

# Bush, GOP make schools a top '84 issue

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Tasting political blood, and spurred by Vice President George Bush, Michigan Republicans are voting to make education a top issue in the Nov. 6 election campaign, nominating a slate of education and state Supreme Court candidates with more fervor than usual.

Bush, keynoting the state Republican convention Saturday in Detroit, was cheered by the nearly 2,000 delegates when he said President Ronald W. Reagan's administration sought to put "control of education in locally elected school boards" rather than in the federal government.

The result, said Bush, has been "more order and discipline in the classrooms and better test scores."

The blood Republicans are tasting was spilled by the Democratic State Convention two weeks ago when labor opposition denied renomination to a University of Michigan regent and forced the retirement of a Michigan State University trustee.

AND BUSH SET the political rumor mill buzzing with open praise of Democrat William Lucas, the Wayne County executive.

"I wish he were a Republican. He's a very good man," Bush said during a news conference, echoing a sentiment expressed last year by GOP gubernatorial nominee Richard Headlee of Farmington Hills.

Speculation is that Lucas in 1986 may switch parties and run for lieutenant governor as a Republican on a slate with Thomas E. Brennan, Headlee's 1982 running mate. Democrats snubbed Lucas at their convention, denying him a prominent spot on the platform usually accorded to top office holders.

In reply to this newspaper's question, Bush said, "I hope Wayne County will get equitable treatment" in its bid for federal funding for an economic development project nicknamed "Son of Super Sewer," a waste water treatment plant and sewer interceptor that would serve suburban Wayne and Oakland counties.

THREE YOUNG state senators were highly visible during the nominating speeches as Republicans selected 11 candidates: three for the state Supreme Court, two for the State Board of Education and two each for the governing boards of the three big state universities — Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State.

"We reversed the decline in the proportion of the state budget going to education," boasted Sen. Dick Posthumus, R-Lowell. The 34-year-old freshman lawmaker delivered nominating speeches for two successful candidates.

Sen. William Sederburg, 37, of Lansing gave the nominating speech for Rochester resident Dorothy Beardmore for the State Board of Education. He also saw his legislative aide, Kathy Wilbur, a former Birmingham advertising agency staffer, nominated for the MSU board.

Senate Majority Leader John Engler, 35, of Mt. Pleasant, nominated one successful candidate, and his wife, Rep. Colleen Engler, made a seconding speech for another.

HERE, AS ITS orators like to call it, is the "Great New Party's" lineup for the fall campaign:

• **State Board of Education** — Dorothy Beardmore, former Rochester school board member and member of the Oakland Intermediate board; Cherry Jacobus, two-term school board member from East Grand Rapids. Both pointed out that none of the current state board members has any K-12 board experience.

• **U-M Board of Regents** — Neal Nielsen, a Brighton attorney, and Veronica Latta Smith, Grosse Ile businesswoman, alumni activist and mother of five U-M graduates. Defeated were two Bloomfield Hills attorney-flanciers — John R. Aze and David K. Esalick Jr.

• **MSU Board of Trustees** — Kathy Wilbur of East Lansing and Dean Pridgen of Montgomery. Pridgen was director of the state Department of Agriculture until Democratic Gov. James Blanchard forced him out last year.

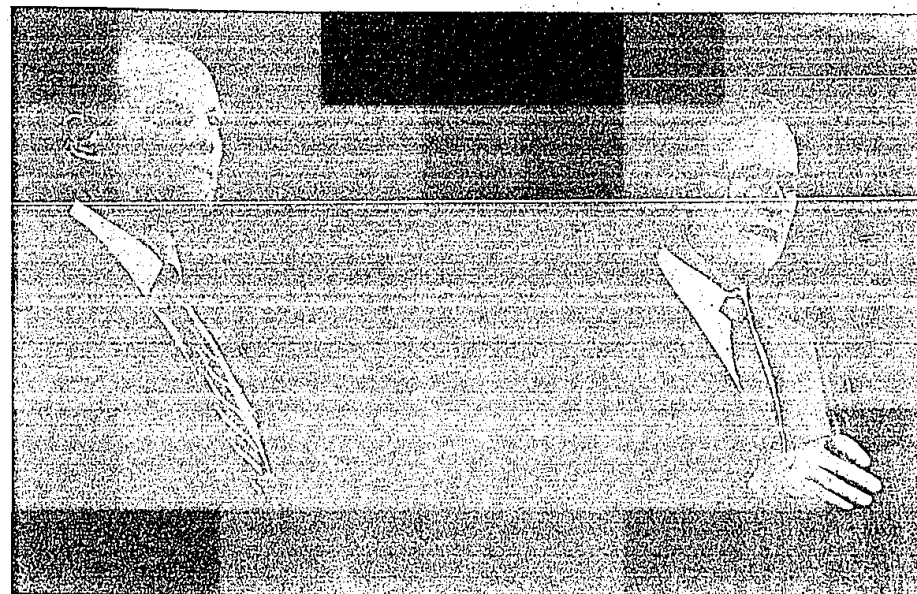
• **Wayne State Board of Governors** — Dr. Gary Artman, heart specialist from Birmingham, and George Bashara, former state Court of Appeals judge from suburban Wayne County.

