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"I'm the only one that has any backbone."

The youngest of the candidates, Raczkowski is also the most educated, something he considers important for the next state representative.

Raczkowski, a 25-year Hills resident, has bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology from Eastern Michigan University, a master's from Central Michigan University in public administration. He'll finish his law degree at Detroit College of Law this spring.

Raczkowski said he's the only candidate to work for term limits as well.

"I'm not looking for a career, I'm looking to make a difference," he said.

Raczkowski, who is pro-life on abortion, said he would be tough on crime and fighting what he calls "major societal decay."

Rather than raising taxes to build more prison, the Army veteran proposes instituting a prison boot camp in every county to teach non-violent juvenile offenders discipline. The money saved by the court system and corrections departments by not housing as many prisoners would help pay for the camps.

In addition, Raczkowski would propose that prisons go to the "hot bunking" alternative that would have inmates using the same cell or bed to save on space and resources.

In addition to reinvestigating groups such as the Boy Scouts

and Civilian Air Patrol, Raczkowski would propose improvements for the inner city of Detroit as well as his own district.

"As a state representative, I would have an obligation to Farmington and Farmington Hills," he said. "But we also have a responsibility to the state."

Making the state's educational system give parents more responsibility and control would also be a priority for Raczkowski.

Roads and infrastructure improvements are another priority in the district and state. Raczkowski said that Oakland County is a donor county in terms of tax dollars, and should get a better return.

Raczkowski said he does not favor an increased gas tax. He proposes that the state set up a separate fund for infrastructure improvements, that would include water lines as well as roads and bridges. If the \$1.1 billion or so of general fund reserves were invested conservatively, the interest could go into the new fund to pay for the improvements without raising taxes.

In addition, any new fund balance money could be split

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\$1,000 and be jailed for up to 60 days for the first offense.

"If the minor drinks and dies as a result (including a car accident), the purchaser can face up to a 10-year felony," he said.

Legal changes also punish the minor who tries to buy alcohol or who uses false identification, including fines, community service and suspension of a driver's license. The former penalty was simply a civil infraction.

Most of those business owners liked the idea.

"This puts some of the responsibility on the person who tries to buy alcohol underage," said Steve Hardely, owner of the 7-Eleven store on Nine Mile and Middlebelt.

"It takes some of the pressure off of us, although we are still responsible to make sure we don't sell to minors," said Joe Dorach, co-owner of Players Billiard and Grill on 10 Mile.

"What I like about it is that they will have someone outside as well."

In addition to having the plain clothes officer inside to prevent or arrest a minor trying to buy alcohol, an officer outside the establishment will monitor any adult who buys and then supplies the alcohol to a juvenile outside the establishment.

The program is welcome news to school officials, Cowan said.

"We've been fighting problem of juveniles using alcohol for years," he said. "It's extremely frustrating for us. We have three high schools with 3,600 plus students."

The program has been tried in various parts of the country, but in only one other community in Michigan — Mount Pleasant. It

was so successful in the home of Central Michigan University when instituted in April of 1995, that Mount Pleasant police are launching the second phase in conjunction with the "Safe and Sober" campaign.

"We'll be expanding it out-county this year," said Mount Pleasant Public Safety Director Martin Trombley. "It works much like traffic enforcement. If the person thinks that there is a significant risk that he will be caught, he will not attempt to break the law."

Trombley said the Mount Pleasant's high percentage of young people because of the university, and the abuse of alcohol had led not only to fatal traffic accidents, but to underage binge drinking where youngsters died of alcohol poisoning.

"I don't think most adults see alcohol as nearly as serious a problem as law enforcement does," he said. "This has been very effective in our city."

Dwyer said the program's objectives include a 25 percent increase in arrests, but "detering" underage drinking is the focus. He said the likelihood that an officer is at the business will have the added benefit of warding off armed robbers and shoplifters.

Although Farmington Hills is the first community in the tri-county area to use the program, Dearborn, Canton, Sterling Heights, West Bloomfield, Novi and Southfield are also considering applying for grant money to run the program.

"We hope the whole program will mushroom," Dwyer said.

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