

# Readers Speak Up On Controversial Issues

## A Lowell Student Is Bit Perturbed

EDITOR:

I am a ninth grade student at Lowell Junior High School. As you know, the ninth grade class from Lowell and other schools will have to go on an extended session at Franklin High School (12:30 to 4:30) during the 1968-69 school year. This will be the third time in four years that we will have to go on the extended sessions. Everyone at Lowell thought that we were going to go to Stevenson High during our high school years. Then when ground was broken for the new high school, I wondered about who would be going to it. It seemed that everyone was trying to keep it quiet about us going on the extended sessions.

After all, we were promised before that we would not have these extended sessions again. I talked to one of the counselors and found out that we would go on extended sessions again. The students then took up a petition and turned it over to the parents to show that they cared enough about this situation.

Then the parents became involved in this. They went to school board meetings and voiced their opinion. They found out that there wasn't enough room for us at the other high schools because we have tuition students in the schools.

These students are getting a full day of school next year at Bentley High. I feel that this is not right for the school board to take tuition students when they are not currently required by law and when there is not enough room for the regular students. If anyone should go on extended sessions, it should be the tuition students.

Then explain how this relates to the property tax the owner pays. Presently we have an assessed value placed on our property and a tax rate of so many dollars per one thousand dollars of assessment. What does the .33 have to do with this?

My 1968 assessment has gone up \$4,000. If the tax rate remains the same I will have to pay about \$180 more than 1967. How can I approve a millage increase under such circumstances.

THOMAS D. JOHNSON

It seems that the school board is facing the tuition students. I feel (as do many other students), that if the current school board cannot come up with a better solution, then it might be time for a change of faces in the current school board. Of course, students cannot do anything about it, but the parents can do something about it. I wish to urge all parents and students to look closely at what you are doing on June 10. But whether you vote or not, I hope that people will get more encouraged in the school system.

J.M.  
A Very Concerned Student

## Tax Situation Is Hard To Understand

EDITOR:

I am writing to complain about the inadequate reporting by your newspaper relative to the tax assessment and the proposed school millage increase. I have read many articles in your newspaper lately and not one explains the situation so it can be easily understood.

Sue Shaghtessy in the May 8 issue says, "The schools have requested a four mill increase over a 10 year period. If approved this would cost the property owner of a house valued at \$10,000 a total of \$40 per year." Then at the end of the article she says that one mill equals \$1 for each \$1,000 of assessment on property value. This according to my computation means you would have to have a house assessed at \$40,000 to pay a \$40 tax.

Why don't you explain what state equalization figures of 2.1 and .33 mean relative to an actual house assessment.

J.M.

Ode To Mod System

EDITOR:

Hippy, hippy, hooray for Patrick Williams (a senior in Stevenson High School). His letter appeared in the May 8 Observer.

No! No! Heavens to Betsy! Let's not cancel the Modular System. How else can a body earn bread where else but in Livonia—watching the swagging Roaming On and Julie-less in their "holistic endeavors"? The swagging business and brushing their stringy,

greasy tresses and the virtue laddies straining their blouses as they pitch paper wads to woo them! Ah! sweet wilderness! We must not strangle these eager minds. We must not dampen their enthusiasm. On, on punks. Down, down ye old tygers!

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MILLAGE IS NEEDED

EDITOR:

As you know there is a new

millage proposal on the June 10 Farmington School ballot. The students of Farmington Junior High School are deeply concerned about this question because of the effect the outcome will have on the activities of the school.

The following will happen if the millage does not pass. All athletics will be eliminated. Driver's education will be cut in half. There will be no field trips. There will be a reduction in

the funds for the purchase of library books and instructional materials.

KATHY RYAN  
ELAINE ENDERS  
Farmington Junior High Students

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Mail expressing concern about the war in Vietnam—a consistent front runner in the 300 or more letters which he gets each day—has given way to letters generally related to law enforcement.

"Our Vietnam mail nearly always outdistances all other topics," Sen. Griffin said. "But it has dropped off considerably in the last two weeks."

"The main focus of the mail now is on the riots that continue to strike our nation's cities and other subjects related to law enforcement."

## Computers Can Aid Education

LOS ANGELES -- Computers can free professors and save higher education from becoming impersonal rather than making it more so, an educator said.

"Far from enslaving the student and professor, modern teaching tools and techniques can liberate them from the rigid compulsion of conventional instruction," Alvin C. Eulich told the seventh annual California Teachers Association.

Eulich is president of the Academy for Educational Development in New York.

## Independence For Tykes

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