

Candidates for state races tapped at GOP confab

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John Engler's Republican educational team takes a dim view of homosexual couples living in married-student campus housing. "Some talk about fighting it. I have fought it," said Andrew Fischer, an appointed Oakland University trustee who the Republican State Convention Saturday nominated for an elective post on the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

"Fortunately, at Oakland we're winning the battle. Unfortunately U-M, we're losing battle after battle," said Fischer, a Birmingham

corporation lawyer, state party vice-chair and a GOP money-raiser.

Significantly, Fischer's nominating speech came from Harry Vervser, a right-wing Macomb County politician who two years ago won 6.5 fighting Engler on education board nominations.

Fischer had a 3-1 margin over former Regent Veronica Letta Smith of Grosse Ile.

Among winners and losers, the big U-M targets was the regents' 7-1 decision to allow homosexual couples to live in married student housing and the speech code, which was struck down in a federal

court. Never mentioned was the U-M regents' landmark defeat in the state Supreme Court for violating the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act in picking the current president.

Two familiar suburban names were nominated without opposition to run for the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Diane Dunauskis, a special education teacher from Lake Orion and the wife of a state senator, said, "I'm an MBA (Michigan Education Association) member who supports Gov. Engler's policies."

Edward Haroutunian, South-

field real estate lawyer who is Wayne County Republican chair, said he would push WSU to raise more funds from alumni and relieve the pressure on taxpayers and student tuition. "Wayne State hasn't tapped that source," he said.

A Farmington High graduate won one of two nominations to the State Board of Education. Sharon Wise, co-owner of an Owosso well-drilling firm and 4th Congressional District GOP chair, pledged to oppose "multi-culturalism and outcomes-based education that concentrates on attitudes, beliefs, feelings and behav-

iors rather than academics."

Democrats swept all state offices in 1986, so this year they are on the defense. Following Engler, who was unopposed in the Aug. 2 gubernatorial primary, the all-white Republican ticket includes: ■ Lt. Gov. Connie Blinsfield, seeking a second term; Candice Miller, Macomb County treasurer, who was Engler's choice for secretary of state; and John Smolenski, former Berrien County prosecutor and U.S. district attorney, for attorney general. (Miller defeated Ottawa County Clerk Dan Krueger 2.5 to 1.) ■ State Board of Education —

Wise and Grosse Pointe attorney W. Clark Durant, operator of a private school in Detroit.

■ U-M regents — Fischer and Daniel Horrning, Grand Haven insurance agent and president of the Grand Rapids U-M Alumni Club.

■ Michigan State University trustees — retiring state Sen. Paul Wartner of Portage and Don Nugent, Traverse area party chair, cherry grower and food processor.

■ Non-partisan ticket for state Supreme Court justice — Court of Appeals Judges Richard Griffin and Elizabeth Weaver.

League relieved when Engler rescinds ballot proposal order

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For now, the battle lines have been pulled back between Gov. John Engler and the League of Women Voters over who will have responsibility for ballot proposal wording.

Shelley Paros, a Farmington Hills resident and president of the Oakland Area League of Women Voters, said the issue should be open government rather than partisan political control of the process.

"We believe in government being open to the citizens," Paros said.

Up until Thursday, when the governor rescinded his Executive Order 1994-19, which transferred responsibility for ballot proposal wording from the Board of State Canvassers to the State Administrative Board.

The league joined a lawsuit Aug. 11 filed against Engler by Common Cause and the Michigan Consumer Federation July 27.

The league action was designed to prevent control over ballot wording from passing from the Board of State Canvassers, which is composed of two Democrats and two Republicans who are nominated by their parties and

appointed by the governor.

The administrative board is composed of the governor, lieutenant governor, state treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general and the superintendent of public instruction.

"It's starting to become harder for citizens to have a voice in government," Paros said. "This would give them even less say. That group (administrative board) could change the wording and the governor has the last word."

Although the governor rescinded the executive order, and legislation is being drafted to address the issue, the governor's intent was not political, said Engler's press secretary John Truscott.

"If you look at the composition of the board, it includes the attorney general, secretary of state and superintendent (of public instruction)," Truscott said. "They're all Democrats."

But Barbara Moorhouse, said that since those state officers are elected, they could easily swing to one party or another, whereas the board of canvassers is constitutionally required (since 1955, when it was formed) to be bipartisan. Before that, since 1921, the administrative board had decided

on ballot language.

"The Board (of State Canvassers) was put into place by an overwhelming vote of the people on a constitutional amendment," Moorhouse said. "The action was taken because the previous board was partisan in nature, and it was believed to be essential to have a bipartisan board as Michigan now has."

Moorhouse said the governor and league have had a parting of the ways over some issues.

