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But only the two trustees of Michigan State Judiversity thought of not seking re-election Nov. 2.

'Six months ago, I was saying enough." said John Bruff, Macomb County attorney and chairman of the MSU board. Bruff finally changed his mind and sought renomination.

Some Michigan State University faculty members mounted a challenge against him, winning endorsements from the Michigan Education Association caucies. But Bruff hung onto labor's support and finally was renomifrom the Michigan Education Associa-tion caucers But Bruff hung onto Ia-bor's support and finally was renomi-nated by acclamation at last weekend's Democratic State Convention in Flint. 'His colleague and friend, trustee Raymond Krolikowski of Eitmingham, did drup out. House Speaker Bobby Crim was nominated to replace Kroli-kowski.

"TRAUMATIC. Time-consuming. It isn't the joy job it once was," Bruff said of running a major state university with 40,000 students and a budget of

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"It's hard to believe the next several years can be worse than the last eight," he said in an interview.
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to me today from some MSU faculty members."

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A MAUN reason to Butta's tuning again is his support of President Maekey, a president always needs support. Mackey is not a popular president. But
the board supports Mackey. I'm more
terperienced and qualified to help than
any new member would be."

The MSU trustee's job is time-consuming, Bruff sald. "Two working days
a month — that's basic, That's 24 days
a year — 3½ weeks. I've never taken
3½ weeks vacation."

Unofficially, Bruff, a major party
wheelhorse and once its nomince for
lieutenant governor, plays a role in recruiting good candidates. He lists Patricia Carrigan, Barbara Sawyer and
Carole Lick as candidates he helped
bring on board.

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The son of Missouri sharecroppers, Crim was the first in his family to com-plete high school. He has two degrees from U-M, taught school and has a rep-utation of being a friend of educational appropriations.

THE ONLY "self-starter" was Nat Burtley, deputy superintendent of schools in Filat. Burtley's campaign described MSU as "beset with internal strife among its labor oraganizations, the administration and the trustees."

with Nat Burtley," said Bruft. "He has knowledge and perception. But he was never a member of the Democratic Party, though he said he had worked for some Democratic candidates. He has a Ph.D. from MSU, but he's not ac-

has a Ph.D. from MSU, but he's not ac-tive in any other capacity.
"We told him to get more active in the Democratic Party and MSU, and perhaps two years from now..." Bruff carned his law degree from the University of Michigan, but his heart belongs to MSU, where he earned his BA in history in 1951.

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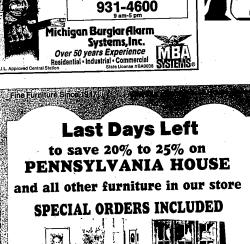
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