

Personnel board postpones hearing

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The decision of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to be represented by counsel has postponed the Personnel Appeal Board hearing for two sheriff's deputies.

Deputies Jeffrey Brown of Ferndale, and William D. Evans of Clarkston both were suspended without pay for two days (Nov. 10 and 11) after participating in a newspaper interview regarding the operations of the sheriff's department and morale among the men.

Both men asked to have the disciplinary action reviewed by the Personnel Appeal Board, a five-member panel which is the final arbitrator in disciplinary matters involving the county's 2,000 employees.

During the appeal panel hearing April 25 both Brown and Evans were represented by attorneys.

SHORTLY AFTER the session began, however, the sheriff's department decided it also should have the benefit of counsel, according to Vince Luzzi of the county personnel department.

The "mutual" decision to postpone the hearing until 1 p.m. May 15 was made for two days (Nov. 10 and 11) after participating in a newspaper interview regarding the operations of the sheriff's department and morale among the men.

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George G. Michaels Sr. of Pontiac, the board ruled, upon advice of counsel, that it had no jurisdiction in the case, according to panel chairman Dr. William J. Emerson, superintendent of the Oakland Schools.

Michaels was dismissed from his post as a county security officer Nov. 21, 1973.

EARLIER, MICHAELS, after internal departmental problems, resigned before learning his supervisor was about to retire.

College handbook printed

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"The booklet was developed to help familiarize high school and community college students who plan to continue their education with some of the different colleges and universities they have to choose from," Gaffney said.

"The pages on each school were prepared by the colleges themselves so they include information which each institution feels should be of most interest to students."

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In addition to information on each college, the guide contains a curriculum chart showing more than 100 degree programs offered ranging from accounting to zoology.

The booklet also contains information on financial aid programs available to Michigan students.

Copies of "Your Guide To Michigan's Independent Colleges and Universities" are available for \$2 each by writing: AICUM Guide, P.O. Box 186, Lansing 48901.

Bell plans announced

Michigan Bell has announced plans for a new \$6.2 million electronic central office to serve customers in portions of Farmington Hills and in the Mayfair exchange.

Harold L. Moll, Michigan Bell's area manager, said a one-story building will be constructed on the northeast corner of Thirteenth Mile and Drake roads in Farmington Hills.

The new building will house an electronic switching system, known as No. 1ESS, and will provide telephone service for customers in the northern section of Farmington Hills and the southern part of the Mayfair exchange.

Resident appointed

A Birmingham woman has been appointed to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission by the county board of commissioners.

Mrs. Marjorie M. Walker, 629 Shepard Road, Birmingham, was appointed to an unexpired term ending Jan. 1, 1975.

The newest of 10 members, Mrs. Walker is also the third woman now serving on policy-setting panel.

Mrs. Walker is expected to continue her present affiliation with the Birmingham Planning Board, the Recreation Advisory Committee of the Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG), Council on Regional Development and the Independence-Oaks County Park advisory committee.

In the past Mrs. Walker served as a Republican Party precinct delegate, chairman of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board and chairman of the Birmingham Bond Issue campaign.

Hearing set on libraries

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The Bloomfield Township Public Library will be the location of one of six public hearings to be held during June on a proposal to establish a regional library system in the state.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4. The library is located at Lone Pine and Telegraph roads.

The proposed regional library system would provide every Michigan resident with comprehensive library service.

The hearings are being held to discuss a 55-page paper on the structure and responsibility of the state's almost 400 public libraries, including those at colleges and universities, and a proposed five-point plan for financing library reform.

The public hearings are being conducted by the state board of education.

Michaels sent a certified letter to the county personnel department canceling his resignation, according to his appeal hearing request.

However, the county failed to acknowledge his certified letter and accepted his resignation, Michaels said.

"The Personnel Appeals Board told Michaels since his was not technically a firing, firing or disciplinary action question, the board had no authority to consider the question," according to Emerson.

"His only other alternative is the courts," Emerson said.

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