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autumn leaves and their blindly brilliant oranges, reds and yel-

lows.
People started arriving about People started arriving about 10:30 a.m., many with infants or toddlers bedecked with Dole-Kemp signs. Still others carried large, bright yellow signs with black letters saying, "15 percent."

Carol Romeo of Troy said she came to hear Dole talk about issues that are important to her—issues like character and integrity. 'I don't see how anybody can vote for Bill Clinton, said her husband, Salvatore.
Randy Riepma, a teacher at Rochester Hills Christian High School, had similar views. 'You simply can't trust the bum,' he said, referring Dole Democratic opponent, President Clinton.
Riepma, accompanied by a handful of students, carried a sign with a caricature of President Clinton and the words 'Out of Gas.' The media portrays Dole as being tired, worn out and out of gas, he said. 'But tire Clinton who is out of ideas, out of trust and out of gas.' The modla portrays Christa Roberts, a senior at Troy High School, said she wanted to hear Dole talk about taxes, and his promise for a tax tut and balanced budget. 'I'm only working part time,' she said. 'But they take 20 percent out of every check just for taxes. The more you make, the worse it

gets. My parents pay a lot

more."
Another Troy student, Trisha Powell, said she just wants to hear Dole talk. "I'm probably a Democrat," she said, "although I'm 17 and haven't voted yet. But I think it's fun to be part of politics."

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Carl Jasina of Clawson said he and his 3-year-old, Cassandra, were there to heckle Dole. "I fought in Desert Storm and Panama." he said, "and this business about Dole being a vetteran and Clinton being a draft-dedger is bull. ... I want the candidate who will do the most for the country, and that's Clinton." Beverly Gifford brought her son Sam and other cubs from Pack 1706 thosed at Martell Elementary) to see Dole and lead the Fledge of Allegiance. "It was a wonderful opportunity for all of us," said Mrs. Gifford, who classified herself as one of the "soccer moms" who Dole predicted would swing his way.

"Mr. Dole is so sincere," she said. "This is one soccer mom for Dole."

Robert Gualdoni of Bloomfield Hills said Dole's tax message (with emphasis on the \$1,261 the former Kansas senator said the average family would real-ize) was only part of what he wanted to hear. 'I liked the way he put the character issue right



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where it belongs . . . at the feet of Bil Clinton."

As Dole finished his 20-minute talk and plunged into the crowd, State Rep. John F. Freeman, D-Madison Heights, mingled with the audience — and the pressenting what he described as a "more balanced view" of the preceedings.

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Republicans had done similar balancing" at earlier Clinton appearances in the area, underscering the political competition for Michigan's electoral vote.

The crowd want as enthusiastic as the Republicans want you to believe, said Freeman.

They like Dole, but they aren't turned on by his ideas."

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of the endorsements, people—apparently part of the Democrata efforts to blunt the impact of Dole's appearance—were mingling with the crowd and press.

Thoir mission was to distribute copies of endorsement letters from police agencies—including the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Officers Association—on behalf of Clinton.
Police endorsements were part of the acene carlier in the day when Dole took his message to Saginaw, Frankenmuth and Grand Blanc.

Also part of the earlier scene were warm comments from well-wishers. At Frankonmuth, for example, one enthusiastic sup-porter yelled out: "Hey Bob, we're some of those soccer moms (you mentioned)."

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Another said, "We depend on you."

10 th Grand Blanc Community High School, a husky middle-aged man yelled, "We're proud of you, senator."

Yelled a thirtyish man in scruffy clothes, "I love you man, I love you like a father. You're gunna win."

After Dole autographed a Dole/Kemp poster for a teenaged girl, she yelled, "You're going to win. Dole, Yea!"

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