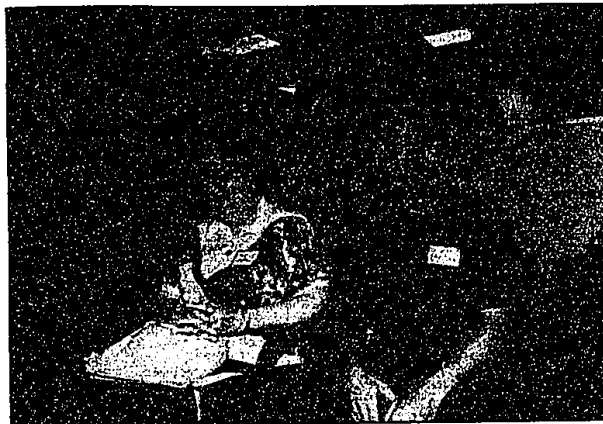
"Accusations about us have been made," she said. "We did come out against Proposals A and C in 1992 and against A last spring."

Paros said the League had had to take action within 60 days or Engler's executive order would have become law.

"Ballot issues on so many state regulations and local ballot proposals could be affected," Paros said. "It would make it more difficult for local groups like Voters' Voice (a group opposing the Timbercrest development in Farmington Hills) to access the system."

Moorhouse, a Bloomfield Hills resident, said she was relieved that the Legislature will now address the issue.

Just a grand opening



Longtime AAA member: Betty Caton and her son, Michael, attended the recent grand opening ceremony of the new AAA Michigan Farmington Hills office, where Betty Caton was honored as the longest AAA Michigan member. Her husband joined the Auto Club in 1927. The grand opening kicked off a week of activities for the public. The office, located at 38751 W. 12 Mile Road, is the largest AAA Michigan branch in the state.

Handling of HIV researcher's case questioned

BY PAT MURPHY
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With the suspension of an Oakland University associate professor involved in HIV research, attention is focusing on the unpublished report of a committee appointed to investigate allegations of scientific misconduct.

The findings of the investigative committee have not been made public. But the researcher, associate professor Dr. G. Rasul Chaudhry, a Rochester resident, was suspended shortly after the committee reported its findings to OU President Sandra Packard.

Packard Friday declined to discuss the specifics of Chaudhry's suspension or any possible relationship between the committee report and disciplinary action against him.

But the OU president acknowledged Chaudhry was suspended a

few days after she received the committee's findings.

Chaudhry, who had been at OU since 1989, was suspended Aug. 11. News of the suspension was not generally known, however, until his lawyer, Stephen M. Landau, issued a statement Wednesday through the Public Relations Newsline.

At issue is research done by Chaudhry and his assistant in laboratories in Dodge Hall for about six months in 1992. One object of the research was to study whether HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — can survive in waste water.

"There was never any secret about the research," said Landau. The university recruited Chaudhry to conduct the experiments under a federal grant in conjunction with research at the University of Michigan, he said.

"Nobody but Chaudhry and his assistant worked on the project," Landau said. "And nobody was ever exposed to HIV."

But the laboratory where the research was conducted was also used by other students and researchers, Landau said. Access to the lab was limited, and people working in it should have known it contained potentially hazardous material, he said.

Some of the people who worked in the laboratory may not have known it at one time contained live HIV, Landau said. "But it was the university's responsibility — not Dr. Chaudhry's — to post any warnings."

Packard said the review of Chaudhry and his research has been conducted in accordance with procedures established by OU in the mid 1980s. Those procedures, she said, are within guidelines recommended by the National Science Foundation establishing policies for dealing

with allegations of scientific misconduct.

Those procedures, Packard said, are designed to assure fairness for those involved and to guarantee they receive due process of law.

The president of the OU chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), however, doesn't agree. "We're concerned Dr. Chaudhry will not get a fair and impartial hearing," AAUP president David Bricker said Friday. He declined to elaborate.

Chaudhry is scheduled for a disciplinary hearing next month, possibly on Sept. 27.

Chaudhry's lawyer agrees the hearing may not be objective and impartial. "I think they (the university administration) are out to get Dr. Chaudhry," Landau said.

The lawyer said the university's offer of free HIV testing to students was unnecessary. It was also an indication of the "AIDS hysteria at OU," Landau said.

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In accordance with the Michigan Mental Health Code, Sec. 2206(4) the Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget request for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1994, for submission to the Department of Social Services.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, September 1, 1994, at 1:00 p.m. and will be held in the Conference Room A of the Board of Commissioners' Office, Oakland County Service Center, 1260 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. A copy of the proposed budget request will be available at the Administrative Offices of the Board, 1260 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, for public inspection during regular business hours.

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