

# Cox, Cowden Join S'craft Board

Schoolcraft College's board will have two new faces — Dr. Gerald Cox, who will give Garden City, its first representation since the 1971 reapportionment, and Ronald Cowden, a Livonia school administrator.

Incumbents Paul Kadish and Nancie Blatt, both of Livonia, were easily re-elected Monday, leading in all five of the K-12 member districts.

The eight-member board now has five present or former teachers — Cox, who teaches in Detroit; Cowden; Mrs. Blatt, a former substitute teacher; Vice Chairman Rosina Raymond, a former college instructor; and LeRoy Bennett, a Livonia district teacher.

The Livonia district, with a little more than half the college district population, has five seats; Garden City, with one-fifth of the population, one; Plymouth, with nearly one-fifth, two; and Northville and Clarenceville, with about 10 per cent between them, none.

Winning six-year terms were Kadish with 5,705 votes; Mrs. Blatt, 5,466; and Dr. Cox, 4,469.

Also in the race were Gerald Lunden, 2,539; James Higgins III, 2,785; Richard Buark, 2,033; Noel Little, 1,961; and Alfred Ringsred, 1,285.

Kadish was elected to a short term two years ago, and Mrs. Blatt was appointed to fill a vacancy early this year. Cox succeeds Floyd Kehrl, Northville businessman who filled a short vacancy and declined to run. Cowden defeated former Schoolcraft student Mark McQuesten, 6,572 to 4,026, to fill the remaining two years of a vacancy. Cowden succeeds Erwin Brown, Ford Motor Co. financial expert who was appointed to fill a vacancy but declined to run for the remainder of the term.

An elated Cox said, "I'm looking forward to six years of service. I hope to continue the record of service Clark Oldenburg set. Oldenburg was a trustee for 10 years

from Garden City before reapportionment resulted in at-large elections. Oldenburg didn't seek re-election. Cox had run twice previously.

Mrs. Blatt grinned: "The Observer was wrong in saying no one feels strongly about me. Obviously, quite a few think I can do a good job. Schoolcraft does a great job now, and I hope I can help it do even better."

Kadish, the board treasurer, said, "I'm very pleased the people of the district had the confidence to re-elect me. I hope I can live up to it."

"I'm really overwhelmed," said Cowden, a political newcomer who had chiefly worked in Republican circles. "I didn't expect to win by this large a margin. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to serve on the board."

less enthusiastic "well qualified" rating to Ringsred, currently employed by the college on a federal grant; he finished last. A

however, have the backing of the Livonia Education Assn., that district's teachers union. This was the first election in which Schoolcraft graduates competed for board seats. McQuesten and Miss Little both attended the college, and both took credit for originating the idea of student advisory seats on the board.



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