



MADONNA COLLEGE students Walter Suchara of Detroit and Judy Martin of Livonia demonstrate to Sister M. Bridget the movable features of Suchara's model home, built for Sister Bridget's class in interior design.

Madonna's plan has 2 meanings in home building

Students in Home Economics and Family Life at Madonna College are learning not only to be model home-makers; but to be home model makers as well.

A requirement of the course in interior design is to design, build, and decorate a model home. As part of their final exam, 25 students of Sister Mary Bridget have recently completed that requirement.

Most of the students, ranging in age from 18 through 40, let their imaginations

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Campaign financing is attacked

Local officials of the national citizens' lobby, Common Cause, have criticized Observerland state senators for their failure to support an independent state elections commission to scrutinize political campaign financing in Michigan.

The criticism came when the Michigan Senate defeated an amendment to the campaign finance disclosure bill sponsored by Sen. William Faust (D-Westland). The bill was passed by the Legislature, but without the amendment to set up a watchdog commission.

Faust was ill at the time of the vote and could not participate, but Sens. Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park), whose district includes Southfield and Farmington, and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), whose district includes Livonia and Redford, opposed the amendment.

Richard Lieberknecht, public relations coordinator for the 15th District Common Cause, expressed his dissatisfaction with the senators' vote.

"An independent commission or agency must be established and given the power to enforce any law regulating campaign financing," Lieberknecht said. "Self-policing - that is public officials having exclusive enforcement authority over other public officials - is not acceptable." Without an independent policing agency, he said, "legislation purporting to reform campaign financing is meaningless."

Defending his vote against the amendment, Cooper said that bi-partisan policing of campaign spending could be effectively carried on by the state attorney general's office and the county prosecutors.

"The state shouldn't spend the money for a third agency," Cooper said. "If anything is going to kill this country, it's multi-faceted, fantastically expensive bureaucracy."

Faust, who later had his support for both the bill and the defeated amendment read into the record, reiterated his position.

"Some Democrats opposed the amendment because they thought it was too strong an addition to the checks and balances system," Faust said. But he said he thought it was necessary, "especially after Youngblood and every thing else."

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