

U-M Regent Baker survives challenge

Monday, September 12, 1988 O&E

(WB-SBX)A

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Deane Baker had a rare experience for an incumbent Republican on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. He was almost dumped for renomination Saturday by the GOP state convention.

"Where the election held Friday night, I might have won it," said Alan May, the Bloomfield Hills lawyer who almost upset Baker, a 16-year veteran of the U-M governing board. "This business survives on the floor the next day."

By "this business," May meant a typed and photocopied statement from a religious right group called Michigan Committee for Freedom alleging May was soft on abortion — an issue that barely surfaces in U-M board business.

"People who are pro-life don't think of the impact of the position. They vote their hearts, their consciences, and in my opinion it's almost impossible to transcend that issue in this party," May shrugged after the convention.

He conceded the U-M nomination to Baker, who had an 879-838 lead with 90 percent of the vote tallied in the tightest battle of the convention in Detroit's Cobo Hall.

MAY HAD potent help from another Republican on the U-M board, Neal Nielsen, a Brighton attorney.



Deane Baker
U-M regent

Nielsen, nominating May against his fellow regent, said May "has the ability to work within an eight-member board . . . to achieve consensus as opposed to arbitrariness. We need a change."

Baker called it "incomprehensible that any Republican would cooperate with the Democrats to unseat a

respected, 16-year incumbent with a proven vote-getting record."

Baker said a Democratic regent (who he declined to identify) joined Nielsen in the dumping effort because Democrats don't like Baker's habit of issuing position papers and "forcing them to take public stands on issues." Among other issues, Baker said he was successful in winning support of a motion protecting

"academic freedom" of U-M scholars to work on Strategic Defense Initiative research.

STATE SEN. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, made Baker's nominating speech and read letters of praising Baker from President Ronald Reagan and former President Gerald Ford.

Harry Verseyer, a top conservative

spokesman and former Pat-Robertson-for-president leader, backed Baker, charging that "too many liberal professors are pushing out their quick ideology and calling it education." Verseyer praised Baker as a regent who "makes waves."

Rep. Paul Hillebrand, R-Holland, the rising minority leader in the Michigan House, made a seconding speech saying Baker "deserves this

nomination."

In decades no Republican officeholder has been denied renomination by a state convention, although Democrats have dumped incumbents.

STANDARD PROCEDURE would have been for Baker to be nominated unopposed for the first U-M position.

GOP picks rest of state ticket

Here is the Michigan Republican state ticket, as nominated Saturday by the GOP state convention in Detroit:

• State Board of Education — former 14-year member Barbara Damocchelle, Grosse Ile housewife and former teacher who lost the post in 1986; and Marilyn Landy, Grosse Pointe, president of a social services organization operating Head Start and job-training programs. Two incumbent Republicans, including Norman Stockmeyer of Westland — declined to seek re-election.

• U-M Board of Regents — Clifford Taylor and incumbent Deane Baker (see other story on this page).

• Michigan State University

Board of Trustees — incumbent Tom Reed, DeWitt, general manager of the Michigan Livestock Exchange, and Edward Lebler, Lansing attorney and veterinarian.

• Wayne State University Board of Governors — incumbent Richard Van Dusen, Bloomfield Hills attorney, former legislator and former assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Hattie Massey, director of a community school program in Detroit.

• State Supreme Court — incumbent Justice James H. Brickley, former lieutenant governor who was appointed to the post; and Richard Johnston, Macomb County lawyer

and former probate judge. (Court nominees are picked by party conventions but run on the non-partisan ballot.)

All terms are eight years. In 1990, the GOP won both State Board of Education slots but split all others with the Democrats.

ANDERSEN® WINDOWS

40% OFF DIST. LIST

Building a home? Remodeling? Replacing your old worn out windows? WE HAVE THE ANSWERS FOR YOU!

Quality Window Center

24023 ANN ARBOR TRAIL
DEARBORN HTS., MICH. **274-4144**

FOREIGN LANGUAGES
THE "DARTMOUTH METHOD"
CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 14

THREE LOCATIONS:
U of D Main Campus
Birmingham
Grosse Pointe

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT THE DIVISION OF
CONTINUING
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
(313) 927-1025

CHINESE
FRENCH
GERMAN
ITALIAN
JAPANESE
PORTUGUESE
RUSSIAN
SPANISH

The Classic Workout

serious adult ballet program (evenings and Saturdays)
beginners through advanced
children's ballet classes
beginners through advanced
variation class pointe class
teen beginners
fall term registration through September 23rd
*limited number of male scholarships available

