Patterson revives death penalty petition drive

Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson took his crusade for the death penalty to West Bloomfield last week.

his "usual role" because, 'the bad guys are winning. Our system is breaking down. The (justice) system doesn't deter crime, punish wrong doers or rehabilitate them."

Patterson told the Michigan Weck Community Awards Breakfast audience his reasons for again seeking peti-

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Graduation ceremonies for Class Eght students at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Eleonrifield Hills, will be at 7:30 pm. Tuesday, June 11 in the Academy Auditorium, 1250 Kensington Road, Bicomifield Hills.

Twenty-seven Class Eight students will participate.

Among the graduates are Beverly Becker, Patricia Bonnefil, Jannier Caalli, Pamela Herrera, Laura Jones, Carolyn Markley, all of Bloomifield Hills.

Also graduating are Jessica Bogaerts, Nancy Carablo, Heather Gar.

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his "usual role" because, "the bad guys are winning. Our system is breaking

ballot.
Having falled at his attempt in 1980 and 1982, when he ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for governor, he is now aiming for a 1986 vote on the issue.

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More than 304,000 signatures are needed to ensure getting it on the ballot.

CITING 1980 statistics, Patterson said of the 608,000 mujor crimes re-ported in Michigan that year, "Only 4,057 went to prison . . . 99 percent got away with it. The (state) legislature spends hours trying to get people out

spends hours trying to get people out early." The prosecutor also has been fighting early prisoner release to relieve Jail overcrowding. Patterson wants what he calls the risk" put back in the law. Without the death pennity, which was abolished in 1846 in Michigan, "there is no premium attached to the ortime.

"We stigmatize crime by the punishment. The ACLU knows I'm back in a petition drive," Patterson said, smilling, lite was referring to the well-publicized federal hawsult brought against him by the American Civil Liberties Union. It is charging the prosecutor with using county tunds and staff on his petition campaign, claiming this violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution because it presents only one side of the issue.

Patterson replied that he is using private contributions and his staff only answers phone calls and opens mail pertaining to the drive.

THE PROSECUTOR described the THE PROSECUTOR described the frustration of citizens who see criminals 'get a slap on the wrist and are released in a short time.' The Bernard Goetz case in which four teen-agers where shot on a few York subway was an example of that frustration, he said. But Patterson added, 'We can't condentaking the law into our own hands

even though it is sometimes a 'necessary response,' " referring to a case where the father of a murdered 6-year-old killed the suspect before a trial. "We have to make the system work. If you kill someone, you must risk your own life," said Patterson.

The Michigan State Bar Association does not support bills now before the legislature which would put the capital punishment issue on the ballot without a petition drive. Patterson said he does not expect the issue to be put before the voters without a petition drive.

'The bad guys are winning. Our system doesn't deter crime. nunish wrong doers or rehabilitate them.'

- L. Brooks Patterson Oakland County prosecutor



Proposed budgets remain stable

sald. Farmington contributes \$107,855 or 17.6 percent of the court's budget.

Funding from each city is based on population and court caseload (the number of criminal and civil cases that go through the 47th District Court each year), Rosch said.

"THE COURT budget is pretty much a repeat of last year" said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.

The proposed court budget for 1985-86 is an increase of \$30,946 over current operating budget of \$81,93,80.

"The budget has gone up a little bit because of cost of living expenses and so on," Hand said. "But there won't be "The computer system. Used in the criminal and traditional solutions of the computer has expeditional solutions of much of the court's paperwork, Hand solutions of the court's paperwork, Hand solutions of the computer as expeditions of the court's paperwork, Hand solutions of the computer as expeditions of the computer as e

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