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up, so the female candidates had a love-in. State Supreme Court Justice Patricia Boyle, a Bemoratic nominee, said "On criminal matters, she would be similar to me."

Judy Hughes, a Republican nominee for the high court, said "I'm not running against my esteemed sister. There are not many cases in criminal law where I disagree with Justice Boyle."

They went on to prove it in a discussion of "basketball score" prison sentences.

sentences.

Not showing up Wednesday for the forum on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus were Justice Michael Cavanagh, a Democratic moninee, and W. Clark Durant, a Republican nominee. Under a quirk in Michigan law, Supreme Court candidates are nominated by political par-

emale rivals for high court display solidarity

THE SENTENCING question was raised by one of just a handful of students attending the session. The state's highest court threw out a trial court's sentence of hundreds of years of a man convicted of stabling, killing and robbing.

"I wrote the dissent," replied Boyle. "The trial court had authorized something that couldn't be done (sentences running beyond life expectancy). But the legislature had authorized any term of years. I lost 4-3."

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"I would have joined in the dissent," said Hughes, adding "Some
members of the court have been
eroding the authority of trial judges
for 20 years."
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workers compensation or unemploy-ment compensation cases, where Boyle and two Democrats have lined by poslidly against three Republicans. Justice Charles Levin, elected as an

EACH BOASTED a tough-on-crime career in other ways. Boyle said, "I worked on the Crim-inal Sexual Conduct Act (of the 1970s). It assures a woman's sexual history can't be brought out in a rape case. It's one of the most significant accomplishments of my life."

Hughes said that in Barry County she successfully prosecuted "a dirty drive-in movie west of town. The drive-in flew in lawyers from California and Georgia." When the place burned down, Hughes said she helped prevent its being rebuilt because it was a non-conforming use under the zoning ordinance. zoning ordinance.

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pellate court judge). You need trial experience - and common sense."

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BOTH BORE children while at-tending law school and had to fight for their early jobs.

"I was first in my law school class, the only woman," Boyle said.
"Out of 350, I was the last person to get a job. I've never forgotten

"I fought off five local attorneys" to win the Barry County prosecutor's election, said Hughes, admitting she was something of a carpetbagger for being new in town. The Indiana-born

COURTS ARE heavily burdened,

Boyle said, "The system is ex-tremely overburdened — too many cases, too much time, they cost too much."

Boyle called for "equitable fund-ing" of the trial courts — circuit, probate and district. Outside of De-troit and Wayne County, local courts are financed by local units, with wide disparitles in caseloads, pay and facilities.

The state 10 years ago began to move toward paying the entire bill but gave up in the recession. Many outstate communities have sued seeking complete state financing.

Hughes, a member of the Michl-gan 21st Century Courts Commis-sion, said its consensus is that

"things are going well. We're gotta tinker here and there."

Both strongly endorsed effort alternative dispute resulting quicker, less-formal methods of

THEY MADE pitches to voter

both parties.

Boyle said she got her first and cidal appointment, to the Detroit Recorder's bench, from Republican Gow. William Milliken. Her other two appointments came from Democrats, President Jimmy Carter and Gow. James Blanchard.

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Hughes said her appointment to
the courts commission came from
Senate Republican leader John Engler and her appointment to the
Michigan Criminal Justice Commission from Gov. Blanchard.

At the end of their appearance, they hugged.



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