

Winner Says S'craft Needs Unmet

EDITOR:
I would like to use your facilities to speak with the registered voters of the North-West Wayne County Community College District. To all of you who voted for me in the recent Sept. 13 election may I say, "Thank you for your faith and confidence. I will do my best to merit your trust."

A special expression of appreciation must go to all of you who worked so hard to further my candidacy - in particular members of my immediate family, and others who were in effect almost like family. The results were most gratifying.

I want to thank the newspapers for their kind words and cooperation in trying to make the public aware of the qualifications and views of the candidates. May I congratulate the other winners and say that I know we will enjoy working together-along with the three remaining trustees.

To those of you who didn't make it, I would like to say that I know the feeling, but the experience is nonetheless rewarding. One never loses-one just doesn't always win. To the outgoing board may I say, "Thank you for a job well done. We have a great college!"

And now to all of you out there, a little scolding and an appeal: Only about 10 per cent of you turned out to speak at the ballot box on the very important issues of the college and those to whom you will entrust the stewardship of our college. That's not good. Let's do better the next time. Maybe some of us just weren't aware of the gravity of the situation.

When we founded the district 10 years ago and built our first, and so far only college (Schoolcraft), we planned in terms of a maximum of 5,000 students. We have now reached the 5,000 mark.

With the major colleges and universities having appreciably upped tuition (and other spiraling costs of living away from home), along with the normal growth within the district, it isn't hard to see that something must be done. Somewhere, somehow, and in some manner we must find

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the money to either expand Schoolcraft, which is what the college was all about, or build another college within the district. Expansion would obviously be more economical and practical at this point in time, but if you the people want something different, I, as one trustee, would be willing to take a look at it.

ROSINA RAYMOND
Livonia

Civic Assns. Fell Down

EDITOR:
All day long the day of the Schoolcraft College election (Sept. 13), I waited in vain for the blare of sound trucks in my subdivision exhorting me to vote. Where, or where was that great bastion of civic responsibility, the Federation of Civic Associations? Where were the signs at subdivision entrances reminding me of my responsibility as a citizen?

After all, this election involved money, and heaven only knows the federation is opposed to spending that - regardless of the merits of the case. I felt a certain pang at being deprived of its "non-partisan" advice.

Somewhat or other, I managed to get to the polls without them. My only conclusion, as I voted "yes" for the Schoolcraft millage, was that the federation is more interested in harassing the public schools than it is in making sure everyone is aware an election was taking place.

Millage for the schools, even renewal, is apparently more devastating to them than other property tax proposals. Why?

It would be a refreshing change to see the federation reacting positively some time to efforts aimed at improving

our community. They might be pleasantly surprised at the rewards inherent in a concern for the community at-large. There are things beyond worry about property values, the possibility that a house might be 24 feet instead of 25 feet from the street, a vitriolic fight over one four-story office building and other overall negativism.

MARIE WINTER
Livonia

Appreciation At Schoolcraft

EDITOR:
May I take this opportunity to congratulate the publisher and editorial staff of Observer Newspapers for outstanding coverage of the Schoolcraft College trustee and millage elections.

Your pre-election news stories, analysis, candidate evaluations and endorsements provided a wealth of information in the public interest. Yours is a service very much appreciated on our campus and in four of our five member school districts.

We especially appreciated your Sept. 3 page one editorial endorsing the millage. The last sentence of that editorial was particularly impressive: "There are all sorts of back-to-school bargains in today's paper, but this is the best."

As you know, I've been president of Schoolcraft less than three months, but I became a regular reader of Observer Newspapers last November when my appointment was first announced. I've grown to respect its coverage and the journalistic artistry of Tommy Thompson, Tim Richard and Kathy Moran.

It is a good feeling to know that our member districts can count upon Observer Newspapers as a primary

source for the comprehensive coverage of general and special events at Schoolcraft College.

C. NELSON GROTE
President
Schoolcraft College

Blood Donors Are Thanked

EDITOR:

We are most grateful for the tremendous number of volunteers who donated blood for our two sons. We are also most grateful to all of you fine people who came out to donate but were medically unable to do so. In our hearts we feel as if you have donated.

We wish to thank the Observer Newspapers that carried our plea. We are most grateful.

Also, thanks to District Deputy Clarence Jemman, Knights of Columbus, and to his wife, Pauline, who put in a lot of hard work to make this blood drive such a success.

May God repay your generosity a hundred fold. God love you all.

MR. and MRS.
ANTHONY CALLEJA
Westland

What Values At OCC

EDITOR:

Last year the board of trustees, administration and faculty of Oakland Community College decried the bombing of one of the buildings on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. This year they find themselves in a strike condition.

Which of these two occasions do you more damaging to education? Which instruments, those of the chemistry lab or those of the human psyche, are more sensitive? Which are of greater value?

Finally, which of these two occasions do they have more control in? Are they indeed earnest in their educational philosophy?

LUCIEN J. DREYER JR.
Farmington

Madonna Gets Grant To Train Probation Aides

Madonna College has received a federal grant of nearly \$45,000 to conduct a training program for volunteer probation officers in Wayne and neighboring counties.

Sister Mary Danatha, president of the four-year liberal arts college in Livonia, said the grant came from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice through the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Local matching funds have been pledged by the college and district courts which will be served by the program.

observe experienced VPO's and professional probation officers in action. They will also counsel and direct a youth on probation under supervision. During the month, problems of academic credit will be awarded to the participants who successfully complete the VPO training program.

A certificate of achievement and six semester hours of academic credit will be awarded to the participants who successfully complete the VPO training program.

DIRECTOR of the entire VPO training program is Ronald Troyer, sociology instructor at Madonna College. Assistant directors are James Nugent, federal probation officer, and Sister Andrea, former dean of students at the college.

Interested citizens may either contact their district court for applications or direct inquiries to Ronald Troyer, program director, at Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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Nominees for the training program will be suggested by probation officers and directors, district court judges, police departments and by community leaders, including clergymen and rabbis, principals, businessmen and representatives of social agencies and industry.

Interested college students may also be recommended by their institution. Approximately 200 trainees will benefit from the program.


The program will extend from October to June.

THE FIRST PHASE, from the second week of October through the second week of December, will be instructional.

Trainees will attend 10 three-hour weekly sessions conducted on Tuesday evenings. Lectures, discussions, films and demonstrations will cover such areas as courts, probation departments, deviant behavior, casework, counseling and guidance techniques, role of the VPO, community resources, and drugs.

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