

# Bush to state Jaycees: Thanks for the help

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**G**EORGE BUSH says America stands tall again. Rick Young of Rochester adds, so do the Michigan Jaycees.

"You've been in the forefront of the fight," the 43rd vice president of the United States told a Jaycees state leadership conference Saturday in the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

The fight he referred to was the Jaycees' support of the Reagan Administration's drive for a federal balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.

"You showed dedication to the community," Bush added as he praised the state organization Young leads for raising \$100,000 for muscular dystrophy (fifth among state Jaycees groups in the country) and \$20,000 for restoring the Statue of Liberty (tops in the nation).

IT WAS A pep talk rather than a newsmaking pronouncement, and the 300 Jaycees relished it.

Another vice president — Steve Miller of Kentucky, a VP of the U.S. Jaycees — admitted earlier that the organization for men and women under age 35 "lost half its chapter from its peak in the '70s" and "suffered a loss of respect among business leaders, political leaders and social leaders. But we're on the way back."

"You in Michigan were the first in America to put your Jaycees and Jayettes together, and we in Kentucky were No. 2," Miller said, patting the back of Young, a 31-year-old Rochester independent insurance agent who has headed the Michigan Jaycees since last May.

The new relevance of the rejuvenated Jaycees, said Democrat Miller, is that "we're the ones who are going to have to volunteer the time to run the programs the federal government will no longer administer."

Miller said the U.S. Jaycees, which in 1954 was able to command days of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's time, sank to the point where it couldn't get five minutes of later presidents' time.

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But the Michigan chapter was able to command almost 15 minutes from Bush, the man to beat for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination.

THE MAN who arranged it was Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, who wears a political hat as co-chair of the Fund for America's Future — a political action committee that will become the Bush for President Committee once the vice president formally announces.

Bush scheduled the Michigan trip to speak to his fund supporters in Sterling Heights at midday and to the Lincoln Day banquet of the Oakland GOP in Roma's of Bloomfield.

"Today we start phase two — recruiting 9,000 precinct delegates," Patterson told the Jaycees as they awaited Bush's arrival. That is how many precinct delegates can be elected in the Aug. 5, 1986, primary, and that is Michigan's delegation to the 1988 GOP presidential nominating convention.

Target date is May 27 for filing nominating petitions, said Patterson, passing out information cards on the Bush fund.

Michigan Republicans favored Bush over Ronald Reagan in the 1980 presidential primary, and Patterson made it clear Bush wants overwhelming Michigan support in '88.

BUT JAYCEES, though conservative, are bipartisan, and they also honored a Democratic legislator — state Rep. Debbie Stabenow of Lansing.

Stabenow, author of the bill which set up a state trust fund to fight child abuse, was picked last year by state Jaycees as one of 10 outstanding young Michiganans and next week will travel to Tulsa to be honored by the U.S. Jaycees as one of 10 outstanding young Americans.

"Michigan Jaycees have played a leadership role" in establishing the fund, now at \$500,000, the third-term lawmaker said.

"This year we set aside money for six new prisons at \$30 million each, and 90 percent of the people who will go into those prisons were former victims of child abuse," she said.

"That's a heckuva way to treat child abuse."

BUSH, GREETED by chants of "USA" and the waving of hundreds of flags, touched a handful of favorite themes — strong national defense, the entrepreneurial spirit, controlled federal spending.

He said Ronald Reagan and Jaycees uphold "traditional values: family, community, faith, work."

"We need a balanced-budget amendment. We need it to discipline the Congress, and we need it to discipline the administration."

"We need to have what 47 state governors have — a line-item veto."



Vice President George Bush at the state Jaycees leadership conference Saturday stressed "traditional values — family, community, faith, work, entrepreneurship."



"We're on the way back," U.S. Jaycees Vice President Steve Miller (right) of Kentucky tells Michigan Jaycees President Rick Young and wife, Denise, of Rochester.



State Rep. Debbie Stabenow, honored by Michigan and U.S. Jaycees for founding the children's trust fund, thanked state Jaycees President Rick Young for supporting the fight against child abuse.

## At the library

### Meeting the challenges of new technology!

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**F**ARMINGTON COMMUNITY Library is blending the old with the new.

Its traditional programs are as strong as ever, say staffers, and one example of its use of new technology is the 300 percent increase in computer reference services.

"We have provided a high standard of traditional services, yet met the challenges of the new technology," said Library Director Beverly Papal. "We have managed to incorporate both into our service structure."

In 1984-85, the library system's "real growth" was experienced in data base — computerized references — services with a jump from 245 searches in 1983-84 to 953 in 1984-85 — a jump of 289 percent, Papal said, referring to the library's 1984-85 annual report.

The report was presented to the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees in early December.

THE COMPUTERIZED searches for information from any of the library's nine major search systems have been requested by private citizens as well as corporations. Library staff can search for specific information requested by a patron simply by accessing a particular data base through the use of a microcomputer at the library.

