

How Community College Differs From Others

Second of four articles

A community college has a major characteristic that distinguishes it from other institutions that offer post-high school education.

It offers a curriculum geared to the needs of the community it serves.

Oakland County Community College, as proposed on the June 8 ballot, would provide both a two-year college transfer program and educate young people and adults to fill jobs peculiar to the needs of business and industry in Oakland County.

The 19 other community colleges in Michigan report two-thirds of their enrollment in transfer courses. The enrollment of 13,700 students in organized courses indicates the demand for a realistic post-high school education that the com-

munity college is uniquely prepared to meet.

Local control of administration and curriculum is built into the community college at several levels.

THE NAME itself, evolving from the term "junior college" denotes the departure from the traditional classical studies that the first junior colleges offered.

In a matter of two years after Grand Rapids Junior College opened its doors in 1914, it had responded to community needs by offering courses in industrial arts, business practice and public school music.

Half a century ago, the direction of development of community-oriented, community-serving colleges was projected. Sister institutions of Grand Rapids Junior College have since followed in this direction.

Community colleges have always been a product of local initiative. Local citizen interest, existing tax base and an established administrative organization made it possible for large school districts to establish single district colleges.

LAWS PERMITTING a community college district were passed in 1955, following the recognition of four major facts:

1. Community college services should be made available to citizens residing in areas where there is no single school district capable of supporting such an institution.
2. The expansion of services and enrollments placed an increasing financial burden upon single school districts.
3. Popular demand by citizens (See COLLEGE, 7-A)

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Water Softener Issue Cited in B'field Twp.

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

With a sharp rap of his gavel, Supervisor Homer Case ended the discussion and demanded action. He had just heard Donald Bulard, plumbing inspector for Bloomfield Township, declare that he had proof of contamination of the water supply from improperly installed water softeners.

This is another chapter in the township's fight against the "bootlegging" of water softeners came to a close as the board Monday night tabled the matter until the next meeting.

It seems that softener salesmen have been "following the milkman," as Case put it, to new homes that have recently been constructed.

THEY OFFER the homeowner the opportunity to save money by passing the service of a plumber and having the salesmen install the water softener. It is the only way softener companies can stay competitive with plumbers, who also sell the devices, contends J. N. Lantz, owner of the Michigan Water Softener Service.

Under the township's plumbing ordinance, modeled after Detroit's, would-be installers of water softeners must obtain a permit from the township. In addition, they must be installed by a plumber.

Representatives from the State Plumbers Board and the City of Detroit presented their side of the case to the board Monday night, saying that only a water softener installed by a licensed plumber could be considered contamination-free.

CASE POINTED out the problem of enforcing the plumbing code. Many homeowners have the softeners installed without bothering to obtain permits, he said.

These "bootleg operations" are difficult to detect, according to Case. Also, the salesmen sometimes have the homeowner pick up the permits, he added. A brochure. With the arrival of Detroit water in the township, the value of water softeners in homes has been questioned.

Mayor Proclaims Clean-Up Period For Birmingham

It's time to beautify Birmingham, Mayor Charles W. Renfrew has proclaimed the period of May 15 through May 31 as clean-up, paint-up, fix-up time in the city.

Renfrew urged all of Birmingham's residents to improve and maintain the appearance of the city.

"The results will be particularly outstanding if everyone makes a special effort to improve the appearance of areas for which he is normally responsible," Renfrew said.

The mayor said he was soliciting the active help of all who live and work in the city to keep Birmingham beautiful and "let each other know we care."

HE PRAISED the efforts of the city administration, the chamber of commerce and the independent citizen groups together with the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan for their work in maintaining the appearance of the town.

As part of the overall program the DPW announced it would cooperate with any resident or organization during the clean-up period by providing a truck for the collection of litter or rubble.



Plan World's Fair Trip

Discussing plans for their World's Fair trip are members of the party that will take The Birmingham Eccentric's "Family Tour of the World's Fair," May 26-28. The group met Saturday morning for a coffee hour at The Eccentric. Looking over a brochure are with Paul N. Averill (center), publisher, is

Mrs. Edwin W. Hecker of 4640 Burnley Drive, Bloomfield Hills. Alice W. Burlingame (second from right) is tour coordinator. Mr. Burlingame is second man from left at the rear. Immediately behind Averill is Joan Runyon, secretary. Reservations are still available—see coupon on Page 5-CC.

This and That

by George R. Averill
A Few Reflections On My Editorship Of The Eccentric

Just 100 years ago the then Village of Birmingham was incorporated as a legalized local unit of government. As you may gather from other parts of this week's centennial edition, the first settlers arrived in this vicinity in 1819, 145 years ago. Since both these dates, as well as a good deal of the remainder of our earth, has undergone local changes are being presented to you on other pages; I hope that you will file this edition away for safe-keeping. It's worth rereading from time to time—if only as a perspective guide for your own comfort and solace—as the problems of mankind continue to confuse, perplex and bewilder the future.