• **State Supreme Court** (on non-partisan ballot, though a party nomination is required) — Dorothy Comstock Riley, who was briefly a justice in 1983-84 until Democrats on the court ruled her appointment illegal and ousted her; James Brickley, former lieutenant governor; and Robert P. Griffin, former two-term U.S. senator who gained national fame in the 1960s for blocking appointment of Abe Fortas as U.S. chief justice.

Of the 11 candidates, only Brickley is an incumbent. He was appointed to fill a vacancy by then-Gov. William G. Milliken in the closing days of 1982 and is seeking to fill out four years of a term.



Barbara Bush sneaked in a bit of needlepoint as her husband conducted a vice-presidential news conference.



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"We need him in the Senate," George Bush said of Republican U.S. Senate nominee Jack Louma (left). The former astronaut flanked

the vice president everywhere during his half-day campaign swing through Michigan Saturday.



Pam Parks of Birmingham had a rare thrill for a person attending her first state Republican convention. She was in the front row as Vice President George Bush shook hands with party workers at a brief reception. A member of the Oakland County Young Republicans, Parks was an alternate delegate for the 18th Congressional District. She works in sales management for the Hotel Ponchar-train.



Dorothy Beardmore emphasized her two terms on the Rochester school board as she won a GOP nomination for the State Board of Education. The 7-1 Democratic state board has no one with K-12 experience, she said.

## INSIDE ANGLES

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**SCOTT D. SMITH**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Farmington Hills, has been nominated for an Emmy Award for production sound in the TV special "The Dollmaker." Among his previous sound credits in film are "Risky Business," "The Blues Brothers" and "Baby It's You." Scott attended school in Farmington and lives in Chicago where he is owner of Chicago Audio Works.

**STEVEN ROBERT WHALEY**, son of Earl E. Whaley of Farmington, has been named photo editor of Louisiana State University's yearbook, the Gumbo. Steven is a senior majoring in graphic design.

**GERALD EDWARD LUTTMAN**, son of Robert and Shirley Luttman of Farmington Hills and a Harrison High School graduate, has been selected to attend the Michigan Freedom Academy '84 at Alpena. The Freedom Academy is operated by the Michigan Freedom Foundation, a newly formed non-profit educational foundation. The foundation's objective is to assist selected young high school student leaders from Michigan to better understand how our government works and to develop a sense of responsible citizenship.

**G. ROBERT SEIFERT**, Farmington's director of public safety, was honored recently by Farmington Police Officers' Association and Farmington Command Officers' Association. Seifert is leaving to become director of public safety in Oak Park.

**McFROCK'S** is sponsoring a month-long fund-raising effort for the animals at the Michigan Humane Society. Customers are being encouraged to bring canned pet food and toys to help keep the animals well fed and entertained. They can even

adopt a cartoon puppy or kitty for \$1. A caricature artist will be on hand from 9 p.m. to midnight Tuesday and for a \$5 donation to the animal, customers can have their caricature drawn. McFrock's is at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

**MARYBETH KASPROWICZ**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Quint of Farmington Hills and a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, received a Presidential Scholarship from Hillsdale College, where she will enroll as a freshman this fall. The Presidential Scholarship, which pays half tuition, is one of the highest academic awards bestowed by Hillsdale College. Part of a comprehensive scholarship program, the Presidential Scholarship is awarded without regard to financial need to outstanding high school seniors.

**CHRISTOPHER BEITING**, Kristen Muncie and Jill Moran have been named to the dean's list this past quarter at Kalamazoo College.

**DANNY'S FOODS** has just finished its month-long fund-raising event to benefit the American Cancer Society. Shoppers entered the contest with the help of cashiers who sold raffle tickets for \$1 a piece. Yvette Lagimodiere of Farmington Hills won a free, two-minute shopping spree.

**ERIC W. SMITH**, son of Wickie and Edna Smith of Farmington Hills and a 1984 graduate of Farmington High School, entered the U.S. Air Force Aug. 9. Upon graduation from six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he will receive technical training in the mechanical aptitude area and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

**ERIC ANTHONY KIELTS**, son of Dr. Theodore H. Kielts of Farmington Hills, graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the University of Dayton.

**AWARDS FOR THE** third season of the University of Michigan's All-State Program at In-

terlochen were announced at the closing concerts of the High School and Band and Choir recently. The All-State Program brings talented junior and senior high school students from throughout Michigan for four two-week sessions of intensive music training. Each session focuses on specific areas of musical instruction. Dan Ross, a French horn player from Farmington Hills, won a four-year scholarship to the University of Michigan. The scholarship is conditional upon the students' acceptance to the University of Michigan.

**AUTUMN DUNBAR**, 15, of Farmington Hills, took second place at the Michigan State Fair in a contest for whittling. Judging was based on the quality of workmanship and resemblance to the sample piece — a detailed cowboy boot.

**THE FARTHEST THE Kid's Day** balloons got to was Canada. Tina Shemol's was found in field of soybeans 35 miles east of Sarnia. Fred Moore's got to Petrolia, Ontario, nine miles east of Sarnia and Courtney Reed's balloon got to Kitchener, Ontario.

### Busy day for Owens

American runner Jesse Owens is probably best remembered for his success during the Olympics in Hitler's Germany in 1936. However, Owens racked up some remarkable, less heralded records in his life. He's the only athlete to have his name entered in the record book for three in one day. He broke world records for a 100-yard dash of 16.0 and a 220-yard dash on May 25, 1934.

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