

Broader Coverage

ONI Adds An Editor

Taking additional steps toward making the goal of making the Observer Newspapers Inc. family of community newspapers the most interesting in Michigan, Publisher Philip H. Power announced the appointment of W. Edward Wendover, of Plymouth, to the editorship of the Redford Observer effective April 3.

At the same time he announced the shift of veteran reporter-editor Maurice Walker, of Inkster, from acting editor of the Redford edition to his former assignment of roving reporter



EDWARD WENDOVER
Redford Editor



MAURIE WALKER
Roving Reporter

with emphasis on news coming from Redford Township.

Wendover is a graduate of Plymouth High and received a journalism degree from Michigan State University. He was a member of the Michigan State News advisory board, was second place in the 1970 Detroit Press Club student competition and served one summer with the Observer Newspapers as an intern.

He was a member of the

Ingham County News staff for a year and was on the editorial team of the Hartford (Conn.) Courant before joining the Observer Newspapers Inc. in 1971.

Walker, a member of the Observer Newspapers staff since 1969, will have new assignments in Redford, Livonia and Plymouth as a reporter-photographer. He will concentrate his efforts in Redford Township but will also cover the police and fire departments and district courts in all three communities.

Walker has served as acting editor of the Redford Observer for the past 10 months but indicated a preference for the roving reporter assignments.

OCC Paper Publishing
After 7-Day Suspension

The Orchard Ridge newspaper, Recorder, will publish another edition this week after a seven-day suspension was lifted.

The newspaper, published by students from the Farmington campus of Oakland Community College, was put on indefinite suspension last week after apparently slipping back into its old habits.

The weekly tabloid was living on a three-month probation imposed by the college's board of trustees when it published articles in its last two editions which inflamed college administrators.

Up to that point the paper was said to have been improving. It was using fewer "four-letter" words and had not printed the "Dr. Erotica" column where sex-related questions are answered.

THE NEWSPAPER printed an article on homosexuality on March 13 which first stirred administrators and was notified of suspension immediately after the next edition appeared with the Dr. Erotica column.

"In the last two issues, we had a return to an extensive use of four-letter words and the appearance of Dr. Erotica," Dean of Students Don Nichols said.

Nichols, who also serves on the student-dominated Publications Board, took the action that resulted in the paper's suspension. The board reversed it seven-days later.

The publications board had passed two motions directing the newspaper to cease from printing Dr. Erotica unless it was used in an educational way and to cease using offensive four-letter words except in context, Nichols said.

"In my opinion the editorial board of the paper completely

ignored these motions," he added.

WHEN THE publications board met to discuss the suspension on Thursday, Nichols was outvoted, and the paper was given another chance.

He said the board felt he had not given the newspaper enough time to implement a previous change which put the paper under the governance of a five-student editorial board instead of one editor.

"I will permit it to continue publishing without review, but I have reserved the right to revoke the suspension again," Nichols said.

"We have mobilized the political forces to keep the

paper open," said student John Morris, member of the editorial board said. He said the paper will come out as scheduled on April 5.

STUDENTS HAD charged that Dean Nichols was attempting to censor the paper and infringe on their right to publish. Faculty advisor Ted Rancot had asked to resign if the paper was censored.

Rancot was not available for comment.

"He's equating my action with censorship," Nichols said prior to the publications board meeting. "I have said the paper will not be published

unless I can review the copy before it is printed. I have said

I will not change a word of it. I will not censor it."

Asked what he would do if he found an article he considered offensive, Nichols said he would advise the newspaper but not stop it from publishing the article.

"I want to be on the record saying I objected to the article," Nichols said, explaining that if the paper were sued for something it printed, the administration would be held responsible.

Though the publications board acts as a publisher, students and faculty can't be sued.

"But you certainly can sue the administration," he admitted.

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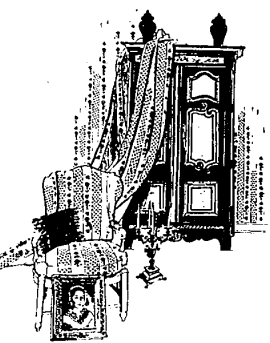
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CHS Carnival
Set April 29

The second annual Clarenceville National Honor Society spring carnival will be held on Saturday, April 29. Several community groups have already reserved booths. Last minute reservations are still being taken by Mrs. Dorothy Bennett in Clarenceville High School counseling office.

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