retention of the three who already held at-large seats.

The term of office would be staggered with two expiring in 1973, one in 1975 and three in 1977. Together with the three present at-large trustees (Dr. R. Robert Geake, Dr. George Martin and John LaRue), three terms would expire each election.

The board's resolution gave as factors in its decision the absence of accurate census figures and their attorney's advice that "any plan calling for election of trustees from several single-member districts would be cumbersome, expensive and of short-term validity due to rapidly changing population in some areas."

THE DISSENTING vote was cast by Dr. James Boswell, Livonia trustee who was attending his first regular board meeting since March 1970.

Boswell told the board it was "presumptuous" for them to act on anything but the reapportionment question and that it was "curious that you are acting on your lawyer's advice now when you didn't in the past."

The board had previously been advised by the attorney, Edward Draganis, that it was in apparent violation of a U.S. Supreme Court decision, but the board failed to act for 13 months until the NDC filed suit.



MACAW CLIPPED—Charles Costa clips Ya Ya's wings to make sure he doesn't leave again. (Evert photo)

The Travels of Ya Ya

A South American golden macaw, one of several pets belonging to the Charles Costa family of Southfield, is back on his home perch after four days and three nights pursuit a week ago.

The bird flew from tree to tree in Southfield and Farmington. The Costas and their six children got help from Southfield police and fire departments, the Audubon Society, the Detroit Zoo, and "thousands" of concerned spectators.

The chase began when Ya

Ya, a colorful native South American bird conspicuous in its foreign environment because of its piercing screech and 48-inch wing span, took off from the Costa home near Nine and Beech Daly and flew into the horizon.

What followed was an almost constant chase by Costa and his many helpers during the next four days.

THE HUGE gold and blue bird attracted about as much attention as would be expected, and the Costas and

police were kept busy with calls from curious spectators and traffic jams caused by motorists who noticed Ya Ya and stopped for a longer look.

What finally coaxed the big bird within reach was not the diligent efforts of his pursuers, however, but the inducement of the Costas' other macaw, Ruho, who was brought along on the chase for "bait."

Ya Ya and friend are home and safe again. And thanks to a wing-clipping from his tired owner, he's likely to stay this time.

C'ville Symphony Band To Perform

Clarenceville's Senior High Symphony Band will present its ninth annual spring concert on Wednesday, May 5, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium in the high school.

Conducting will be John Nettek, Clarenceville's instrumental music director. Bandsman Jack Waterstone will be featured alto saxophone soloist for the number, "Romance" by Blinge.

Other numbers to be performed by the band include

"Montmartre March" from "Paris Suite" by Wood, "An Original Suite" by Jacob, "The Dragons of Villars" by Maillart, "Man of La Mancha" by Lelei, "California Dreaming," "Monday, Monday," "Calas Breugnot Overture" by Kabalevsky, "Malaguena" by Lacuana and "The House of the Rising Sun."

The concert is open to the public free of charge.



STEPHANIE GLASSON



CHANTAL CHANDLER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Glasson of Northbrook Road, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie, to Douglas Jon Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conway Hamilton of Robinwood Avenue, Farmington. The bride-elect is a 1970 graduate of North Farmington High School and her fiancé has attended Lamar Junior College and Oakland Community College. The wedding will be June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chandler of Rockland Avenue, Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantal, to David Kalinowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kalinowski of Inkster Road, Redford Township. Both are graduates of Thurston High School and students at Schoolcraft Community College. They plan to marry in September of 1972.



JUDITH GEBBEN



CAROL LEWIS

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gebben of Liberty Street, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Roy Douglas Palmeri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Palmeri of Fraser, Mich. The bride-elect is a graduate of Farmington High School and employed by St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. They will be married June 25.

Western Class Plans Reunion

The Western High School classes of 1946 will celebrate their 25th anniversary in the Terrace Room of Vladimir's, Grand River and Eight Mile, Detroit, May 15.

The reunion will be open to all Western students of that era, such as the '45 and '47 classes. Those interested should contact Mrs. Richard S. Moran (Delores Morgan), 16472 Riverside Dr., Livonia.



GLENDIA KUBIT



SUSAN SAVALA

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kubit of Highmeadow Road, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Glenda Sue, to Ensign David O. Collins, land Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins of Babylon, N.Y. The bride-elect is a student at Western Michigan University, studying graphics and industrial with Alpha Gamma Delta design. Her fiancé is a sorority. Her fiancé graduated from the U.S. Navy Academy and taking flight training in Pensacola, Fla. member of Theta Chi fraternity. They plan to marry in December.



KATHLEEN GRAD



JOYCE HANZEK

Kathleen Anne Grad, daughter of Mrs. William Grad of Dixie Avenue, Redford Township, and James Karl Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Jackson of Waukegan, Ill., will be married May 22 in the Alumni Memorial Chapel on the Michigan State University campus. Both are 1971 graduates of MSU. They plan to continue their studies at the University of Michigan in September, the bride-elect working toward a master's degree in social work and her fiancé entering law school.

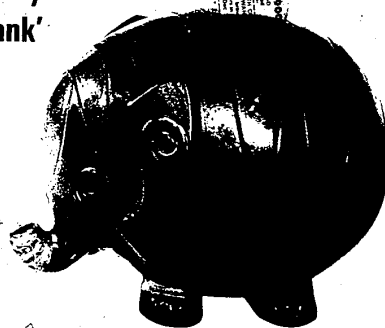
Mr. and Mrs. John Hanzek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Caroline, to Robert F. Biga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biga of Livonia. The bride-elect is a graduate of Central Michigan University and employed in the transmission and chassis division of the Ford Motor Co. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and teaches in Farmington East Junior High. He also is a personnel analyst for the city of Livonia. A summer wedding is planned.



BONNIE SCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frederick Scott Sr. of West Six Mile, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean, to Alfred Timothy Ammon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ernest Ammon of Fairlane Avenue, Livonia. Both are graduates of Stevenson High School. A June 26 wedding is planned.

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