The library's electronic information center is operated on a non-profit, cost-recovery basis. In 1984-85, patrons and corporate users paid \$9,727 for the 953 searches.

But the library also recovered more than \$7,000 from one of its corporate clients — a major consulting firm. The library conducted the electronic information searches for the client. The firm then stored the information in its own computer system.

"For 1985-86, we should for the first time have the computer reference services as totally self-supporting," Papal said.

That's expected to occur because use is increasing and changes were made in some of the data base services that were not being heavily used.

AS THE result of a major marketing in Farmington Public Schools by li-



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brary officials, Warner Middle School students donated \$600 that was used as a deposit account against which information searches could be made for the students.

Looking ahead, Papal said that one of the library's goals is to emphasize staff training through continuing education workshops and the help of data base company representatives.

Other goals include strengthening relationships with community and civic organizations as a means of informing members of library services, as well as implementing the use of cable television.

Library officials are also planning to complete a five-year plan of growth that will include materials needs, necessary capital improvements and staff analysis, Papal said.

While data base services provided the biggest boost in growth in 1984-85, "traditional services have maintained themselves," Papal said.

SHE ADDED: "What's significant is that with all the changes in the past year, the library staff has proved once again they are the library's greatest asset."

For the library, 1984-85 was not the easiest of years. Staff changes, particularly the resignation of former director Gordon Lewis following controversy over alleged private use of public funds, drew adverse publicity.

An expanded library board and the resulting time pressure to orient new

board members, as well as the implementation of the library's new automated circulation system (GEAC), all had an impact on service.

Despite the year of changes, the library staff, for example, answered more than 140,000 reference questions — approximately 101,500 in person and 40,000 over the telephone. Yet the total represents a decrease from the previous year of 12.3 percent.

In a less traditional service, approximately 20,000 children used the library's in-house educational computers in 1984-85, Papal said.

IN OTHER more traditional services, the library sponsored a total of 1,003 programs with more than 27,000 people in attendance. More than 400 programs were for children, with those accounting for more than 60 percent of the total attendance.

The Farmington branch at 23550 Liberty offered 348 programs with a total attendance of more than 12,000. The Hills branch at 92737 12 Mile offered 331 programs with more than 10,000 in attendance.

In 1984-85, the library's collection grew by 2.3 percent or to more than 174,000 materials — approximately 95,000 for adults, 52,000 for children, and 28,000 in non-print items (videocassettes, for example), Papal said.

"We not only purchase popular titles, we go to the classics, too — for all age groups," Papal said. "We have also always offered non-print media. The concept of videocassettes replacing 16 mm

films is not unique. It's an industry process."

VIDEOCASSETTES HAVE proven to be very popular with the public to the tune of almost 9,000 being rented from the library in 1984-85. That's an increase from approximately 5,700 in 1983-84.

"None of the materials budget buys them (videocassettes). It is a self-supporting service," Papal said.

Although the quality of materials available for public use increased in the past year, library officials also weeded out much of the system's holdings. The weeding-out process was tied to the library's implementation of the GEAC electronic circulation system last February, Papal said.

Between October 1984 and February 1985, the library staff linked the book collection to a computer memory in preparation for the library's book-up to GEAC.

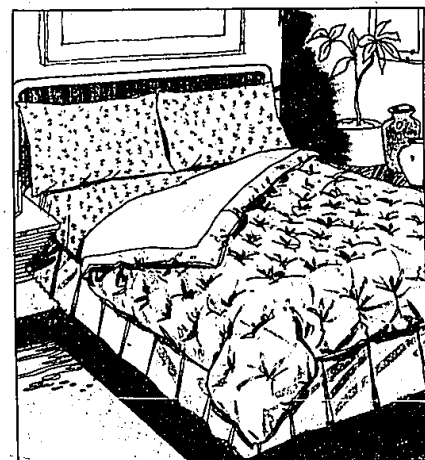
"We are one of the few libraries that connected (to GEAC) in this manner," Papal said. "Other libraries use the shelf list. They have a card in front of them instead of a book."

"THERE WERE points in time in that three-month period that every book in that collection was off the shelf," Papal said.

Consequently, the change to the computerized system helped cause a decrease in total circulation in 1984-85. But the switch was also used to weed out books with out-of-date copyrights and those in poor condition, Papal said.

In 1984-85, the Farmington and Hills branches, plus extension services experienced a total 5.6 percent decline in circulation. The three divisions together accounted for a total circulation of approximately 501,000, a decline from the previous year's total of more than 531,000.

"To place circulation statistics into proper perspective, a complete range of years should be examined. Circulation by each branch remains relatively constant over the years, despite the contraction or dilation of the sheer volume of materials circulated: Farmington branch maintains an average 4.5 percent, and the Farmington Hills branch at 57.4 percent," according to the annual report.



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