

READERS' FORUM

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Whom, How Did Forum Endorse?

EDITOR:
Tim Richard's recent editorial about our Faculty Forum Political Action Committee reveals his lack of information and contains some direct distortions of the facts. I am enclosing an official copy of our endorsements for public information.

You will notice that Paul Kadish and Nancie Blatt received a "preferred and well qualified" rating and Dr. G. Cox, Don Ringsted and Noel Little received a "qualified" rating for the third six-year term seat.

We concluded that both of the candidates for the two-year term were excellent, and we gave Ronald C. Walden and Mark McQueen the same "well qualified" rating.

Please avoid inaccurate reporting in the future, if this is possible.

DR. LARRY VANDERMOLEN
Plymouth

EDITOR NOTE: Dr. Van-

derMolen is triply wrong on his facts.

First, the Faculty Forum's Political Action Committee makes no mention of a "qualified" rating or any other rating for Miss Little.

Second, what Dr. VanderMolen encloses was anything but "an official copy of our endorsements." Rather, it was a publication mailed from his own home, signed only by himself, and labeled "An Open Letter to Members of the Democratic Party." It is only Dr. VanderMolen's own letter - not Forum Facts - which mentions Miss Little. Furthermore, his letter to Democrats has no notary stamp and cannot be construed as "an official copy."

Third, while Forum Facts does indeed give qualified ratings to Dr. Cox and Ringsted, it gives greater prominence to Ringsted by (a) mentioning his name first, (b) placing it in solid capital letters while Dr. Cox's name is in upper and lower case letters, and (c) omitting Dr. Cox's academic title.

2 Detroit Firms To Counsel SC

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees voted to retain two legal firms as the college's general counsel and labor relations counsel after a heated debate on the board's intention to give the business to local firms when possible.

The board voted to retain Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone as general counsel and Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein and VanZile as counsel for employee relations. Both firms are located in Detroit but have employees who live in the college district.

Trustees also delayed appointment of auditors until they can get more information about local firms. Ernst & Ernst has done the Schoolcraft audits since 1963 but is also a Detroit-based firm.

"I think we can get professional service right in our own district," trustee Arch Vallier of Plymouth said.

"It's a mistake to think you've got to run to Detroit to get it every time," Trustee Floyd Kehrl and Vallier initially moved to give the auditing business to the firm of Post, Smythe, Late and Zell, but the board tabled the motion until the next meeting.

"It's not because I have anything against Ernst & Ernst," Vallier said. "I still feel we should give our business to firms within the district. It's no reflection on them."

Rosina Raymond agreed saying that an auditing firm "should only be in for a certain number of years before they begin auditing themselves after awhile."

Vice President of Business Kenneth Lindner pointed out that there are additional costs attached to bringing a new firm in to acquaint them

with the district's business procedures.

"This is going to cost you more money because these guys are out to make money, not love it," trustee Erv Brown said. "The fact is, whether the firm is local or not local, I think the college should interest itself in getting the best firm for the district so the people know they are getting the best possible audit."

Ernst & Ernst audits six other community colleges and 10 four-year institutions.

Vallier argued that the college can't expect support from local businesses in future millage or bond issue campaigns if it neglects to give them business.

But Brown countered his argument by saying that any firm which would base its support on whether or not it

has received business from the college is "a real poor community asset."

Similar arguments were used in discussing appointments of legal counsel.

Three local firms were considered for general counsel but College President C. Nelson Grote said the Plymouth firm of Draugelis and Ashton was the only one which indicated interest in the college's account.

The Plymouth firm handled some of the college's legal counsel until 1971 when Edward Draugelis resigned in a dispute with the board.

When it was noted that the college has always used Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone for advice on elections, millage and bonds, the board decided to continue with them for all general counsel.

The firm of Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein and VanZile was the only one considered for handling the college's labor relations work.

It was described as a

"management-oriented" firm.

"It is our judgment that there is no firm in our district with the kind of depth and kind of expertise this firm has," Dr. Grote said.

