

# Students Concertize, Adults Politick

By KATHY MORAN  
More than 500 young adults not only registered to vote in the political process at a registration concert Friday — but if they had their eyes open, they saw the system at work. While rock bands were blaring, at least one third of the 1,500 college and high school students attending a voters registration concert at Schoolcraft College tuned themselves into their right to vote.

Registrars from 12 near-by communities lined the hallways outside the college's gym and registered new voters who then went inside to hear the bands.

What most didn't realize is that a political maneuvering game was being played by four of the college's trustees with the student-sponsored concert.

THE IDEA FOR the registration concert came from sophomore Dennis Saltarelli of Livonia who negotiated with the Student Senate (student governing

body) and won permission for the concert and voters drive that will continue on campus all this week.

Saltarelli hoped to draw young people from all over the community to the concert and get them to register to participate in coming elections.

He also planned the concert to include a sprinkling of speakers to address the youths periodically during the concert and mingle with the crowd. Speakers were to represent the political parties and local officials.

John Sinclair, of the Rainbow Peoples Party who was just cleared of a marijuana conviction, was the main drawing card.

APPEARANCES were scheduled for Democrat — Richard Austin, secretary of state; Republican Mrs. Norma Lansky, Wayne County Republican Committee vice president; Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara (who was Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor

in 1970), and Schoolcraft — President C. Nelson Grete.

Harvey Oshinsky, news coordinator of WABX-FM, also was on the original list.

But in the last week before the concert, one of the college's trustees, Mary Dumas, was reportedly upset that the obscure Mrs. Grete was to represent the Republicans while well-known Austin was to represent the Democrats.

She contacted Saltarelli and offered to get more Republican speakers to attend. Then the list grew to include Congressman Marvin Eash (R-Ann Arbor), Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), and Rep. Michael Dively (R-Traverse City).

The agenda was then weighted with Republicans, so Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia) showed up Friday and volunteered to be another Democratic representative.

also included Robert Anderson of the non-partisan Michigan Youth Caucus, mingled with students in the hallway where registrations were taking place.

Political science instructor Dr. Larry VanderMolen combed the hallway looking for former students and encouraging them to run for precinct delegate. Some prospective delegates roamed around getting signatures on their petitions.

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TRUSTEE PAUL Kadish, a Democrat, toted a shopping bag of Stempien literature into the registration concert saying he was "making sure the other side is represented."

Board Chairman Robert Gaska, a Republican, and trustee Rosina Raymond, a Democrat, joined Mrs. Dumas and Kadish to round out the political representation. The trustees have rarely attended any other lectures or concerts at the college.

The students quietly listened to the concert while "Cat's Paw," "Blackwood rake," and "The First Century," (all of which have Schoolcraft members) played, but they got restless while the politicians were urging them to exercise their rights as voters and participants in the elective process.

Most of the speakers, who

in Northville and will run for reelection.

ONE PROBLEM facing prospective delegate candidates is which party to run in, VanderMolen said. Once that one is tackled, the students have to decide if they will run committed to a presidential candidate or run uncommitted.

Though VanderMolen has his own biases, he said he is careful not to express them in class and not to influence those who are still undecided.

STUART K. WALL-HEAD of 25692 Chapel-weigh Drive, Farmington, has been promoted to vice president by Detroit Bank & Trust, where he is a regional supervisor in the branch offices administration department. A native of England, Wallhead joined the bank in 1950 as a teller. He is currently working on a BA degree at Wayne State University.

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JOHN M. MEAD of 39176 Allen, Livonia, has been appointed sales manager of Uni-Methods Co. of Detroit, builder of special machines and heavy duty parts handling equipment. Mead studied business at Schoolcraft College and was previously sales manager for a Detroit area tool firm.

## 'New' Poli Sci Be A Candidate And Get Credit

A number of political science students from Schoolcraft College will see the political process from within when they run for precinct delegate this spring.

As many as 30 young adults could be challenging incumbents or running where there are vacancies, according to political science instructor Larry VanderMolen.

This is the first time students have had the opportunity to run for a political post as a project for the introductory course. The 18-year-old vote and May 16 presidential preference primary made it possible.

DR. VANDERMOLEN said many of the students are

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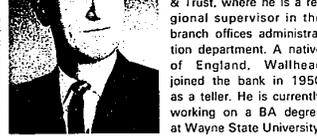
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## Republicans Dems Set Kick Off Campaign Conference On Issues

The 19th District Republican Committee will hold a campaign kick-off on Thursday, March 16, at 8 p.m. on the second floor of the club house of Independence Green Apartments in Farmington.

Precinct delegate candidates for the 19th District, which includes Redford Township, Livonia and Farmington, can bring their completed nominating petitions to the rally and turn them in for verification.

U.S. Rep. Jack McDonald (R-Farmington) will be the speaker at the club house, 12 Mile and Grand River.

Also attending the rally will be State Rep. Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) and Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth).

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