

How Candidates split on supporting millage

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for the four year term, said he accepts the millage and the budget as it has been presented.

"I accept the millage on faith this time," he said. "I am confident that the board and the administration have worked it out for the best. In the future I would want to study any budget proposed before I approve it, or accept a new millage."

Anything that could be cut without hurting the education of the child would have to go if the millage should fail, he said. He said that the teaching and services staffs should be maintained, however.

term candidate said. "I am in favor of the millage. We have a history of conservative spending in this district."

"I think the budget is responsible and represents the best interests of the administrators and the teachers. I do think, however, that every budget deserves to be carefully considered."

Mrs. Rodewig said she would not like to see any further cuts in building maintenance if the millage should fail. "It would be too bad if we had to cut out courses," she said, "but we just may have to do it."

the candidates night said. "It is a question of basic philosophy. It is a question of what is needed and what is not needed. My view of what is necessary differs with that of the board."

"The millage is an increase of four mills no matter how they scramble it around and make it look like less. Their explanation is a case of confusion compounded by dilution."

Rev. Hugh V. Stewart, a current board member presented the board's stand on the issue before the candidates were questioned.

He said that he had asked one of the district's teachers, Marian Spencer, to join him in the presentation to

demonstrate the unanimity of all board members on the issue and their concern for the education of the students.

The four additional mills which the Farmington school board is asking voters to approve in the June 10 election will not only enable the district to meet its responsibilities but will also afford it a chance to do more educationally, Rev. Stewart said.

"We decided long ago that due to rising costs we would need three mills merely to break even. However, we do not feel that it would be a responsible decision to just stay even."

"We want to do more with the personnel and programs as well as meet our responsibilities in building and maintenance and repair."

Rev. Stewart explained that the additional four mills for operational costs would only result in an actual 1.6 mills increase for the taxpayers in the Farmington and Farmington Hills district.

These voters are already paying 1.4 mills as part of their package through the county board of allocation. The Board has decided that they would rather give the taxpayers the opportunity to vote on the 1.4 mills rather

than going through the allocation board. This decision will lower the allocated tax from 9.53 to 8.13, which leaves a 2.6 differential.

At the Tuesday night board of education meeting the Board voted to reduce the debt levy tax from six to five mills, which helps to further offset the difference.

The combination of these two changes reduces the actual increase in mills to 1.6 for the Farmington and Farmington Hills taxpayers, Stewart said.

The residents of West Bloomfield are the ones who will have to make the biggest adjustment, he said. Since

they were paying lower allocational and operational taxes last year their actual increase would be three mills.

"We are asking for the four mills but the actual increase is only 1.6 for the Farmington and Farmington Hills people," Rev. Stewart said. "The West Bloomfield people will have to make a bigger adjustment. West Bloomfield, we are asking you to really get behind the district and support the three mill increase."

Marian Spencer, a teacher said: "We are not asking for pie in the sky. We are asking just for what we need. We can do a good job, we have been doing a good job and we will continue to do a good job. All we ask is that we be given the right amount of students per class and the right materials."

ANN T. RODEWIG, a one-year

A CANDIDATE FOR the four year term, Duke, who was not present at



Record pickers

Susan Malinowski (left) and Lauren Jonas were out behind Highmeadow Elementary making dandelion crowns when Lauren got the idea to attempt a dandelion-picking record. After piling up 8,477 of the yellow flowers in the family garage, they discovered the Guinness Book of Records listed no such record. Which means they set one, doesn't it? (Photo by Fran Evert)

Oakland U. to establish 4-year nursing program

ROCHESTER - Oakland University (O.U.) will establish the first four-year nursing school in Oakland and Macomb counties next year.

The O.U. Board of Trustees May 22 approved establishment of a faculty and a B.S. degree program in nursing.

For the last two years, O.U. has been redirecting its emphasis on the liberal art curriculum to more career-oriented programs. In a move to offer more health related courses, O.U. and Providence Hospital in Southfield combined resources last

year to offer a four-year baccalaureate nursing program. Officials were anticipating the establishment of the nursing school at O.U.

O.U. has already enrolled 300 students in the program, said James Llewellyn, a university spokesman.

The university expects to hire a dean and a couple of part-time faculty members for the school next year, Llewellyn said. More faculty will not be needed next year because some courses in the program are currently being offered.

Llewellyn said the university will probably add seven full-time faculty

members in the fall of 1975. The estimated cost of the program is \$450,000. Nursing students will be able to do clinical work in Oakland County hospitals. Providence, Beaumont, Crittenton, St. Joseph's hospitals and the Oakland County Medical Center said they will be able to take the students.

In other business, the trustees:

- Approved a B.S. degree program in biological sciences and a master's degree program in biology.
- Approved a B.A. degree program in classical civilization and
- Approved a master's degree program in area studies.



EMU Queen

Kathy Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Hardin of 34212 N. Wick, Farmington Hills, represented Eastern Michigan University at the Mid-American Conference Queen Competition at Kent State University recently.

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