

Regional Affairs

How Schoolcraft Puts Community Into College

By KATHY MORAN

Ronald Griffith has added a little southern hospitality to Schoolcraft College.

The Kentucky-born Griffith joined the college staff as community services director in August and already is making persons from the surrounding communities feel at home at the college.

As he sees it, his job is to put the "community" into the community college.

And that job entails responding to any ideas or desires from the five-district community that can be met through the college.

"COMMUNITY services are the flexible arm of the college," Griffith said. "I think of it as being like an octopus with its tentacles out in the community."

Already Griffith has reached out into the community to contact clubs and groups such as the police chiefs and mayors to explain what he can do for them.

With just an idea and a phone call, anyone in the



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college community (including Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville and Northville School Districts) can shape reality.

Just about any course, seminar or workshop can be arranged through Griffith who says he only needs "a place, a need and the human resource."

The need is up to the community and the place and human resource is within Griffith's grasp.

IN LESS THAN three months, he has opened the physical education facilities to the public on Thursday nights,

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coordinated a conference for women, and arranged classes in football for women, environmental geology, and a workshop for piano teachers.

"We can fill a coordinating function," he said. Rather than duplicate any courses or activities handled by individual communities, Griffith wants to coordinate functions that are "bigger than any one community" can handle.

One of the more popular areas coordinated through Griffith is a human potential seminar which meets three nights a week and is taught by college counselors.

The seminar is for citizens who may be moving into a new vocation or expanding their interest areas. Through participation in the seminar they can become aware of their potential and the areas where the college can be of help to them.

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Griffith spices his new position with experience from Florida Junior College at Jacksonville, where he was associate dean for career and adult education. His graduate and undergraduate studies were completed at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky.

Prior to Griffith's appointment, Fred Stefanski directed the programs. Stefanski was promoted to academic dean.



SANTA'S FIRST arrival of the season was last Saturday at Wonderland Shopping Center, Plymouth at Middle Belt. After zooming in on a sled with rubber tires, Santa took Christmas orders. (Photos by Ken Garner)

Santa Claus Sets Shopping Center Arrivals

One of the biggest days of the year for area youngsters and their parents is coming Friday when the bewiskered old gentleman from the North Pole arrives from his toylard headquarters for his annual appearance that officially opens the Christmas shopping season.

The cheery cry of "Ho, Ho, Ho" will first be heard Thursday morning as a climax to Hudson's Thanksgiving Day parade, the traditional event that attracts thousands of downtown Detroit regardless of weather conditions.

The parade is slated to start at 10 a.m. with the cheerful, smiling Santa Claus making his appearance as the grand finale of the half-hour spectacle.

Then Santa prepares for his busiest day of the pre-Christmas period, making appearances for the delight of thousands of kiddies at all of

the major shopping centers in the area.

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Livonia Mall, Northland, Westland, Tel-12 and the Farmington Plaza have arranged dates for Kris Kringle to gather with the children.

The jovial Santa will be at Northland at 10 a.m., arriving in Lot D. He'll put in his appearance at Tel-12 at 10 a.m. in the parking lot; at Westland in Lot 2 at 10 a.m.; at the Farmington Plaza at 10 a.m.; and the Livonia Mall at 11 a.m.

His appearance in Farmington will be via helicopter at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College from which point he'll be accompanied by Township Supervisor Earl Teeples and a police escort to the Plaza at Grand River and Mooney.

THEN WITH all of his Friday chores over, he'll settle down to greet children and prepare for his Saturday morning helicopter flight to the downtown business section near Kellogg Park in Plymouth at noon Saturday.

From the moment of his arrival, he'll be listening to youngsters from the age of two and up, telling of the many things they hope he'll deliver on Christmas Day. Listening in with attentive ears will be the parents...they'll help Santa prepare the Yule lists.

Local Judges Will Lead Seminars

Three district judges from Observerland will lead discussions in a training session for district and municipal judges beginning on Nov. 25.

Leaders for the week-long session include District Judges Michael J. Hand of Farmington, James E. Mies of Livonia and Thomas G. Smith of Westland.

Sponsored by the Center for Administration of Justice at Wayne State University, the session will be opened by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Kavanagh.

Seminars include an intensive study of judicial and court administration, recent constitutional decisions affecting police and judicial activities, plea negotiations, practical evidence problems in courts, jury and non-jury trial practice, preliminary examinations in felony cases, special traffic and drunk driving cases and ethical judicial conduct.

Directed by WSU Prof. B.J. George Jr., the center was established in the WSU Law School under a Kellogg Foundation grant.

The training sessions are financed by a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.



Younger Faces On Draft Boards

A new Selective Service ruling could mean a drastic change in the composition of Local Board 102, the state's largest draft board which is located in Plymouth and has 30,000 registrants from the Plymouth, Livonia and Redford areas.

Under the 1971 amendments to the Selective Service Act which are proposed to take effect Jan. 1, the maximum age for local board members will be lowered from 75 to 65, the minimum age will be lowered from 30 to 18, and the maximum time anyone may

serve on a draft board will be reduced from 25 to 20 years.

According to Local Board 102 Clerk Dorothy Lynn, this amendment would mean that one member of the board would retire because of age.

But she stressed that so far the national selective service office has not officially notified local boards that the new regulations will take effect Jan. 1. "It's just prospective, it's nothing definite," she said.

In order for the changes to take effect, they must be

publicly posted for 30 days, Mrs. Lynn said.

The proposed change in local board membership was sent to Observer Newspapers in a newsletter published last month by the national Selective Service.

According to Mrs. Lynn, one vacancy now exists on the six-member draft board because of the death of one member. She said several applications for that spot have been received; one of them was submitted by an 18-year-old.

WHEN THE NEW ruling

goes into effect, this could mean that two 18-year-olds would be placed on the board.

Some states have reported to the national Selective Service Board that some of their entire boards must resign under the new ruling.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 may apply to sit on the local draft board in their area by registering that intent at the local board office. The state selective service then sends an application which must be approved by the national selective service office.

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