

# 1st roll call nominates Sarah Power for regent

**By TIM RICHARD**  
**GRAND RAPIDS** — Usually only incumbent officeholders win a party's nomination for another term unanimously. An exception is Sarah Power, picked by the Democratic state convention Sunday as one of two candidates for the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

She made it look easy. The First Congressional District answered the roll call and said it had a nomination to make. No one else but Mrs. Power was nominated for the first ballot slot, although four men battled it out through two roll calls for the second nomination.

"We started in the middle of February," said Mrs. Power, 38, an Ann Arbor resident who is on leave as assistant chairwoman of the UM's Commission for Women.

"We" in this case is an oblique reference to her husband, Philip H. Power, co-publisher of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

**WHILE HE** is not listed on her campaign committee, Philip Power's hand is in evidence in the effective campaign brochure Mrs. Power distributed to thousands of Democratic precinct and state convention delegates.

Grosse Pointe Park. Republicans picked former State Rep. David Upton of St. Joseph and attorney Donna Scott Parker of Howell.

(See related story on women in politics, Section C, front page)

Mrs. Power's nominating speech was the work of Dauris Jackson, a Democratic figure in her own right

but better known to the world as Mrs. Murray Jackson, wife of the first president of Wayne County Community College and now a UM professor.

Mrs. Jackson charged that U-M "has an archaic and elitist view of what is an acceptable student." She said Mrs. Power would support "affirmative action programs for minorities and for women... and will fight tuition hikes."

With the Commission for Women, Mrs. Power worked toward getting a male-dominated institution to afford equitable treatment of women. It's a hot issue among women employees on campus, and the University has often been the target of complaints.

Her earlier work was as executive director of the New York City host committee for the United Nations. At the time, her political

associations were with such Republicans as Nelson Rockefeller and John Lindsay. Mrs. Power was married to life-long Democrat Philip Power about the time Lindsay made his party switch.

Democrats didn't seem to hold her background against her, especially since Mrs. Power has joined every party organization she could and worked on two Democrats' campaigns in 1972.

Her own academic work was at Vassar College (BA in history) and New York University's Graduate School of Politics and International Relations (MA).

Michigan voters have never been purists about electing only U-M graduates to the Board of Regents. Two other U-M Regents, Republican Donnie Baker and Democrat Gerald Dunn, attended other colleges.



SARAH POWER

"We campaigned all over the state... from Benton Harbor to Copper Harbor 18,000 to 20,000 miles, and through at least two floods," she recalled.

Her campaign advisers included Michael Staebler, son of a former Democratic state chairman, several present and former members of Congress, and a who's who of Michigan political and civic work and Wilbur Cohen, William Haber, Adelaide Hart, Harlan Hatcher, Carl Levin, Edward McNamara, Stewart R. Mott and so on.

In short, she had built up such a campaign that no one else challenged her.

"THERE'S A feeling among delegates and the other candidates that there should be a woman on the Board of Regents," she said in an interview backstage of the Civic Center moments after the convention nominated her. That was why the four male candidates all ran against each other rather than her.

At present, the eight-member board has only one woman member: Gertrude (Trudy) Huebner, of Bloomfield Hills, who is retiring.

Mrs. Power's running mate will be attorney Thomas Roach of

## Party makes choice

Here is the list of state candidates nominated by the Democratic party for the Nov. 3 election.

Gubernatorial candidates were nominated by voters in the Aug. 6 primary. All other were picked in state conventions last weekend. Incumbents are designated by bold type.

**GOVERNOR** LT. GOV.  
 Sander Levin of Berkley for governor; Paul Brown of Petoskey for lieutenant governor.

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
 Richard Austin of Detroit.  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
 Frank J. Kelley of Lansing.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
 Barbara Roberts of Lansing; Roger Tilles of Swartz Creek.

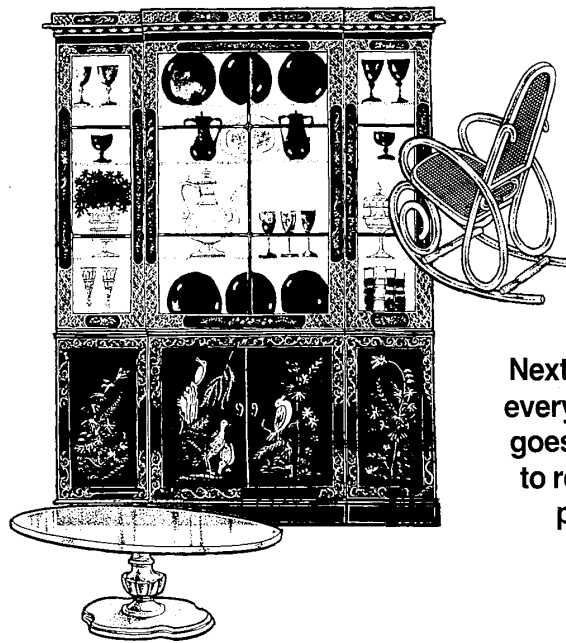
**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS**  
 Sarah Power of Ann Arbor; Thomas Roach of Grosse Pointe Park.

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES**  
 John Bruff of Fraser; Raymond Krolkowski of Bloomfield Township.

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY GOVERNORS**  
 Mildred Jeffrey of Detroit; Mike Einhauser of Detroit.

**STATE SUPREME COURT**  
 (The ballot designation is non-partisan but the candidates are nominated by political parties.)  
 Thomas M. Kavanagh of Lansing; Blair Moody Jr. of Detroit.

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