

County residents denied 'campvention' appeal

The Michigan Supreme Court has denied an environmental group a chance to appeal the state's decision to allow a "campvention" in Highland Recreation Area of northern Oakland County.

"We are not persuaded that the questions presented should be re-

viewed by this court," said the high court's one sentence announcement. The effect is to uphold a 3-0 Court of Appeals ruling of last September. That ruling upheld Oakland Circuit Judge Robert Anderson's refusal to prohibit 15,000 members of the Michigan Campers and Hikers Association from holding a week long campvention at Highland in July of 1988.

LOSER WAS the Highland Recreation Defense Foundation, a non-profit group of mostly nearby residents.

Winner was the Natural Resources Commission and Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which granted the permit.

The fact that the convention already has been held was not an issue in either the Appeals Court decision because the situation could occur again. The issues were the propriety

of allowing a group with 4,700 recreational vehicles on the site and possible environmental damage.

The 5,600-acre Highland State Recreation Area is a former summer estate of auto pioneer Henry Ford.

The appeals court panel — veteran Judge Harold Hood, first year Judge Mark Cavanagh and retired Supreme Court Justice John Fitzgerald — said:

"It is not a wilderness area. The park includes former farmland and a former private estate, recreational areas for activities such as skiing and boating and a nature reservation. Approximately 250 acres were prepared for NCHA's use. Of that 250 acres, between 120 and 130 required little preparation," they said.

THE APPEALS court held:

- The defense foundation made

no claim that it would suffer damages and has no legal standing.

- DNR's expenditure was not an appropriation of public money for private purposes and thus didn't require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.

"The granting of exclusive use for a limited time appears to be a reasonable accommodation which would be to the benefit of everyone seeking to use the park," the appeals courts said.

- The foundation failed to establish that there would be environmental damage to justify court intervention. Although many small trees were removed, "it appears that the overwhelming majority of the work was of a temporary nature, either because it would be removed after the campvention or because the land would be allowed to return to its natural state."

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"The real measure of a college is the quality of instruction offered in the classroom," he insists.

ASKED ABOUT the biggest disappointment in his career, Nicholson didn't hesitate. "The general public doesn't understand the value of community colleges," he said. "They don't appreciate what their tax dollars provide."

Nicholson sees OCC as a place for people still searching. Some students — those who didn't live up to their potential in high school — use com-

munity colleges as a place to prove themselves, so they can go on to a four-year institution like Michigan State.

Others, including some with masters degrees, see community colleges as a place to develop additional skills. "Their degree might be in economics or political science, but now they're in supervision and want to develop those skills," he said.

Still others — including high school drop-outs — start out "just to take a few courses," Nicholson said. "Once they realize they can do college-level work, they often go on to

bigger and better things."

For some students, community colleges are the difference between being on welfare, or in prison, and a productive life with a rewarding job or career.

Regardless of student motivation, Nicholson said the return is enormous. "Nothing in our society accomplishes so much good for such a little investment."

NICHOLSON SAID he wasn't looking for greener horizons last February when he received a phone message about the United Arab Emirates looking for a top college

administrator.

"I wasn't particularly interested," he recalled, "and I recommended a few friends who might be interested in the job."

A few weeks later, Nicholson got a more insistent call asking that he interview in Toronto. That meeting went so well he accepted an invitation to visit the United Arab Emirates for five days in March.

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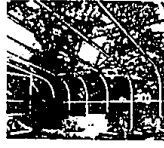


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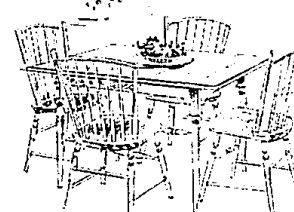


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