

## Recall group opens 5 offices, sets rally

The Recall Blanchard Campaign has opened five offices in Oakland County and will hold a rally at 7:30 this evening.

The rally will be in the Bloomfield Township Library, Lone Pine Road east of Telegraph. Shannon Rooster, Oakland County coordinator, said it will serve a three-fold purpose:

"Besides gathering signatures on petitions, it also gives us a chance to pick up new volunteers and show our unified support on the recall."

The Recall Blanchard group was organized in late April by John Lauve, a Grosse Pointe engineer. It hopes to collect 760,000 petition signatures to recall Gov. James Blanchard based on his successful advocacy of a 38 percent increase in the state personal income tax rate (from 4.5 to 6.35 percent).

Rooster said the five offices "will give us better visibility among the public, while also giving our volunteers better access to getting petitions and turning in completed ones."

Main county headquarters is at 159 Pierce, Birmingham. Telephone number is 540-0982.

Other offices and phone numbers are in: Lake Orion — 1469 S. Lapeer, 693-6373. Union Lake — 212 Anniston, 363-7576. Waterford — 71 S. Cass Lake Road, 683-2020. Royal Oak — 306 S. Main, 541-0187.

# U-M rejects anti-Defense research policy

University of Michigan Regents have turned down a proposed anti-Defense research policy for the review of non-classified research.

A 7-1 majority feared the policy could curb academic freedom at U-M and be a bad model for other institutions.

Regent Deane Baker branded it "a deliberate attempt to force all Department of Defense research off the University of Michigan campus. Michigan is a public university supported primarily by public funds and is responsible to the people of Michigan."

Another regent said it would produce a "witch hunt" by the political left.

**THE MOTION** to approve the proposed policy was defeated 7-1. Voting for it was Regent Gerald R. Dunn, D-Lansing, a lobbyist for western Wayne County suburban school districts.

Opposed were Regents Baker, Ann Arbor, the board's lone Republican, and Democrats Paul W. Brown of Petoskey, Robert E. Nederlander of Birmingham, Sarah Goddard Power of Ann Arbor, Thomas A. Roach of Ann Arbor, Nellie M. Varner of Ann Arbor and James L. Waters of Muskegon.

Had it passed, the policy would have joined a 1972 board policy on classified research, which states: "The university will not enter

into or renew any agreement or contract, or accept any grant, the clearly foreseeable and probable result of which, the direct application of which, or any specific purpose of which, is to destroy human life or to incapacitate human beings."

The defeated policy proposal would have governed non-classified research. It said, "It is the policy of the University of Michigan not to enter into or renew any agreement or contract, or accept any grant, supporting research a substantial purpose of which is to destroy or permanently incapacitate human beings."

The policy included establishment of review mechanisms in each school, college, center, or institute and a central committee to assess the adequacy of those new procedures.

**SEVERAL REGENTS** noted that the policy could be selectively applied to proposed research projects.

Baker called the proposal "discriminatory in nature and seen by some as academic hypocrisy."

"A further effect of the proposed new policy would be to prevent those who would support their government's defense research activity from undertaking what they perceive to be their duty as citizens and as scholars," Baker said.

Baker said the oath of office for state offi-

cials, including regents, obligates them under the U.S. Constitution to "provide for the common defense."

Rosch, noting that "all the regents appreciate very much the quality of the debate which went into the proposal. But we have a fine faculty which we believe will behave in a proper manner (without additional research oversight mechanisms). The proposed policy is a compromise of a principle, academic freedom, which should not be compromised."

"While many faculty members apparently believe the proposed policy 'is bad but we can live with it,' I believe it would open a door to a Pandora's box which we should not allow to be opened."

"My greatest concern is that, if we were to do this (adopt the policy), it would lead to a witch hunt."

**NOTED BROWN**, "We can easily remember the 1950s, when witch hunts came from the right. I think that witch hunts from the left are no more justified."

Varner said, "As a former faculty member (political science), I am biased on the subject. But I am not persuaded there is a serious enough problem (requiring a remedy)."

Power noted, "Seeking new knowledge best comes from openness. We must have and bring to this university persons at all levels

who understand the precious principle of trusting each other."

Nederlander said, "The question is whether research which is already open to review and to criticism (in the normal process of being funded and reported) should be subject to additional controls. I believe it would be improper to prohibit that kind of research."

**TRANSMITTING** the request for the new policy, Vice President for Research Charles G. Overberger and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Billy E. Frye stated:

"Over the past year and one-half, campus-wide discussions between faculty, staff, and students have dealt with the suggestion that a similar principle should apply to all university research, not just to Classified Research."

Frye told Regents, "This has been a matter of grave concern and thoughtful consideration by the academic community for two years, and we can see no better solution to the controversy. For this reason, we have supported the resolution of the faculty..."

"We feel any real threat to academic freedom is highly unlikely and avoidable if appropriate monitoring and appeals procedures are adopted."

During 1981-82, total U-M expenditures for research were \$128 million. Of that, only four projects totaling \$295,000 were classified.

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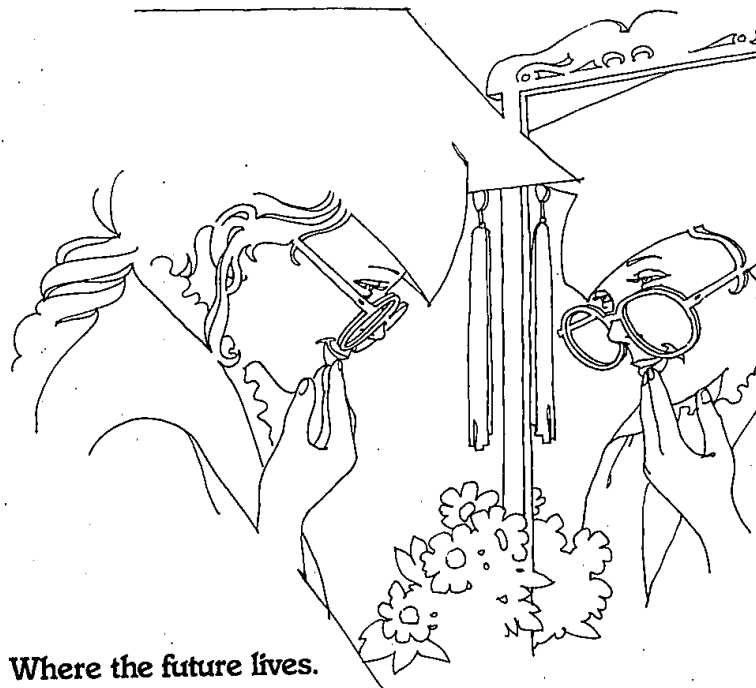
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