

## Cochran seeks Congress seat

Raymond Cochran has formally announced he will compete for the office of U.S. Representative in the 17th District.

The 34-year-old Republican is taking on incumbent Democrat Rep. William Brodhead and GOP candidates Arne Bakken and Alfred Patterson in the August primary.

The 17th district includes Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington, Redford and northwest Detroit. Cochran of Detroit, an accountant and community activist, is making his first run for political office. A former accounting and finance professor at Marygrove College, Cochran is an analyst in the Wayne County retirement system. He is also an accounting consultant.

Cochran said he switched from Dem-

ocrat to Republican and is a precinct delegate in Detroit.

"I always wanted to be a congressman and I've observed the legislative achievements of elected officials," he said. "I'm dissatisfied with first-term candidates who continue to campaign after they're elected."

"They rarely keep their promises and shy away from issues instead of taking a hard and factual position. I want to be involved in the process and make some tangible changes in thinking, direction and leadership."

Cochran said, if elected, he would better facilitate granting welfare out-of-abuses and propose a different concept of issuing food stamps.

"Issues like Iran come and go," he said. "I am more concerned about domestic problems."



RAYMOND COCHRAN



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## Aloof neighbor spurs curiosity

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drug analyst, describes the Southfield/Farmington Hills area as a good place for cocaine traffic.

"It's a higher class peoples' drug. It's expensive," he said.

"On the street, it's 10 to 40 percent pure and is commonly diluted with lactose."

## Political science honor is bestowed

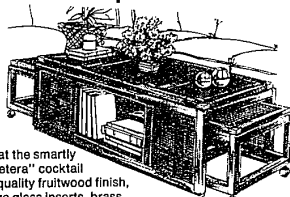
Douglas Freedman, son of Gerald and Carol Freedman of Farmington Hills, has been awarded the Junior DC Shilling Award in political science by the political science department at Western Michigan University.

The award is presented annually to the junior whose past record and future promise merit recognition.

Freedman, a 1978 graduate of North Farmington High School, also served this past semester as an intern in the Kalamazoo office of Congressman Howard Wolpe.

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