

Patterson gains Murphy's support

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

The staff of the Oakland County Executive is bloated and in need of streamlining, according to the Democrat Betty Howe, who said if elected she will trim at least six positions as part of a reorganization.

"Every time somebody was no longer efficient, they hired somebody else," said Howe, whose campaign has assailed what she claims is the old boy network dominating Oakland County government.

Howe, a former director of the Michigan Department of Labor, said she can save \$600,000 by cutting the executive's staff from 17 to 11, and combining functions and responsibilities. She made her comments prior to a press conference scheduled for today in the county auditorium.

Howe is running against former prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, who earlier in the week picked up a formal endorsement from outgoing county executive Daniel T. Murphy.

Murphy, 67 and the county's only executive since 1974, is retiring at the end of the year. He was reportedly miffed by rumors that he is not endorsing anyone in the contest to succeed him.

"I am a Republican and Brooks is a Republican," Mur-

phy said Tuesday at a press conference in his office. "I'm doing my duty as a Republican."

"Brooks knows the system, he knows Oakland County and he knows how to get things done. Brooks Patterson has my full support in his bid to become the next Oakland County executive."

Howe's comments about Murphy's allegedly bloated staff is the closest she has come to criticizing the outgoing executive — somebody she has described as honest and kindly, but not aggressive enough to institute needed change.

Howe cited county figures showing that Murphy and a staff of 17, including appointments, costs more than \$1.7 million in salary and fringe benefits in 1992.

Howe said she would eliminate six positions immediately — including the two deputy positions — and reorganize the staff. One move calls for eliminating the positions of cultural affairs and public information and combining them into the office of citizens' ombudsman.

"Functions of the ombudsman's office would include reaching out to citizens," Howe said. "That office would help people get what they need from county government."

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

If political liberalism is as hard to sell these days as Lenin statues in Moscow, then author Louis "Studs" Terkel is an expert salesman.

Just before a speech Monday at Oakland University, Terkel said he hoped to "aggravate" the students in the audience, but changed them instead with the folksy, human, common-man approach that typifies his books and illustrates his political stance.

Wearing a red-and-white shirt, red vest, red socks, "Spencer Tracy" hat and three fat rubber bands around his right wrist, the 80-year-old author ran a comb through his thinning white hair a few minutes before the speech and said, "I want to look distinguished."

Having heard that students these days are best described by the words "terror and apathy," Terkel thought he might shake them up a bit and get them to thinking about, for example, why the old War Department is now called the Defense Department. ("Because you can challenge war, but you can't challenge defense.")

However, with an approachable

style that belies his Pulitzer Prize-winning fame (in 1985 for "The Good War"), Terkel impressed the assembled 250 students, staff and faculty with effortless humor and unpretentious humanity.

"He was delightful," said West Bloomfield resident Kathy Kauppinen. "He's more than funny. He's real human."

In his unscripted hour-long talk, plus a question-and-answer session, Terkel declaimed the state of the nation and said he was voting for Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton for president, but with reservations that he compared to preferring tuberculosis to terminal cancer.

Terkel said none of the three main candidates are talking about "real cuts" in the military budget, which he believes should be about 50 percent.

"A cut of 50 percent would solve every (social) problem we're talking about. (But) the welfare bums in the Pentagon live on (military spending)."

Terkel said the 1983 invasion of Grenada was a good example of the military mentality and an attempt to make up for the shame

of losing the Vietnam War.

"By God, we beat Grenada," he said. "That's like Muhammad Ali in his prime knocking out Woody Allen."

In the same vein, Terkel:

■ wondered why riots in Los Angeles rivet our attention, but 8,000 people applying for 1,000 jobs in Chicago does not.

■ said big American corporations are "owned by people who don't have the slightest idea who you are and don't give a damn who you are."

■ said that "a woman belongs in the home. Of course she does. So does a man, too."

■ called peace through strength "a phony phrase if there ever was one."

■ and just for laughs said, "I can't drive a car. I can't drive a bike. I fall down when I dance."

"(Terkel) is a throwback to the '60s," said Bob Thomas, OU's placement office director. "He

touches the humanity in all of us."

Rochester Hills resident Susan Kerekes said, "I like the way he talked about the sense of community and working together."

Freshman Journalism student Jill Allan admitted that her presence in Terkel's presence was a class assignment, but said, "I feel more on level with him than I would with Larry King."

Maybe it's the nickname. When queried about its origin, Terkel said, "Everybody asks me that, then added, 'I wish it were what you think it was, but it wasn't.'"

He acquired the sobriquet as a young man because he was enamored of a book entitled "Studs Lonigan."

Much later, a publisher suggested that the nickname be used on one of Terkel's books in lieu of Louis because it sounded so much better.

THIS WEEK AT TWELVE OAKS.

WINKELMAN'S

October 23-25—Grand Re-Opening
Informal Modeling, Meet Piece Charming, Register to win a \$300.00 Gift Certificate and receive a complimentary rose.

GODIVA CHOCOLATIER

Through October 25—
Sample new Winter Truffles.

NORDICTRACK

Try new "Aerobic Cross Trainer"—combines a treadmill, ski simulator and stepper.

