



No County Alone Can Dominate SEMCOG

If you've been wondering whether any one bloc in the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) can dominate its activities, here's a partial answer.

U-D Names Ombudsman For Student Problems

Fred W. Shadrick, dean of student affairs at the University of Detroit, has been chosen university ombudsman by the Student Government headed by Joseph Palazzolo, Student Government president, and Eugene F. Grewe, Student Government vice president.

In selecting Shadrick for the ombudsman's post, the U. of D. Student Government became the first university or college in the country to name the dean of student affairs as its ombudsman.

Ordinarily, the students seek out a faculty or administration member whom they believe will be effective in arguing their case before the dean of student affairs or any other member of the faculty or administration who is the source of their complaint.

In his role of ombudsman, Shadrick also will assist the members of the faculty, administration and staff who have complaints about any facet of the university.

The ombudsman's office is located in the Student Union Building, rather than the Administrative Building.

Complaints received from students to date have concerned the dorms, their pay as student employees and the quality of the university's health service.

One student requested the ombudsman to assist him in finding housing for his bride-to-be and himself and, since both were under 21, the student



FRED SHADRICK
U-D Ombudsman

asked the ombudsman to assign the lease. (Mr. Shadrick arranged both).

One faculty member sought out the ombudsman and requested that specific students be contacted and urged to attend class more often (it was done).

SHADRICK FINDS that being dean of student affairs has been a help in his new role as ombudsman. "To get things done as an ombudsman, it is necessary to know how the 'system' works. I have learned that 'system' while being dean and now find that wearing these two hats at the same time is a help rather than a hindrance.

"I was to guess about my effectiveness to date. I would say that I have been effective in getting about 90%

and villages with a total of 48, or 41%.

Next largest bloc is the school districts with 33 members, or 27%.

Townships number 19 and the six counties have a total of

three delegates. Macomb County alone of this bloc hasn't become a member.

IF AN ISSUE should shape up to divide the membership along county lines, again no single county has a clear majority.

Oakland county - surprisingly - has the greatest representation across the various blocs, with 39.

Although neither alone could dominate, their combined 74 votes could.

Macomb units have 11 delegates, Monroe eight, St. Clair seven, and Washtenaw nine, for a total of 35.

THIS IS ONLY a "partial" answer for several reasons.

First, it must be noted, there is no way a single county could dominate. Its allotted delegate strength is simply too limited.

Second, the current membership does not include all the eligible members in any bloc. Schools, for one, could muster enough strength to exceed the cities-and-villages bloc.

Seldom do all eligible voters take part, however.

When SEMCOG elected its chairman, adopted a new delegate-qualification by-law and authorized a stance on state school reform in January, for instance, the voting was by just 65 delegates.

Shadrick regards "just being in his ombudsman's office" regularly as the most significant accomplishment to date.

"The ombudsman sees what the network of the administration looks like to the kids, and can also serve as a relief valve for students' tensions."

Ombudsman Shadrick is not the first person to hold the title on the U. of D. campus, but succeeds Thomas Davis, dean of freshman studies, who last year was one of four campus ombudsmen in the entire country.

County Board Eyes Salaries Committee

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

A citizens commission to evaluate the Wayne County Board of Supervisors' workload and to recommend a salary for members' next term of office is being planned.

The board's ways and means committee recommended a nine-member commission appointed by the board chairman, Albert J. Zak.

Two amendments will be considered between now and expected board final approval in two weeks, at the regular

board meeting Thursday, March 5.

One, offered by Supervisor Carl Pursell (R-6th district), of Plymouth and Livonia, calls for consent of "a majority of the members of the board" on Zak's appointments.

THE SECOND, offered by Zak, calls for the commission to include study and recommendations for workload and salaries of all county elected officials and appointed department heads.

As recommended by the

ways and means committee, any citizen or group could submit nominees to a member of the board of supervisors for consideration.

Zak said that if empowered to make the appointments on his own, he would choose a "neutral body." Only the supervisors have the power to set their own salaries by majority vote.

At present the 26 members of the county legislative body receive a salary of \$10,000 a year, a compromise reached

following prolonged debate (in which several supervisors faced recall proceedings) after they took office in January 1969. The chairman receives an extra \$2,000.

