

Burdick readies vigorous fight

By LYNN ORR

The 17th Congressional District, which includes the Farmington community, hasn't had a Republican winner in decades, but Jim Burdick believes he can defeat Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. William Brodhead on his home turf.

"We're going to win. There hasn't been a Republican challenger that put on any kind of campaign since Charlie Oakman in the fifties," said Burdick emphatically. "Very few people have taken the time to look at the district statistically, and I plan a very vigorous, full-scale campaign."

Armed with a full-time staff of five and many volunteers, the 32-year-old Southfield attorney thinks '76 may be his year. Burdick believes his experience in private practice and as special assistant attorney since 1971 has given him the opportunity to represent the interests of other people.

"Often the interests of my clients are inconsistent with my own which gives me the experience to work for your constituents and not myself," Burdick explained.

There is a compelling need for the congressman in this district to adequately and fairly represent the views of the majority of this district.

Burdick likes to stress the positive aspects of his campaign rather than involve himself in a battle of charges and counter charges with his opponent.

But Burdick is most strongly opposed to over-bureaucratization, which he believes the present Congress has not avoided in its legislation.

"I just dread over-bureaucratization. It's time to clean up what we've got," said Burdick, who opposed the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill although he believes jobs are top priority. "It's not workable to create false employment."

The philosophy of the H-H bill is great but everyone agrees it's an unworkable, unworkable kind of program. I'll make a problem in this campaign after the election the bill will be dropped like the old hat," Burdick said.

He believes the way to create jobs is to stimulate the economy to attain employment of a lasting nature keeping in mind the need for a balanced budget at some point in the future.

Most social programs are great but we can't have everything. A big difference between myself and my opponent is that I'm attuned to finding the money to spend but he spends it.

However, cross district busing is not a viable means to achieve that equality and since the majority of the people in the 17th oppose cross district busing, I would not be a supporter.

"If the majority of my constituents were supporting an issue I found morally repugnant, I would have to resign as I believe I'm not there to represent myself, but to represent them," JAMES M. BURDICK.



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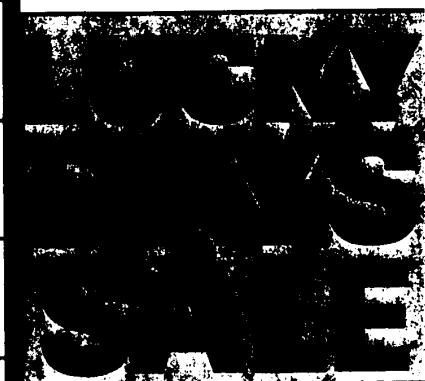
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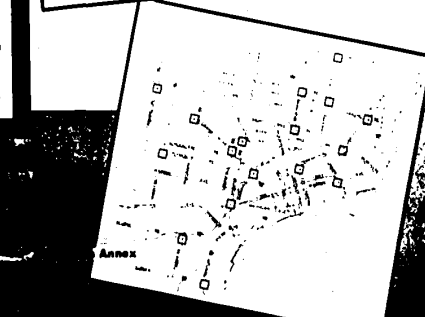
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American Indian is class topic

A new anthropology course featuring the culture of the American Indian will be offered at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College during the fall semester beginning Sept. 10.

Titled Anthropology 251: Profiles of Ethnology, the class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 12:30 p.m.

According to course instructor David Carpenter, a member of the American Anthropological Association, the American Indians are known more by fiction than fact.

Carpenter said: "Even Indians confuse images with reality. For example, the Indian costume has been the ceremonial dress of the plains tribes rather than the traditional dress of their own tribes. Most Indians were farmers (although it was the women who did the farming) while others were primarily fishermen or gatherers of wild plants."

Carpenter will use the film approach to study the Indians. He can be reached at the college, 476-3400 ext. 417.

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