

9 Seeking Long Terms At S'craft

The following questions were asked each candidate for the Schoolcraft College trustee election by Observer Newspapers.

1. Do you favor passage of the millage question on the ballot? Why?

2. Do you approve of "executive" sessions held by the board?

The practice maintained by the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees of holding "executive" (secret) sessions is being challenged by four of the nine candidates for six-year terms on the board.

Three persons will be elected to six-year terms in the trustee election on Sept. 17.

In order to find out the candidates opinions on certain issues, the Observer Newspapers asked each candidate to answer a questionnaire.

Last week, the Observer Newspapers printed the responses of the eight candidates for the two-year terms. The following are the answers submitted by the candidates for six-year terms.

LEROY C. BENNETT, 41, is a department head in a Livonia junior high school and is a former member of the Schoolcraft board.

1. "I support the increased millage for Schoolcraft," Bennett said. "Over one-quarter of Schoolcraft's students are adults over age 25, and about another half are over 21. Many of these students are also employed full time or are housewives who would not go to college if Schoolcraft was not here."

"If the millage is not approved, no new building program can be commenced, and no increase in enrollment for vocational and technical education can be provided."

2. "In most cases the board of trustees has used executive sessions to discuss what might have been done by committees beforehand."

3. "At present, at-large trustee elections offer the only practical solution to the problem," he said. "With rapidly growing areas such as Canton Township, which could grow in a few years to equal Livonia in population, redistricting would be necessary before every election."

4. "Non-resident students should be admitted where program vacancies occur and no qualified resident students are available, because this saves the college money."

"If the college feels that having certain non-resident students in a particular program or programs will increase the value of those programs for all students concerned, then it should request the funds necessary in its budget request and the cost charged as part of the cost of the particular program."

MARK BOWLBY, 18, is a Schoolcraft student and a resident of the college district for nine years.

1. "I favor the proposed millage increase," Bowlby said. "It is poor reasoning to assume that Schoolcraft can stay at its present level of operation and still maintain its present level of education to an ever expanding community."

"It would be a disservice to the community if the college had to turn away students who would have no other option but to go to work right after high school, depriving them of a quality education."

2. "I don't believe you can give a stock 'yes' or 'no' answer concerning this issue," he said. "Most meetings

3. Do you favor at-large trustee elections or single-member district elections?

4. Should the college admit non-resident students—especially in programs where a waiting list is now in effect? Should the colleges also let funds for tuition scholarships for inner city students?

should be open to the public, yet there are times, as in a case of a morals charge against a college employee, that a closed session would be advantageous to everyone involved."

3. "I favor at-trustee elections over single-member district elections," Bowlby said. "I have great confidence in the American voter, and I think and truly believe that voters will vote for the qualified candidates, rather than for a fellow city resident."

4. "The college should take care of the residents it serves first, and let non-residents in the programs where there is room," he said. "The extra \$10 per credit hour the non-resident pays is hardly equal to the cost of educating him."

Bowlby said he would not favor allocating money for inner city student scholarships "because I think the money could be more wisely spent."

ROGER CARVER, 46, concentrated on vocational education in his undergraduate work at Wayne State University. He is the owner of Carver Insurance Agency. He teaches part-time at Schoolcraft.

1. Voicing support of the millage, Carver said, "This seems to be the most realistic method of completing the plans of Schoolcraft College, but more especially, for the educational needs of our community."

"This is the type of millage that should never be defeated! This is that part of education that makes it all worthwhile

and also gives the individual a feeling of 'real education.'"

2. "The discussion of many topics would be easier for the board without visitors," Carver said in support of executive sessions. "It would be unfortunate to have information misinterpreted."

3. "Experience would indicate that single-member district representatives have been more than adequate in their trustee responsibilities," he said. "However, I believe that the at-large election will produce trustees that will properly represent all districts."

4. Carver said the college should not admit non-resident students, "not with the knowledge I have of the problem at this time... I could reconsider with more information," he added.

He said he would favor allocating funds for inner city student scholarships "But lunches and transportation should not be included except in unusual situations."

MILAN EMANUEL, 24, teaches political science at Wayne State University and has substitute taught in the Livonia schools.

1. "The answer to the dilemma is not an increase in the millage," Emanuel said. "It is the prerogative of the admissions office to admit applicants from out of the district."

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4. "The college should admit approximately two per cent of non-resident students especially in programs which are almost fully subscribed," he said. "Non-residents should pay approximately three times the amount per resident student when a program is over-subscribed."

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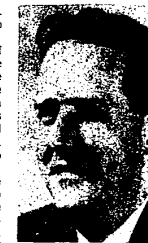
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of the college itself -- to know what is going on at their community college," he said.

2. "It is my belief that trustees should be elected on an at-large basis rather than by single-member districts," he said. "With the framework of single-member districts, members tend to be more concerned with appeasing a small minority within their district in order to gain reelection, whereas with at-large elections board members must appeal to the entire community."

