

# Judd Faces Griffiths, Counts On GOP Tide

By KATHY MORAN

Upsetting a popular candidate who has been in office 18 years isn't easy, but Ralph Judd thinks he can do it. Judd '84, hopes to take U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths' (D-Detroit) seat away from her in the newly redrawn 17th Congressional District.

Eight other Republicans have tried and failed since she was first elected in 1954. In 1970, Mrs. Griffiths, now 60, beat Thomas Klumzinger by nearly 90,000 votes. In that election she won 80 per cent of the 136,000 votes cast.

THE NEW SHAPE of the district is his greatest advantage, as Judd sees it. The district was composed of the northwest section of Detroit from 1962-70. Since re-appointment, it takes in a corner of the northwest section and includes Redford Township, Farmington City and Township, Southfield and Lathrup Village.

In an interview with the Observer, Judd cited polls taken by the Republicans, labor representatives and one allegedly taken by Mrs. Griffiths' supporters which show the district going for Nixon, Griffin and Judd in November.

So far, neither Judd nor Mrs. Griffiths has started



RALPH E. JUDD

active campaigning. Aside for occasional speeches, the two candidates intend to wait until mid-October before starting vigorous campaigns.

Farmington City and Township and Lathrup Village have traditionally been Republican strongholds and the northwest section of Detroit is described as increasingly Democratic after formerly being a Republican area.

Southfield is generally Democratic and Redford Township is considered unpredictable.

"They're ticket splitters there," Judd said. "You can't be sure what they'll do."

HE'LL HAVE TO break into the Republican vote which has in the past gone for Mrs. Griffiths and get the Roman Catholic vote (which he estimates at half of the district) to win, Judd said.

Why is he running? "I don't think she's doing her job," Judd began. But more importantly, he said, his experience with computers and systems analysis is sorely needed in a Congress, which in large part is made up of lawyers.

"Nobody in Congress understands computers. The computerization of society is not being brought out."

MRS. GRIFFITHS is most vulnerable on busing, Judd said, quickly adding that he doesn't want his campaign to be dominated by that issue as are some other Republican campaigns.

But his supporters have been telling him that "you've got the issue—use it," regarding her allegedly weak position on cross-district busing, he said.

"I'm anxious to debate her," Judd said, adding that he intends to challenge her as their campaigns start rolling.

Though Judd is not familiar to suburban residents, he has been active in Detroit politics and was an unsuccessful candidate for State Senate in 1970 and county commissioner in 1968. He has also worked on several other campaigns and been a delegate to the GOP state conventions for the last five years.

A certified data processor, Judd has 10 years experience in data processing and eight in systems analysis and is employed with Whitehead and Kales, a steel fabricating firm.

His Republican membership includes the Downtown Young Republicans, Ripon Society, Northwest Republican Club and 17th District Republicans.

A resident of Detroit, Judd is active in the Knights of Columbus, St. Suzanne Human Relations Council, Committee on Environmental Pollution, Downriver Anti-Pollution League, Wayne Vets Club and Northwest Civic Federation.

Judd graduated from Catholic Central High School and Wayne State University. He and his wife, Alice, live at 8022 Patten with their two children.

## CMU Grad Class Offered

Registration for a graduate seminar in education offered by Central Michigan University in Dearborn is today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in Smith Junior High School, 23851 Yale, Dearborn.

The seminar is "Elementary/Secondary Education 993, Problems in the Supervision of Student Teaching." Dr. William Dickenson will instruct the three-credit course which is offered by the off campus education office at CMU.

Classes will begin Tuesday, Oct. 10.

## Audit Gives S'craft A Surplus

Schoolcraft College closed its tough 1971-72 fiscal year with a general fund balance of \$45,000, according to the college's audit.

The general audit by Ernst & Ernst was presented to the board during its September meeting.

Trustee Arch Vallier was at first reluctant to approve the audit because the recommendations and evaluation of the college's financial procedures were not included in the report.

The board was told that the

evaluation will be ready for the next meeting. Since the college is required to report in Lansing the result of the audit by the beginning of October, the audit was presented to the board without the incomplete evaluation.

THE COLLEGE received \$1.65 million in property taxes last year and \$2.6 million in state appropriations both for general operations and vocational education. This, combined with \$1.6 million in tuition and fees and gifts and miscellaneous activities, put

the general fund revenues at \$5.95 million.

The college spent a total of \$5.91 million with the largest expense for instruction at \$3.48 million. Other costs included \$178,000 for the library; \$555,500 for student services; \$261,800 for administration; \$531,200 for business operations; and \$908,800 for operation and maintenance expenses.

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