## It's the student vs. the prosecuter

In one corner, Oakland County's ag-ressive prosecutor — L. Brooks

In the other, a spunky West Bloom-field High School ninth grader — Jay

Tapper.
The battle — capital punishment.
Assigned a paper on capital punishment for his bonors social studies class,
Jay sought and got an interview with
the state's No. 1 advocate of the death

Patterson punched out his points in the one-on-one confrontation:

The death penalty is a deterrent to murder.

The deam propriate punishment.
It's an appropriate punishment.
The courts' appeals system provides projection against a verdict by a projudiced jury or judge or scattening an innocent person to death.

JAY PROVIDED some standard ariments against Patterson's position and some not so standard:

Description of the process of the pattern of the

e Juries and judges don't always mote out sentences fairly.

Jay drew on the Ten Commandments to the use of these people all have families to Jay persisted.

"It cruel and unusus al punithment?"

"Murder is the unlawful thing."

law books.

Jay pushed for life sentences under maximum security instead.

"They still value their life," Patterson said. They could kill a fellow prisoner, or if paroled, they could kill again."

"Have they killed again, do you know?" Jay zeroed in, Most of the time they're to odd when they get out, Patterson suggested.

JAY THEN took a more personal tack.
"If your son committed a murder would you want him to die for it?" he questioned Patterson.
"Would It are to

Rosone not so sanoarru
 Even one lanocent person suffering the death penalty is too many.
 The appeals process is expensive and takes years.

Would I want my so one executed? I'm and takes years.

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PATTERSON, who makes it a point to be accessible to high school and col-lege students, said Jay "put me through the grill.

lege students, said Jay "put me through the put of a hundred or so interviews, this young man came in their prepared and ready for a hard-hitting solid interview," Patterson and "Normally, I start out very relaxed. But this young fellow was armed to the toeth. He was super. He didn't give me any wiggle room."

Discovering Jay was only 14, "made my bruitse even bluer," Patterson asid. "If he goes to law school, there's a

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place here for him."

Jay also was impressed with Patterson. "He could have fust covered the questions and given the facts," he said. "He explained it well.

"Knowing that he was for capital punishment, it was prepared to respond to his answers."

The winner: Jay gives the not to Patterson. "He convinced me on some points.

points.

"He was knowledgeable about capital punishment — but maybe be can now understand how another parent might feel."

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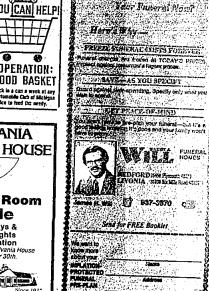
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Special information will be available on scholarships and financial aid, and faculty members will be present to answer specific questions regarding departmental majors and courses. Tours of the campus will also be provided.

For additional information regarding the open house, call the admissions office, 591-5052. Madonna College is Michigan's largest independent liberal arts college and offers academic programs in 55 majors. Tultion for most courses is \$65 per semester hour, for hursing courses, \$90 per semester hour.











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