3. "Our first responsibility is to the residents of the district. If there are openings for additional students after we have admitted our students from the area then it is the prerogative of the admissions office to admit applicants from out of the district."

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3. "The trustee serves all of the people within the college district and in this sense the at-large election seems to be ideal," he said. "But from a practical viewpoint, districts of equal or near-equal proportions would make it easier for a constituency to identify and vice-versa."

"Certainly it would be more economical for candidates to present their views because smaller areas would be involved -- thus making it possible for larger numbers of qualified candidates to seek election."

4. "Non-resident students pay double the tuition that resident students do, so their admission is not a financial liability," Mrs. Raymond said. "Obviously the students in the college district which is footing the bill, should come first, just as the members of one's family come first, and so I would be in favor of taking a look at the procedure and implement change, if change is needed in the light of all of the available data."

"Since tuition scholarship funds are available, economically and culturally deprived student should be encouraged to attend Schoolcraft. Students, generally, would benefit by association and better understanding of other people."

ERNEST SCHMITTER, 28, has lived in Garden City for 25 years and is employed by Detroit Diesel.

1. "More funds are necessary for the continued growth of Schoolcraft College," Schmitter said. "The needs in this area are increasing, and we should be prepared to meet them."

2. "There are occasions, such as disciplinary action and things of this nature, that should be held in 'executive' session," he said. "I am adamant in my belief, however, that all decisions and discussions pertaining to the operation of the college should be open for all to see."

3. "My primary interest is in seeing that responsible people, people sensitive to the needs of all the communities concerned, are elected," Schmitter said.

"I believe at-large elections give the people more of a choice in determining who is best qualified for the job."

4. "I believe the needs of resident students should be met first," he said. "The primary goal behind Schoolcraft College is the education of people living in the communities it is elected to form and finance the school."

"Once these needs are met, I am all for admitting non-resident students."

"I would be in favor of scholarships for inner city students provided the needs of area residents are met," Schmitter said. "Perhaps the idea of allocating scholarships to Wayne County Community College for needy inner city residents could be explored."

proves of executive sessions if 'honest' reporting is done by the board to the media and to the public."

"No 'secret' decisions are necessary in a public institution, but free dialogue must be preserved. Sometimes in the heat of discussions we may seem to take positions that would not be unyielding if room were left for further consideration in an unhurried moment."

4. "At-large elections seem fair since no political patronage is involved," he said.

5. "Schoolcraft is a community college, and its first responsibility is to the cost-carrying - public. Indiscriminate or precedent-setting admission policies could cause some real problems," he said.

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the educational process," he said. "The actual implementation of this possibly controversial suggestion would need careful community orientation, as well as student, faculty and administration understanding, not to mention the actual choosing of students who would profit as well as contribute to the overall educational purpose of Schoolcraft College."

ARCHIBALD VALLIER, 57, is a retired engineer, a consultant on air and water pollution problems with the Department of Commerce, and a Plymouth city commissioner.

1. "At the present time I can take no position on the millage question as I do not know enough about the details of the college budget or its expansion plans, and it would take weeks of study before I can come to a conclusion," Vallier said.

"It is my understanding that the millage increase is primarily for expansion of the college from its present enrollment of 5,000 students to a capacity of 14,000 students," he said. "There is a question in my mind if this large expansion is in the best interests of the college and the public."

2. "I am strongly opposed to 'executive sessions,'" he said.

3. "I have no preference as to the types of elections."

4. "Non-resident students should not be admitted in programs where there is a waiting list of resident students," he said. "Only private funds should be used for tuition scholarships for inner city students."

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Fine Arts Head Named By SC

Schoolcraft's new director of fine arts is Richard T. Saunders, band and orchestra director at Livonia's Stevenson High School for the past six years.

Saunders joins the college staff as replacement for Wayne Dunlap, who resigned to take a post at Grand Valley State College. Saunders holds bachelor and master degrees from Wayne State University, and is currently completing work there on a specialist's degree.

Saunders said he chose Schoolcraft because "the staff and faculty are dedicated to helping each student define and realize his potential. I am delighted to have an opportunity to join them in this endeavor."

The new director was instrumental music supervisor for the former Nankin Mills School District from 1959-65, and before that taught in



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instrumental and vocal music in Southgate for a year. For the past five years he has been assistant supervisor of entertainment and special events for the Michigan State Fair. He has also taught, part-time, at Schoolcraft.

Seamanship Classes Set

A 10-lesson course in basic seamanship will be offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-7 starting Thursday, Sept. 9 at the Livonia Mall community hall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

Enrollment will be at 7 p.m., Sept. 9, with classes each Thursday night from then through Nov. 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The course is free, but there will be a small fee for the textbooks and materials.

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