

Fitzgerald, Milliken on Channel 56

At 10:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, WTVS-TV, channel 56, will present an hour-long program with the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor, Gov. William Milliken and William Fitzgerald.

The interviews will be conducted by capital correspondent Tim Skubick, host of the weekly series "Off the Record."

At 11:00 p.m. the same day, Democratic candidate Carl Levin will appear for a half-hour interview with Tim Skubick. Republican candidate Sen. Robert Griffin declined an invitation to appear on the show.

The two Sunday night specials will wrap up the nine local election previews covering many of the major statewide offices and issues. Earlier that Sunday evening, the national series "Elections '78" at 8:00 p.m. will present a capulized round-up of important political contests in other states around the country.

WSU asks for \$108 million '79-80 budget

A 1979-80 operating budget request to the state legislature of \$108.3 million was recently approved by the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

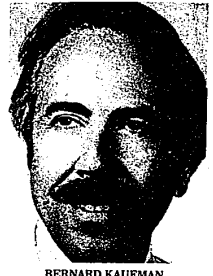
The request represents an increase of \$18.3 million over the 1978-79 appropriation of nearly \$90 million.

One-half of the requested increase is to make the necessary economic adjustments for compensation, inflation and utility rate increases, according to WSU officials. The other half represents proposed program improvements.

Kaufman never says die

Southfield attorney Bernard Kaufman admits it. He has the bug.

Not the gambling bug, mind you, but the election bug. After several unsuccessful bids for the Michigan Court of Appeals and Oakland County Circuit Court, Kaufman is back pitching for one of three new Oakland circuit seats.



BERNARD KAUFMAN
Has the bug

"In 1976 the virus was still there," he said as a smile swept from one cheekbone to the other. That was the year he lost to Alice Gilbert and Francis X. O'Brien. "Then," he added, "I found you don't get rid of the virus so easily."

Kaufman said he never wanted to be a circuit court judge. He said at one time he was happy striving to become a senior partner in his law firm. That was 1974. It was also the year he was urged to bring his expertise to the court of appeals.

"At first the idea didn't appeal to me," Kaufman recalled in an interview last week. "But on the way home I became a Walter Mitty."

It was then he decided to try to add the title "judge" to his name. In doing so, he would no longer be the only Kaufman practicing law in Detroit's courts who was not a judge.

"I thought all that was necessary was to put a few signs up on the

compensation claims.

He said he was disappointed when his legal firm decided to pull him off criminal cases. "Frankly, I always perceived myself as a Perry Mason," he said half-jokingly.

IN A RACE where his fellow candidates have been advocating assigning magistrates to routine matters that take up courtroom time, Kaufman advocates more judicial involvement in some behind-the-scenes courtroom negotiations.

"In the case of plea bargaining," he said, "the judge should have an input." Plea bargaining is designed to dispose of cases more quickly and at a lower cost than would be possible if jury trials were used.

"In the case of plea bargaining," Kaufman warned, "the judge really doesn't know much about the defendant's background, except of course that he's pleading guilty to a lesser charge."

"Suppose there's an inept prosecutor. Or there may be an inept defense attorney. It could lead to some very unfair results," he said.

The circuit judge's participation in the plea bargaining procedures coupled with a "full-blown" presentencing procedure would eliminate any miscarriages of justice, Kaufman said.

front lawn and wait for the people to vote," he said.

IT WASN'T QUITE that easy, and now Kaufman is out campaigning with the best of them.

He is stressing his 25 years of legal experience, which he says is broad-based.

Much of his career in law has been reserved for a specialty he calls "medical legal." That specialty deals primarily with worker's disability and workman's

Paycheck puzzlement

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