

OCC Race Draws 10 Area Candidates

Two students and two incumbents are among the 10 candidates running for two vacancies on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees. The trustee election will be Monday, June 12, throughout Oakland County.

Hope Frey

Mrs. Hope Frey, 54, of 4688 McQueen Drive, Bloomfield Hills, has been a part time student on the Orchard Ridge campus of OCC for the past three years. A resident of the college district for 11 years, she has worked with the American Red Cross, Cancer Society, Junior Great Books program and for 10 years in the Presbyterian church with young people.



MRS. HOPE FREY

As an OCC student, Mrs. Frey said she has found a "definite lack of communication and administrative accountability" a deterioration of academic standards, and a student body caught between the faculty and administration. "Of vital concern to me is the lowering of academic standards," she said. "When I sit in a classroom and am taught the same material that is being used on TV High School and when another instructor announces he must assume we have only eighth grade education, I do not call that college."

MRS. FREY suggested replacing the cognitive mapping used to determine how a student learns, with placement tests, as well as changing the methods of grading.

Celia Chapin

Mrs. Celia Chapin, 56, of 3080 Rosemond, Franklin Village, has a diversified working experience, including 15 years as a Detroit teacher, seven years as manager of a music store, four years as a school health coordinator, one year as director of health education for the Wayne County Health Dept. and part time employment as an instructor at the University of Detroit.



MRS. CELIA CHAPIN

A resident of the college district for 16 years, Mrs. Chapin holds a bachelor degree in education from Wayne State University and master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan.

MRS. CHAPIN said the college has a "great potential." "The school should provide a second chance for low achieving high school graduates; have a good program for transfer students; offer technical training courses; have continuing education courses for anyone who wants them, and generally serve as the cultural center for the county. "At present time, OCC has given priority to educational gadgetry and seems to be forgetting the human element in teaching," she said. "Oakland Community College has a firm tax base

The college, which is getting nationwide attention for its innovative programs, has four campuses. The Orchard Ridge campus is located in Farmington at Orchard Lake Road and I-96.

Running for re-election to the six year terms are George Mosher, Birmingham, and Mrs. Lila Johnson, Huntington Woods. Both were members of the citizens group that got the college started and have served on the board since it was created in 1964.

STUDENTS SEEKING election are William Leffel, 18564 Saratoga, Lathrup Village, and Rosemary Hull, 603 Lexington, Royal Oak. Leffel is former editor of the Orchard Ridge newspaper, Recorder.

Others seeking election are Mrs. Hope Frey, who has attended Orchard Ridge part time, Bloomfield Hills; Dr. J. Harold Ellens, a minister, Farmington; Mrs. Celia Chapin, a health educator, Franklin; Dante DiVitto, a political science instructor, Farmington; Betty Turpin, Pontiac; and Karl Yatooma, Troy.

DURING ITS BRIEF existence, OCC has utilized various methods of education always emphasizing a personal approach for each student.

Under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Hill, OCC president, the college has developed a method of testing each student to determine how he uses his senses in learning situations.

Putting together the testing methods and the personal approach, the college has experienced a sharp decline in its rate of failure and concentrates on working with students as individuals. Educators from all over the country and from foreign countries have come to observe the programs.

Lila Johnson

Mrs. Lila Johnson, 46, of 12726 LaSalle, Huntington Woods, was a charter member on the OCC board and is completing her eighth year. She has served as vice chairman and secretary and was one of the early organizers and promoters of the college.



MRS. LILA JOHNSON

She is employed as an administrative assistant for the National Hearing Aid Society, an international trade union, where her responsibilities include editing the society's journal.

Mrs. Johnson holds a degree in business administration from the University of Illinois and has done graduate work at Wayne State University.

SHE IS A charter member of the Berkeley Council for Better Schools, Huntington Woods. She is also a member of the American Assn. of University Women and League of Women Voters.

Her 10 years involvement with the college and 20 years with schools makes her qualified for another term on the board, she said. She has lived in the district 21 years. Mrs. Johnson praised the college's facilities and "good educational program utilizing new concepts in education" as well as its open door policy and community services.

"The vocational - technical education program is behind schedule but is beginning to gain ground now," she added. The financial difficulties experienced by the college can be eased with maximum use of facilities and staff, she said, adding that the college must continue to urge that the "state return to Oakland County its fair share of the money spent on Higher education."

"I am opposed to a tuition increase," she added.

"Research and administration must be limited to their proper roles - support - rather than the unfortunate situation in which the college now finds itself with research, innovation and administration first and the classroom last."

George Mosher

George Mosher, 51, of 551 Mohegan, Birmingham, is currently serving his eighth year on the OCC Board of Trustees and was chairman for six years.



GEORGE MOSHER

He was a member of the citizens committee that led to the start of the college and its vice chairman of the citizens steering committee for Birmingham public schools. An attorney with General Motors, Mosher completed his undergraduate work at the University of Oregon and received his law degree from Columbia Law School in 1948. His memberships include the New York and Michigan Bar Assns., Detroit Bar Assn., American Bar Assn., and the panel of arbitrators for the American Arbitration Assn. He formerly had a law practice in New York and was a law instructor at New York University.

MOSHER PRAISED the progress the college has made in recent years and said he decided to seek reelection because the college has reached a stage in its development where it is most important that the gains which have been made be allowed to stabilize. "We are gratified with the exceptional progress made at

In-district students pay \$10 per credit hour and out of district students pay \$20 per credit. OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS mailed questionnaires to each of the trustee candidates. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Frey and Mrs. Chapin returned the questionnaires after answering the questions.

Mosher, DiVitto and Ellens sent statements. Leffel, Miss Hull, Mrs. Turpin, and Yatooma did not reply.

The following is information and statements by the six candidates who replied:

Dante DiVitto

Dante DiVitto, 42, of 28990 Quail Hollow, Farmington Township, is an assistant professor of history and political science at Macomb County Community College.



DANTE DI VITTO

A resident of the college district for three years, DiVitto holds a master's degree in history from Eastern Michigan University. "I feel my experience at all levels of education and industry for the last 20 years give me insight into problems that may confront the college in the future," DiVitto said.

"FROM WHAT I have heard and seen, a large gap of communication exists between the major groups that operate at the college. This gap must be closed if goals and programs are to be successful at the college level."

"The problem is to make them understand the college. This trend must stop on the same team," he said, "if we have hopes in the future of financial growth and understanding for our society."



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J. Harold Ellens

Dr. J. Harold Ellens, 40, 25782 Kilreigh Drive, Farmington, is minister of the University Hills Church, a community ministry, in Farmington. In addition to his theological degrees from Calvin College and Princeton, Dr. Ellens holds a doctor of philosophy from Wayne State University. A major in the U.S. Army Chaplains Active Reserve, he has traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and the Americas.



REV. J. HAROLD ELLENS

His memberships include the Archaeological Institute of America, The Christian Assn. of Psychological Studies, Military Chaplains Assn., World Assn. of Christian Communication and the Speech Communication Assn.

BASING HIS campaign on the college's alleged misuse of funds, Dr. Ellens said he decided to seek election to the board because, "As a concerned individual devoted to community service, I can not stand idly by and watch community resources squandered for the benefit of a few. I am compelled to speak out."

After studying the college's expenditures, Dr. Ellens said he has found the college has moved "from a \$3 million surplus to a deficit condition in less than three years."