SERVING For two-year terms, board members must run for re-election in the Aug. 4 primary this year. Any change in their compensation must be made this term in order to be effective with the next term. The change would not apply to the present term.

As the first directly-elected county board in history, the supervisors found themselves in the unusual position of being required by state law to set their own salaries before they had any experience on the job.

Pursell told Observer Newspapers he doesn't want to be part of any political move to increase members' salaries.

IT WAS HIS resolution of a year ago that an independent commission be formed to recommend salaries which was "resurrected" by the ways and means committee this month, he said.

This, plus the committee's change to allow appointments by the chairman without checks and balances, has brought about a misunderstanding about his own intentions, he said.

He introduced the "consent" amendment to the full board Thursday, and he said he believes it will pass.

Pursell voted against the so-called "Zak Pack" last year when it pushed through its original, controversial salary scale.

County Executive Authority Asked

Carl Pursell, county supervisor representing Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Canton, formally recommended that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors begin a legislative request in Lansing to permit the County of Wayne to create

the needed office of a Chief Executive.

As a member of the County Reorganization Committee, Supervisor Pursell also moved that the County introduce legislation to properly streamline our "antiquated administrative departments."

Hart Sets Speech At Testimonial

Senator Philip A. Hart (D-Michigan) will hold a press conference at the Sheraton Motor Inn, 1001 N. Woodward, Pontiac, a half mile north of Square Lake Road, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21.

It is expected that Hart will soon announce his candidacy for re-election to the U.S. Senate.

The senator will be the guest of honor and featured speaker at the "Victory for Hart" dinner at 7:30 that evening at the new dining hall of the Oakland Center, Oakland University.

The dinner is sponsored by the Oakland County Democratic Committee.

Hart was elected to the Senate in 1966, after serving two terms as Michigan's lieutenant governor. He won election to a second term in 1964 by a 300,000 vote margin.

The senator is best known for legislation he has sponsored in the fields of consumer protection, civil rights, conservation and anti-trust. More recently, he led the attack against deployment of the Anti-Ballistic Missile System.

BOTH MOTIONS were adopted and the committee will now proceed to review four types of county executive plans that are before this committee for debate as outlined in a study by the Citizens Research Council.

"I would be hopeful," said

Schoolcraft Enrolls 4,763 - New Record

Winter semester enrollment of 4,763 students—a record for a winter semester—has been reported by Schoolcraft College Registrar Norman E. Dunn. The 16-week semester began Jan. 7 and will end April 28.

The enrollment compares with 4,263 for the same semester in 1969, and with 1,740 for the winter term in 1965, the first year the college was open.

Nearly 42% of the students are enrolled in technical-vocational programs, 70% are residents of the college district, 45% are attending evening classes and 56% are classified

as part-time students who are taking fewer than 12 semester hours of classwork.

Male students outnumber female students nearly two to one.

Enrollment to date in the three semesters of the 1969-70 academic year totals 6,274 full-time equivalent students who have enrolled in 97,356 credit hours of studies, Dunn said.

Peak enrollment period is the fall term in which a record 5,149 students enrolled in 49,321 credit hours and equated to 3,182 full-time students. The winter term enrollment of 4,763 equaled 2,866 students, according to Dunn.

Employment Survey Set

The Bureau of the Census will conduct a sample survey of employment and unemployment in the Detroit area during the week of Feb. 15. Robert A. Yecy, director of the bureau's regional office in Detroit, announced today.

The households to be interviewed here are part of a scientifically designed sample of the entire U.S. population.

The employment and unemployment statistics are collected monthly by the Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Labor to provide a continuing measurement of the economic health of the nation

as a whole and of its major regions.

This monthly survey is not to be confused with the 1970 decennial census of the entire population to be taken next April 1 since that will cover all of the nation's 60 million households and will provide data for each of the 50 states and for each of their political and economic subdivisions.

As in the forthcoming April census, facts about the individual and the family collected in this survey are kept completely confidential and the results will be used only to compile statistical tables.

SS Office Closed Monday

The Social Security office on Lahser Road that serves the northwest suburbs will be closed on Monday, Feb. 23. This will be the official observation of Washington's Birthday which falls on Sunday, Feb. 22.

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