

# Patterson to seek death-penalty from state office

Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson said he'll wait until he's elected state attorney general to re-launch his drive to bring capital punishment to Michigan.

Patterson, the GOP nominee facing incumbent Frank Kelley, said he is done trying to appeal the state Supreme Court ruling that his petition drive to get the death-penalty question on the Nov. 2 ballot contained invalid signatures.

"It's extremely difficult to orchestrate a statewide petition drive from the county position I hold," Patterson said.

"I didn't have access to the statewide media and it's hard to raise the \$40,000 or \$50,000 minimum needed to print, mail and travel around the state with petitions," he contended.

Patterson said he could appeal the Supreme Court ruling to the federal court, but won't because even if the order were reversed and a trial date set, the question could not be resolved before the election.

THERE IS AN irony in Patterson's situation.

Polls have shown heavy voter support of the death penalty, running to 80 percent in the suburbs.

But he finds his most motivated support comes from "Mom and Pop" party store owners with little political sophistication, not much money and insufficient time for politicking.

## Blood drive Opens Oct. 26

Oakland University's blood drive begins Oct. 26 and is open to the university community and the public.

The OU drive, long the largest in Oakland County, has a 1982 goal of 80 pints.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Crocker of the Oakland Center on campus near Rochester from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 26 and 27 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 28.

Participants may sign up in advance in the Campus Information and Programs Office, 49 Oakland Center, or by calling 377-2020.

## Selective pamphleteering

# One party has your number

By Suzie Rollins Singer  
Staff writer

By Oct. 30, most Oakland County residents should receive a package of either Democratic or Republican campaign literature, depending on where they live.

Because Birmingham voters primarily Republican, residents there should expect only GOP information.

The reverse is true in Southfield, where residents can bank on receiving a tabloid listing all the Democratic candidates and their positions on issues.

Both parties have been distributing literature for about 15 years. Volunteers will drop off the information on doorsteps. However, Farmington residents will receive the Democratic tabloids in their Thursday edition of the Farmington Observer.

"WE GOT A commitment from the newspaper and decided to try it," said Kay Penner, executive director of the Oakland County Democratic Party. The tabloids will contain information

about candidates for governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, state Senate, state House of Representatives, Oakland County Board of Commissioners, attorney general, state Supreme Court, secretary of state and university education boards.

Penner said the party expects to spend \$30,000 to \$40,000 on the tabloids. Candidates are not directly assessed, but they have made prior contributions to the party, she explained.

"We raised the money through our annual Phil Hart dinner as well as through individual contributions," Penner added.

REPUBLICANS are distributing their candidate information in a booklet form.

Precinct delegates have rounded up volunteers to deposit the booklets on doorsteps of voters. In primarily Republican districts, who vote regularly, said Robert Anderson, executive director of the Oakland County Republican Party.

Those booklets, too, will contain biographical information on all Republi-

can candidates.

"We have a formula for figuring out ticket-splitters and the percentage of people who will switch their vote to Republican. Once we find those precincts, then we drop off the literature there," Anderson said.

LAST MONTH Republican county commissioners were told they could participate in the booklet for as little as \$100.

But now it appears the cost has escalated.

"It could cost candidates from \$200 to \$1,000, depending on how large their district is. We're still trying to find out how many candidates want the booklet dropped off, and we're still encouraging more candidates to participate," Anderson said.

Neither party cared to reveal the number of pieces of literature it printed.

## OU enrollment rises 0.5 percent from '81

Fall enrollment at Oakland University is 11,721 full- and part-time students, an increase of 77 over fall of 1981.

Undergraduate enrollment rose 191, but graduate student enrollment fell 114 compared to a year ago.

Slight increases in new and returning

undergraduates helped bring enrollment up over last fall, said university officials. OU draws the vast majority of its students from Oakland and Macomb counties.

Most commute to and from classes and save on residence hall fees, officials said.

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