

# Local educator recognized by Polish American group

The president of St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Council for Polish Culture at its annual meeting recently in Minneapolis. The ACP is an organization of Polish American arts and cultural groups from all over the United States.

Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski, president of St. Mary's College since February 1995, was cited for his contributions to the promotion of Polish American heritage and culture.

He is a past president of the Polish American Historical Association and currently serves on the association's board as well as on the editorial board of *The Polish Review*.

He is the author of articles on such subjects as Polish American women and Polish Americans in the labor movement.

In 1994, he wrote "Feudalism, Revolution and the Meaning of Russian History," an intellectual biography of 19th century Rus-

## Education candidates square off

A public forum for the statewide educational candidates in the November election will be held at Livonia City Hall on Thursday, Sept. 26. The city hall, 32000 Civic Center Drive, is located near Farmington and Five Mile Roads.

The University of Michigan Board of Regents candidates will be interviewed beginning at 6 p.m. The State Board of Education candidates will follow at 7 p.m. Michigan State University Board of Trustees candidates at 8 p.m. and Wayne State University Board of Governors at 9 p.m.

The public is invited to this non-partisan forum. It is being sponsored by the American Asso-

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ciation of University Women, Livonia Branch.

Time Warner Cable of Livonia will video tape the program and make the tape available to cable companies throughout Michigan upon request. Citizens can request local cable companies to schedule the video before the election.

Livonia Branch AAUW has undertaken this project so that voters can become more informed of the current issues being debated and considered in public school education, funding and policy and the candidates' view of these issues. For further information, contact Yvonne Conatas (313) 261-7717 or Carol Dubuque (810) 477-0399.

## Empowerment course teaches to 'reach high'

Oakland County residents who want to get empowered, listen up. There is an eight-week course just for you.

The program, "Reaching Higher," is scheduled for 8:30-10:30 p.m. on eight consecutive Thursdays, beginning Sept. 19, at the West Acres Community Center in West Bloomfield.

Teaching the course will be motivational speaker Sue Dahlmann, who recently taught the first teen-adult Dale Carnegie Course, and crisis counselor Linda Hanniford. For more information, call Dahlmann, 810-366-9136, or Hanniford, 817-548-7436.

According to Dahlmann, "Reaching Higher" is an outgrowth of her dedication "to the empowerment of kids and adults as they build new lives by developing more confidence through positive life changes."

The eight sessions of the program include: "You Are a Miracle," "Defining Life's Purpose," "Positive Life Choices," "Overcoming Fears," "Love," "Creating Happiness Through the Power of Giving," "Joy," and "Celebration."

slain historian, N.P. Pavlov-Silvanski.

He is co-editor of "Heritage of the Prairie," a handbook of model lesson plans assembled by teachers in Minnesota based on rural history and culture of the prairies of the Upper Midwest. The plans were tested and refined in 35 school districts in southwestern Minnesota. The two-year project was funded by the National Endowment of the

Humanities.

Prior to his appointment at St. Mary's College, Radzilowski taught history for 25 years at Southwestern State University in Minn. For two years, he acted as associate vice president for academic affairs.

In 1995, he helped organize a working group of Polish-American educators concerned about the state of Polish studies in

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America at a meeting hosted by the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. and attended by administrators and teachers from the U.S. and representatives of five major universities in

Poland.

He was named to a six-member steering committee charged with developing a national strategy to strengthen Polish Studies programs in the U.S. He volun-

teered St. Mary's College, which is one of the few American colleges with a Polish Studies major, to be a resource center within the network of universities and colleges in the U.S. and Poland.

A native of Hamtramck, Radzilowski holds a bachelor's degree in history from Wayne State University and a master's doctorate in history from the University of Michigan.

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