# Dem ranks split on county pay hike

In a Republican-run comy govern-ment, Democats usually sick togeth-

Not so las week who two Democratic kingpin — Compassioners Alex Perinoff and Larry Penick, both of Southfield — pilt repatedly over an effort to give, 300 no-union Oakland County employees 3.1 percent salary

increases retroactive to July 1.
"It isn't too often I agree with Al
Perinoff," said Republican County Ex-ecutive Daniel T. Murphy, who recom-mended the nearly \$788,000 in raises.

"The county has been extremely restrained in payment of employees," said Perinoff as he supported the pay hike. "We're behind any other county I know of. It's high time we recognized the cost of living is going in."

## OU accounting aide, paralegal classes set

Job prospes in both are good, ac-cording to OU fficials.

Brochures tailing each program can be obtained by calling the OU Continuing Education office at 377-3120 between 8 a.mand 8 p.m. weekdays.

"ENTHUSISM FOR our new accounting assistant diploma program runs high, wid nearly 200 employers offering to prvide internships," pro-gram director athryn Dunstan said.

The accounty assistant diploma program was lanched a year ago after being developed conjunction with local accounting professionals to meet the needs of the business community. Participants are proceed to begin graduating by the ed of the year.

An internship rovides on-the-job ex-perience as a find step in the program that furnishes thinling ranging from computerizing peroll systems to as-sisting CPAs durity audits.

PRISCILLA HILDUM, director of the legal assistant program, said she gets a "steady stream" of calls from potential employers. She anticipates demand for legal assistants to increase even more as the economy continues to improve.

The paralegal performs a variety of legal functions at the level between the legal secretary and the attorney in firms ranging from private law offices to corporations and government agencies. The Division of Cintinuing Education graduated 40 to 51 legal assistants in the 1982-83 year.

Both programs can be completed in 18 months of 10-week non-credit eve-ning courses, which range in tuition from \$50-\$125.

COLLEGE WORI is required for en-try into the legal assistant program, which is approved by the American Bar Association, md preferred for the accounting assistant program.

However, on-tie-job experience is considered for enry into the programs. Beginning salaries average \$13,500 for a legal assistant and \$11,000-\$14,000 for an accounting assistant.

political gesture," said opponent Per-nick, noting on the side that no similar raise was going to unionized employ-

THE PAY raise received 20-5 approval, with the five negative votes coming four Democrats (including Pernick) and Robert Page, R-Birmingham. It was supported by 15 Republicans and five Democrats.

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Excluded from the raise are the 27 elected members of the Board of Commissioners, members of appointed boards, circuit judges (currently at the state maximum), part-time and summer workers such as parts attendants and nursing trainees.

The board reasoned that between the end of 1972 and the end of '82, non-police pay had been hiked 94 percent while the cost of living had jumped 125 percent.

percent.

Although the current rate of inflation is 4 to 5 percent a year, the pay increase was held to 3.5 percent. No increases were granted in January, the board's resolution noted.

THE MAJORITY shot down several crippling amendments, including:

• Page's to make the raises effec-

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— Alex Perinoff

tive Oct. 1 Instead of July 1. It failed 10-15, with Perinoff calling 11 a "peanut amendment" which would "destroy the faith of the employees."

One by James Doyon, D-Madison Heights, or exclude elected and appointed officials. It failed 6-19.

Doyon's to reduce raises to 1.5 percent for persons making 330,000 or more annually. It failed 7:18 for raising salaries siter making 27 layoffs in the Sheriff's Department at the beginning of the year.

ming of the year.

Murphy replied: "Obviously, some-body's trying to get their name in the paper. We didn't lay off."

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Enrolling itudents will pay no increase in tition. WSU was the only state four-year college which didn't increase its reset his year.

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