

Close vote spurns bid for youth crime squad

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The Oakland County Board of Commissioners last week killed a proposal which sheriff's department officials said would help reduce juvenile crime in the county.

The proposal was to set up a four-person juvenile unit in the sheriff's department to deal specifically with cases of juvenile crime. This type of crime, sheriff's department officials maintain, continues to increase in Oakland County while other types are declining.

Prior to the vote, the proposed program was blasted by County Executive Daniel T. Murphy. "You've got to stop taking federal money. Apple pie and motherhood are great, but they also cost money," Murphy said.

"You've got to stop it. One day you're going to find yourself with more programs than you can afford," he predicted.

The program would have been funded primarily by the federal government. The county's contribution would have been approximately \$5,000. The proposal failed 12-13.

Commissioners voting against the proposed juvenile unit included: Lilian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield Township), Ralph Moxley (R-Birmingham), John Peterson (R-Rochester), Robert W. Page (R-Birmingham) and Joseph Montante (R-Orchard Lake).

Voting for the program were: Henry W. Hoot (R-Troy), Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills) and Lawrence Pernick (D-Southfield).

Commissioners John McDonald (R-Farmington) and Alexander Pernoff were not in the room for the vote.

THE NEW UNIT would have meant a more coordinated, professional attack on juvenile crime, said Lt. Gerald Heeves of the sheriff's department.

He said officers assigned to the unit

would be better able to handle the juvenile cases which he said are now handled by road patrol officers. He added that the special unit would also leave road patrol officers free to concentrate on other types of crime.

Some commissioners, however, were influenced by the county executive's reasoning.

Moxley, a former Birmingham

police chief and former superintendent of the Oakland Police Academy, sided with the executive. "I'm torn between law enforcement and the facts of life. We're just going to have to start holding to the budget more closely," he said.

OTHERS SUGGESTED that the county executive reorder his priorities.

"We must do some work with our youth if we want to keep a lid on crime," said Commissioner Robert Gorsline (R-Milford). "Crime is a fundamental issue," he said. "We must control this single most important increase in crime."

The county executive, however, produced a recent Market Opinion research survey taken in Oakland

County which indicated that crime is not a "fundamental issue" with most Oakland County residents.

Instead, he said, most county residents want better transportation. Another commissioner, Patrick Daly (D-Farmington) countered, "If we only save one youth from Children's Village, we'll have gotten back our money."

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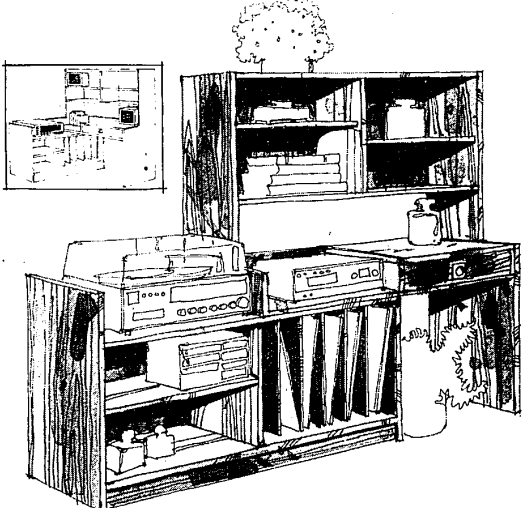
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Johnson wins at OCC

Lila Johnson, of Huntington Woods, will continue her service on the Oakland Community College (OCC) Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Johnson, a 14-year veteran of the multi-campus college's board, has apparently outpolled another incumbent, Dennis Rogers of Troy, for one of the six-year terms to be filled by the June 12 election.

When the unofficial results were announced, political newcomer Sandra Ritter of Waterford Township topped the eight-candidate field. The second board position was still undecided, though, as Rogers led Mrs. Johnson, 10,185 to 10,183.

Earlier this week, the Oakland County Board of Canvassers released the official election figures. Mrs. Ritter again led the way with 11,592 votes. Mrs. Johnson pulled ahead of Rogers with 10,178 votes to Rogers' 10,145.

Rogers said he has not decided if he will ask for a recount.

"It could cost \$2,000. It might cost as much as \$7,000 or \$8,000. It's a pretty weighty decision. Obviously, I'm disappointed," he said.

For Rogers, it was his second



LILA JOHNSON

Another term straight election defeat. Earlier he had made an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the Troy City Council.

Mrs. Johnson was subdued. "If that's the will of the people, I'm willing to serve," she said.

She added that the most recent vote totals might not be final: "It has been such a surprising, unusual election. I suppose anything can happen."

The board of trustees has scheduled an organizational meeting for the new board for July 10.

OCC closed July 3-4

Oakland Community College (OCC) will be closed July 3 and 4.

The summer term had been scheduled to begin July 3.

Because of the anticipated long Independence Day weekends, however, the board of trustees voted 5-1 to close the

school's four campuses.

Earl Anderson was the only trustee to oppose the closing. He reasoned that because the school's new contracts did not specify July 3 as a holiday, closing the school was, in effect, breaking the contracts.


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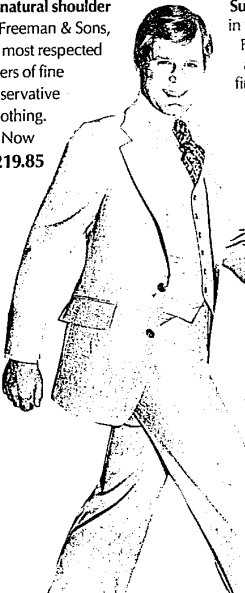
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