

# Judge dismisses challenge to Proposition 'A' ads

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Oakland Circuit Judge Jessica R. Cooper has agreed with a ruling by the Michigan Court of Appeals and Friday dismissed a request to bar television ads on behalf of Proposition A, a tax issue on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Cooper didn't address the complaint that the television ads contained false or misleading language.

She ruled the plaintiffs — Taxpayers United for the Michigan Consti-

tution, represented by former Oakland County prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson — had no standing to bring the suit.

Debate on issues like Proposition A should be vigorous and uninhibited, Cooper said, but they should be conducted in another forum besides the courtroom.

**PATTERSON CONTENDED** ads for Proposition A were inaccurate because they falsely claim money raised by its passage would provide more money for science, math and

computer education.

He claims the \$400 million to be raised by raising the state income tax by a half-cent would go into general education funds rather than being specifically allocated for science, math or computers as claimed in the ads.

Tuesday, Patterson seemed to win a partial victory when another Oakland Circuit Judge, Steven N. Andrews, issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the airing of the ads in question. Andrews sched-

uled the hearing before Cooper.

But the order was dissolved late Wednesday by a three-judge panel of the court of appeals.

The judges gave no reasons for their decision, but dissolved the restraining order in a one paragraph order.

"It's nice to be right once in a while," said Larry D. Owen, the lawyer representing the Promote Michigan Education Committee, the group that paid for the ads.

Owen, of the Miller, Canfield, Padock and Stone law firm, accused

Patterson of a "cheap publicity stunt" by filing the complaint and predicted the restraining order would be dissolved once it was argued.

He called the decision by Cooper and the court of appeals a victory for free speech.

Patterson, however, disagreed.

"The judge said he didn't have any standing," Patterson said, "meaning we were not the ones to raise the issue."

"But if we don't raise the issue, who will?" Patterson said.

There will be no appeal, he said. "We don't have any money and they (Promote Michigan Education) have a \$3 million budget. This is a financial David and Goliath situation."

Patterson said he is also disappointed he didn't get the opportunity to call his witnesses. "We had senators and other people lined up to testify that Proposition A has no language guaranteeing more money for science, math or computers."

"I just hope people see through the deception," Patterson said.

## OU to offer graduate ed open house

Oakland University will hold an open house Wednesday, Oct. 25, for students interested in graduate programs in education.

Faculty from the School of Human and Educational Services will meet prospective students 4-8 p.m. in

Rooms 128-130 of the Oakland Center.

Jerry Pine, dean of SHES, says career opportunities in education remain strong, particularly at the graduate level.

Oakland University offers graduate programs in counseling, early

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Additional information is available by calling 370-3050.

## Ethics discussion set on mentally ill

The Oakland County chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26,

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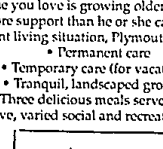
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