AUDREY JONES

Thursday, October 29, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Giltier Evening—Informal Modeling, Holiday Fashions, Evening Wear, Refreshments.

FITNESS OVER 50

Every Monday and Wednesday 9:00-10:00 a.m., lower level Lord and Taylor court—
Participate in our Low-impact aerobic exercise program instructed by the University of Michigan Department of Physical Education.

VISIT OUR NEWEST STORES

STUCCHI'S

Super Premium Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt
Located upper level, Lord & Taylor court

FINI

Unique Wearable Art, New location lower level, JCPenney court

NORTHERN REFLECTIONS

High Quality, Unisex, Casual Wear, located lower level, Sears court

TWELVE OAKS EXPRESS PARKING

Saves you time and energy to make your shopping experience even more pleasant.
Our car parking service is provided between JCPenney and Lord & Taylor, Saturdays and Sundays.

TWELVE OAKS

196 & Nara Road, 348-9400 Toll Free 800-362-1211 Hours: 10am - 9pm, Noon - 6pm Sunday

BATHTUB REFINISHING

10 YEAR WRITTEN WARRANTY
80% OVER REPLACEMENT

179⁰⁰

STANDARD TUB

FREE CAULKING

EXPIRES 11/30/92

with this coupon

427-3838

Appliances • Sinks • Tile
• And Countertop Reglazing
• Chip and Scratch Repair
• Interior House Painting
• Carpet Cleaning

KITCHENS

• Refacing • Countertops
• New Kitchens • Design Service
FREE ESTIMATES • SENIOR DISCOUNT
American Home Kitchen and Bath
CALL US TODAY 581-2536

Because of the Summer Slowdown
We're reducing our
APPRAISAL AND
CONSIGNMENT FEES 50% OFF

Top Dollar\$
for Your
Collectibles

A major Detroit area bank called us to assist them with
an estate collection. The top three they had received was
just \$7,500. We liquidated the collection in less than two
weeks for over \$20,000.

Because we work on a commission basis, the more
outlets we can get for our clients the better we do our
business. If you are interested in receiving top dollar for
your collectibles, call for a free consultation today.

4000 Phoenician Town Center
Southfield, Michigan 48075
(313) 356-6252

RC Richard Charles
Rare Coin Galleries

FAST, EFFECTIVE, AFFORDABLE
**speak spanish,
german or french
by december
for \$275***

Now you can get the same high quality instruction as Berlitz offers in its Private
programs for about \$9 a lesson. (Other languages available upon request.)

• One great price—includes tuition for
30 lessons, books, and fees. • Native-fluent instructors.
• Friendly, relaxed groups of 6-8 students. • Classes meeting once or twice a
week, evenings or Saturdays.
Regular and Intensive English (ESL) Group Courses also available.
*Price based on minimum class size of 6 persons. For groups of 4-5, price is \$329.

BERLITZ
SINCE 1878

BINGHAM FARMS
(313) 642-9335

**WHY
PAY
RETAIL?**

Executive Menswear at the
smart businessman's price.
Do you want to be "That Guy?"
• All menswear reduced 20-33% everyday
• Free tailoring on all suits & coats
• Name brands

Oakland Mall • 1st fl., MI
(313) 588-8330

**VOTE NOV. 3rd
LYNN D. ALLEN**
YOUR OAKLAND COUNTY CLERK
REGISTER OF DEEDS

• LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF OAKLAND COUNTY
• COLLEGE GRADUATE
• AIR CORPS COMBAT VETERAN
• PAST PRESIDENT MICHIGAN COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION
• SELECTED COUNTY CLERK OF THE YEAR STATE OF MICHIGAN
• PREFERRED & WELL-QUALIFIED - CIVIC SEARCH LIGHT

"SERVICE IS OUR MOTTO"
YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

LYNN D. ALLEN RELECTION COMMITTEE R. ELLIOT, TREASURER

Amana.
One Hot Deal
No Money Down! No Interest!
No Payment Until May 1993!
Buy An Amana High Efficiency Furnace,
Or An Amana Central
Air Conditioner With A
High Efficiency Furnace,
And Get One Hot Deal!
Hurry, Limited Time Offer
See your Amana Dealer For Details

**31 DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR
NATURAL GAS HOLDS
A THREE-TO-ONE PRICE
ADVANTAGE OVER ELECTRICITY.**

Quality Installation By Factory Trained Dealers

COMFORT SYSTEMS, INC.
48000 Grand River #103
Novi
(313) 478-0092

A.J. DANFORD SON, INC.
30550 W. Van Alden
Farmington Hills
(313) 477-3878

HARRISON HEATING & COOLING
3304 Tappan Ln. Dr.
Livonia
(313) 487-1487



David Pittman, General Director, Susan V. Pittman, Director of Community Programs

LIVE MINI-PERFORMANCE
THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1:00 PM
IN BLOOMFIELD PLAZA'S MALL WITHIN-THE-PLAZA

Enjoy selections from the works of
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
INCLUDING • CATS • EVITA • ASPHENS OF LOVE
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Bloomfield Plaza

Celebrating 35 Years
TELEGRAPH AT MAPLE