Geiger
Classic Ballet Academy
"a discipline unparalleled"
5526 Drake • west bloomfield
681-2430
(formerly Severn School of Ballet)

Visit Our Display
or
For Additional
Information
Please Write or Call

GUFFREY PRODUCTS
7540 Pontiac Trail
West Bloomfield, MI 48033
(313) 824-7922 in Brighton (313) 229-9646

PLAY STRUCTURES
For Fun at Home

Extra-Heavy-Duty
Construction To
Last a Lifetime Sold
With or Without
Installation

Designer Mink Coat
by
Donald
Brooks

High Fashion
Dark Dyed
MINK COAT
w/Fox Collar & Tuxedo
Diagonal Mink
& Fox Sleeve
52" Length

\$2,795
(Limited Quantities and Sizes)

ONE
WEEK
ONLY!

Dittrich
Since 1934

NEW HOURS:
MON-SAT. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
(Closed Thurs. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.)

DETROIT • 873-8300 • 7373 Third Avenue (West of Fisher Building)
BLOOMFIELD HILLS • 642-3000 • 1515 N. Woodward Ave. (S. of Long Lake Road)

(For products labeled to show country of origin of imported here.)

MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST

MET
Is the
Smart Way
to Plan
Your
Child's
Education.

**Empire of
America Is
the Smart Way
to Finance It.**

9.99% A.P.R.*

You made a smart move when you applied for the Michigan Education Trust. But there's a way to make that smart move even smarter — by financing your trust through Empire of America!

Unlike other banks, we offer you 100% financing for your MET, so you can take advantage of all your trust has to offer. We'll design your loan with competitive rates to fit your financial needs. We'll even arrange a flexible repayment schedule, with terms up to 18 years depending on the child's age. Plus, our rate cap means your interest will stay within our pre-determined range to help keep your payments affordable. A two-day loan approval is also available.

Bring the cost of higher education down to earth, and apply for MET financing today at your nearby Empire of America branch. Or call **SMARTLINE®** toll-free at 1-800-843-2443, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

*This is our September 1988 starting A.P.R. with a 14.99% A.P.R. cap. The regular monthly payment for a \$10,000 loan, assuming a constant 9.99% A.P.R., would be \$19.99 for each \$1,000 borrowed. The payment may vary depending on rate changes. There is a \$50 registration fee to participate in the MET program.

Priority offices throughout the metropolitan Detroit area:
DETROIT: 20080 Van Dyke, 853-7190 / 19830 West 7 Mile, 537-3400. EAST DETROIT: 10080 East 10 Mile, 771-8840. BLOOMFIELD HILLS: 24720 Northwestern Highway, 827-4551 / 28400 West 22 Mile, 358-3817 / 25177 Greenfield, 537-7840 / 714-Twelve Mile, 288-8888. TROY: 358-4511. BIRMINGHAM: 4140 West Maple, 526-5545 / 12500 Boulevard, 644-0140. OAK PARK: 31700 West 9 Mile, 547-7330 / 25535 Coolidge, 547-6400. CLINTON TOWN: 3205 West 14 Mile, 435-4401. FARMINGTON HILLS: 31300 Orchard Lake, 853-7222. WARREN: 13710 East 14 Mile, 294-0300. STEUBING HEIGHTS: 3747 East 15 Mile, 777-0857. UTICA: 45670 Van Dyke, 731-4500. DEARBORN: 22877 West Warren, 294-7000. TOLSON: 15812 E. 12 Mile, 294-0404. Grosse Pointe Woods: 28000 Woodward, 656-1040. GROSSE POINTE WOODS: 28000 Woodward, 656-1040. LIVONIA: 33957 Five Mile Road, 625-1933.

Equal Opportunity Lender

OVERSTOCK SALE

SPECTACULAR PRE-SEASON SAVINGS ON ENTIRE STOCK OF THE Best HANDMADE ORIENTAL RUGS NOW!

50% OFF—OFTEN MORE

EVERY RUG AT LEAST 50% OFF—OFTEN MORE

You'll find Persian masterpieces, Caucasian and Mid-Eastern tribals, meltingly beautiful Chinese, Pakistani and Indian rugs, and, of course, each piece is intricately handknotted of rich wool, pure silk, or both. Also included are our extremely popular handmade wool Dhurries which feature contemporary pastel designs for casual living.

the Best oriental rugs

1036 N. Woodward, Royal Oak • 543-5300 • MON.-SAT. 10-8 • SUN. 12-6 P.M.