

# Garbage strike won't soil Host Committee's plans

By SUZIE ROLLINS

Their year of hard work simply won't go out with the trash. That's the feeling of the Civic Host Committee, headed by Carol Gies of Troy, as the municipal workers strike in Detroit. Garbage and litter may be piling up in the city, but workers just don't have time to worry about it, said Jim Caudill, a committee member.

"It (garbage) is a concern to us but we're depending on the administration to take care of it," Caudill said. "There are teams working in the Hart Plaza area and the immediate downtown area cleaning the garbage up. We (the host committee) just don't have time to make special plans to clean it up."

Even if the strike is resolved soon and the sanitation workers are back to

work, they'll have to clock a lot of overtime hours to get the city cleaned up.

"With the cleaning teams working now, the downtown complex area is not as good as it was, but it's not as bad as people are saying," Caudill added.

**THE COMMITTEE** is a non-partisan group which is coordinating all the non-convention activities for the delegates, media and their guests. It began planning for the event one year ago with a budget of \$500,000 budget. It must dissolve in August without a deficit.

"We did run into some financial trouble a few months ago but we cut back on our expenses, sold a lot of bumper stickers and T-shirts and got back on our feet again. We won't be in deficit

by the end of the convention," Caudill said.

Striking bus drivers employed by the city Department of Transportation (DOT) add to Detroit's pre-convention woes. DOT plans to run shuttle buses from all the suburban hotels to the downtown area next week. No one was available in the DOT office to confirm whether the buses will still be operating, even though the drivers have been laid off because of the bus mechanics' strike.

**AT THE SEMTA** (Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority), Barbara Murphy said they have not been deluged with additional requests for charter bus service. Many delegations have chartered buses for their members to take downtown and on sightseeing and shopping tours.

"We're at capacity now with 72 buses chartered," Ms. Murphy said.



Summer respite

The warm weather brings out the relaxation urge in all of us. So it goes with Dr. Marshall Blundy who recently set up his favorite lawn chair in the park, sipped a beverage, read a magazine and soaked up the summer rays. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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