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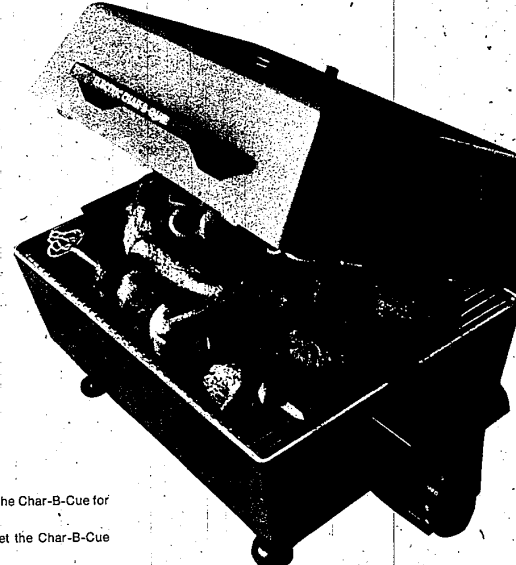
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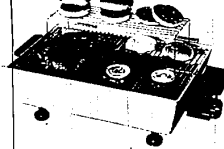


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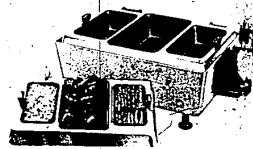
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Beef Up Police Force

EDITOR:
Reading the Observer, we find dozens of crimes committed every week and it is getting worse and worse every week and every day.

The Redford Township police chief, Edwin J. Gleza, warned this township several times about more police needs but this means more money.

I would say let him have more money and more police, even if we have to raise taxes. For that matter, as we know, the clouds are coming from all different directions and the people should be prepared. For it is no time to dig a well when the fire is in progress.

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Nursing Home Enjoyed Band

EDITOR:
On Sunday, June 17 the Farmington Nursing Home was fortunate to have as guests the Dearborn Heights Citadel Band. Thirty-two wonderful gentlemen gave of themselves and their time to entertain the residents for the June birthday party.

Originally scheduled for outdoors, the party had to be changed due to weather conditions. Residents were gathered into the first floor lounge in the Sibel Building, where birthday cake and delicious fruit punch were

served. The music floated in from the courtyard and uplifted everyone's spirits.

The band was most generous in its selections and the people hummed and sang along. About 100 or more residents and relatives attended this affair, which was enjoyed by all. Our sincerest thanks go to this fine band, under the direction of Hansel Orchard.

JOSEPH MASH
Executive Director
Farmington
Nursing Home

Area Deaths

CARL H. BUDDÉ - Services for Mr. Buddé, 30 of Pleasant Ridge, owner of Buddé Sports Shop in Farmington, were held July 2 in Kinsler-Gilbert Funeral Home, Royal Oak, with the Rev. Everett Seymour of the First United Methodist Church of Royal Oak officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Barbery M. Buddé died June 28 in an auto accident. She was a member of Canton-Troy Elks Lodge No. 2169.

Survivors are his wife, Melissa, a daughter, Lisa Jeanine, his grandson, and Mrs. Carl H. Buddé of Grosse Pointe.

ANDRA MALONEY - Services for Mrs. Maloney, 61 of 8561 Fairview, Royal Oak, were held in Schaefer Funeral Home in Plymouth, the Rev. Douglas R. Eby of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Maloney died June 29 in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. A New Jersey native, she came to Livonia in 1950 from Detroit. A clerk-typist, she was president of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Mrs. Maloney's husband Don C. died in 1964.

Survivors are her brother, Mrs. Martin (Susan) Fagan of New Jersey, a daughter, Susan Maloney of Livonia, a son, Don T. Maloney of Livonia, a sister, Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Sooter of New Jersey, and four brothers, Steven, Mar-

tin, George and Emil Fagan, all of New Jersey.

THOMAS E. DAVEY - Services for Mr. Davey, 66, of Dover, Michigan, were held in Schaefer Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Farmington.

Mr. Davey died June 28 in Osgood County Hospital in Gaylord.

Survivors are his wife, Edna, and two sons, John T. of Novi and a son, J. C. of Farmington; five daughters, Elizabeth Blaszak of Farmington; Mrs. Harold (Mary) Wiseman of Dearborn; Mrs. Michael (Agnes) May of Oregon; Veronica Blaszak of Farmington; and Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Boyles of Indiana; two brothers, William and Steve Choma, both of Dearborn; two sisters, Mrs. John (Luigi) Fiala of Detroit and Mrs. John (Evelyn) Fiala of Westland; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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