

OU fills faculty roster

Twelve faculty re-employment and promotion actions and four new fulltime appointments have been approved by the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

The new fulltime appointments are Halping Ko and Jay B. Turett, assistant professors in mathematical sciences, and Howard Spite, professor, and Carol A. Swift, instructor, both in education.

The following actions were approved for continuing faculty members: Thomas W. Church, political science; James E. Dawson, music; R. Douglas Hunter, biological sciences; Harold Zepelin, psychology; Alice C. Gerlin, economics and management; and Jean L. Easterly, education, all reemployed and promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure and Mildred H. Merz, library, was granted re-employment with tenure as an assistant professor.

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GOP's discarded card, Damman looks to future

Down, but not out

There was a wry joke about "the twists and turns of politics." Otherwise, James Damman showed no bitterness as he said goodbye to the Republican State Convention Saturday in Detroit.

After one term as lieutenant governor, Damman, formerly of Troy, had been maneuvered out of no less than two jobs by Gov. William Milliken.

After Damman announced he would seek the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Robert Griffin last winter, Milliken filled Damman's slot by persuading Eastern Michigan University President James Brickley to be his running mate, and then persuaded Griffin to run again.

Nevertheless, Damman was all smiles as he spoke briefly to the convention. He got a standing ovation.

Would he return to the family hardware business? "That's a possibility," he answered. "I have all sorts of options, but it will probably be somewhere in the business world. I expect to



JAMES J. DAMMAN
Out—for a while?

make up my mind in 60-90 days."

Damman is now a resident of Eaton County in the 3d Congressional District, Republican Garry Brown has been in office there 12 years and has openly talked of retiring, but not this year.

If Damman is interested in Congress there, he hasn't made a move in that direction. He admits he isn't active politically in his new community.

"I suppose I might again be a candidate for statewide office," he said. "But I don't know under what circumstances. I have a lot of good friends out there," he added, nodding at the convention floor.

The Milliken-Damman ticket won the 1974 election, but Damman became a political liability when evidence was uncovered of his land dealings, through a Lincoln Investment Co., that was the topic of planned changes by Troy city officials—of whom was Damman. There were no legal charges, but the ethical conflict-of-interest cloud made it a certainty Damman would never again be Milliken's running mate.

OTHER REPUBLICANS had been left out in the cold by Milliken's and Griffin's maneuvers.

U.S. Rep. Philip Ruppe of Houghton declared for the senate, but withdrew when Griffin changed his mind about quitting. Ruppe denounced the party leaders. Democrats approached Ruppe about a change in parties, but Ruppe hasn't indicated an interest. Ruppe didn't attend the convention.

Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson refused to drop out of the senate race. Griffin handily beat him by an 80-20 margin in the Aug. 8 primary.

Patterson in effect burned his bridges behind him. Had he withdrawn from the senate race, the attorney general's nomination might have been his for the asking. Among rank-and-file Republicans, Patterson was one of the most popular figures—but not after he denounced Milliken for bossism.

Patterson didn't attend the convention either.

James F. O'Neil, former State Board of Education member from Livonia, declared his candidacy for that nomination, then found himself out in the cold when Milliken's lieutenants recruited a black woman to run for the job. O'Neil, too, raised the bossism charge in one of the angriest outbursts a fellow Republican has ever fired at the two-term governor.

But Damman was all smiles, all graciousness. At 44, he was down but not out.

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