Personally, I'm mighty glad that, back in February of 1920, my path brought me to the ownership and editorship of The Eccentric. Prior to my arrival here I had worked on the former Detroit Journal as a reporter. Perhaps there is no vocation that brings a person into more personal and community contacts than being connected with a local newspaper's editorial and business departments.

WHEN I CAME to Birmingham, I "inherited" one employee, a young local girl who "kept books" (soon I carried the books in my coat pocket—almost, anyway). When I retired 2½ years ago, the Averill Press and The Eccentric had a combined payroll of 110 people. In 1920 Birmingham was a mile square, containing 3,600 human beings. Now it is over four miles square, with approximately 26,000 residents.

So, during my action association with this newspaper, I have witnessed our community's great growth, together with being able to participate in not only reporting its various activities (which in man beings, many of them in)

B'ham Coed Conducts Study in Retardation

Psychology isn't all coaches and candles, according to a pretty blue-eyed major in that field at Randolph-Macon Women's College.

Christie Hewlett, a senior from Birmingham, has conducted an independent study project entitled "Isolation of the Factors Which May Contribute to Various Types of Mental Retardation." She was advised by Dr. Audrey M. Shuey, chairman of the psychology department at Randolph-Macon.

Chris began her study by examining files at the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital and narrowing her field down to three types of subnormality. These are mongolism; that means several children in a family are subnormal as a result of one or both parents being retarded.

"WE TOOK the most recent admissions so that we might have more common factors to work with," she explained. Each of the three groups was made up of 29 patients from the same sex and from the same state.

Differences found among the three types helped to delineate the factors which contributed to each subnormality.

In studying familial mental retardation and mongolism, Chris discovered that the parents of a mongoloid had more education and that the mother of the mongoloid tended to be older.

In other words, a mongoloid was the result of physical deficiencies rather than mental, while the retardation was true for the cultural familial subnormality. The latter subnormality occurred more frequently because it seemed to be hereditary, and children in the latter group tended to have a higher IQ than the mongoloid.

CHRIS ALSO found that if a patient is severely retarded, there is less incidence of other members of the patient's family being retarded.

"Due to the limited number in the sample, these differences don't necessarily represent accurate findings, but they do support previous results and suggest some possible differentiating characteristics among the categories," Chris said.

After being graduated in June, Chris hopes to attend graduate school at Wayne University in Detroit with a career goal in industrial personnel work.



CHRISTIE HEWLETT

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Trunk Opens Suddenly, Revealing Store's Safe

A 30-year old Detroit man is in the Oakland County Jail waiting examination Monday on a charge of taking a 350-pound safe from the Post Furniture Co., 1532 S. Woodward, early Sunday morning.

LeRoy Hall was arrested at 4:30 a.m. by Huntington Woods police minutes after the break-in occurred. Hall was stopped when his auto trunk popped open when the vehicle hit a bump, exposing the safe.

Birmingham Police Lt. Merlin L. Holmquist said the safe contained more than \$6,000 in cash and checks.

Hall, a former employee of the firm, is charged on two counts, safe robbery and breaking and entering in the nighttime, Holmquist said.

He stood mute at his arraignment Tuesday and was taken to the Oakland County Jail when he

was unable to post the \$10,000 bond.

HOLMQUIST SAID Hall failed to show up for work about five weeks ago after another burglary in which \$100 was taken.

Birmingham police had alerted other area departments to be on the lookout for an old Pontiac with a sagging rear end.

Holmquist said a spare tire and tail light was broken during the robbery was discovered about 4:20 a.m.

Police said the tire was apparently removed from the trunk to make room for the safe and the tail light was broken during the moving.

Holmquist said Hall apparently had no help in taking the safe from the store.



Figures in a Contract

A Birmingham resident—L. W. (Duke) Forrester, 4603 Hedgewood—was successful in signing actress Jayne Mansfield and her husband, Mickey Hargitay, to a long-term contract to publicize his company. Forrester is a vice president of International Leasing Corp., Detroit. Here (from left) Hargitay, Miss Mansfield, Forrester and his wife Pat discuss publicity plans prior to a nationwide tour.



Comments From... Classified

"A long, long time ago, when there was a Blacksmith shop over on Maple and Poppleton's General Store was the gathering place for the townspeople, it had been the custom to idly chat about local business conditions, and perhaps discuss the trading or selling of a horse . . .

Sometimes the ladies would post on the Notice Board their household furnishings that were no longer being used . . .

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