

Gubow's main goal: New ideas

David M. Gubow, the Democratic candidate for Oakland County Treasurer, considered himself in the vanguard of a new generation of leadership.

As he traveled around the county, especially when he met with senior citizens, they are asking for new blood in government, not just younger people but people with new ideas, he said.

A resident of Bloomfield Hills, Gubow has a BA from the University of Michigan in Urban Studies and is a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law.

He has served as legal counsel for Citizens for Better Care, a nonprofit group working to improve nursing home care, worked with the University of Detroit's Urban Law Clinic where he trained paralegals among other duties.

The young attorney said a desire to get into some phase of government service and serve people prompted him to run for the treasurer's office.

It is a full-time job and I plan to do a full-time job, he said. Getting into public service is my way of repaying the county for the advantages and opportunities I've enjoyed.

He sees the one campaign issue as bringing service to the people.

"I'VE TRAVELED this entire county," he said. "I've asked a lot of questions. The people don't know much about county government but when they have had contact with county government they say they get the answers and don't get a response to their needs."

They deserve better service. One of the services Gubow hopes to expand is the establishment of an additional branch office in the southeast part of the county.

In addition, he likes to develop a greater cooperation and communication between county officials and local government in the townships and villages, he said.

The county has a lot of resources it could make available. Gubow said the continuing message that has come through is that several programs exist in the county that don't come to us with ideas.

With the new county-wide govern-



DAVID M. GUBOW

ment we voted in two years ago there is a lot of potential for cooperation.

A newcomer on the political scene, Gubow outdistanced his rival, treasurer Hugh Dohany by more than 4,000 votes in the August primary.

He sees the treasurer's job as principally one of administration.

I've had accounting training and I've worked with computers but there are professionals in the treasurer's office to take care of the day-to-day bookkeeping chores, he said.

There's a lot of money to be made. The county budget last year exceeded \$60 million.

THE TREASURER makes the recommendations and tries to maximize the return on the county's money and ensure maximum security. He deals with bankers, the county has an investment office of its own.

What's important is to keep the monies invested at all times. And when you sell bonds you should know exactly where your money goes with the funds.

There are regularly scheduled county meetings around the county with various county officials participating so people can air their problems.

People say they have a bad distrust of government officials at all levels and one important job is to restore confidence, he said.

The county has a lot of money to be spent. That's the way I run my law office. It's the only time you see county officials sit at a table because they're working together and accessibility is what people are asking for.

Experience counts, contends Dohany

By JACKIE KLEIN

Oakland County Treasurer Hugh Dohany, seeking re-election to his third term, maintains it takes years of experience and a broad financial background to qualify for the highly skilled and responsible job of "money manager."

The 56-year-old Southfield Republican, who's been county treasurer for eight years, is running on a platform of "proven ability, integrity and trust" as well as a desire to bring innovations to fruition.

"When I was elected in 1984, I came into a pencil-pushing operation and automated it," Dohany said. "The county was making less on investments with 25 per cent more money than I had to work with when I was city treasurer for Southfield."

"I invest more than 85 per cent of county funds every day and have earned more than \$80 million for Oakland County. I've handled about \$4 billion in taxpayers' funds and never lost a penny."

DOHANY, A VETERAN politician, served on Southfield's City Charter Commission and was elected to the first city council in 1964. He served as chairman of the local body eight years, five years as council president.

In 1965, he was appointed city treasurer and took a leave of absence from Detroit Edison Co. to assume the full-time post. He was a member of the former Oakland County Board of Supervisors for nine years and served as chairman of the local tax committee and as a member of the ways and means committee.

Dohany was elected Southfield City Treasurer and was the first in the state to establish data processing including automated tax billing.

"In my management role at Detroit Edison, I took courses in data processing, accounting and finance," he said. "Tax collections for 350,000 parcels of county property are on the line. The treasurer is responsible for 100 bank accounts in all 34 county banks."

DOHANY SAID he was the first treasurer in all 43 Michigan counties to open a branch office to better serve the people. The satellite office, on Thirteen Mile and Lahser, serves South Oakland County. Dohany said his goal is to provide more services for taxpayers' convenience.

It was also the first treasurer in the state to establish a 100 per cent tax collection fund," he said. "On March 1, \$24 million in delinquent taxes were turned over to me and I borrowed \$24 million to be repaid over three years as collections are made."

Dohany said he wants to develop, along with the county budget, a completely automated accounting system to make it easier to deal with financial rating institutions and to obtain the best interest rates for the county.

"I FEEL a deep responsibility to complete many programs I've implemented," he said. "One of my primary concerns for 1987 is that senior citizens who are delinquent in making payments lose their properties to tax buyers."

"I have been speaking to as many groups as possible to inform senior citizens that they're entitled to certain reductions and exemptions. There are so many facets to the position of county treasurer, a position of great trust and responsibility. Experience counts."

Dohany said he believes the \$23.560-a-year job requires handling by an individual with a substantial background in accounting, automation and money management and says these qualifications should be mandatory.

"Alternative Careers for Teachers" is a one-day workshop co-sponsored by the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Henry Ford Community College and the Gabel-Roth and Center, will be held Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Gabel-Roth Center, located next to the UM Dearborn campus.

The purpose of the workshop will be to help participants develop personal and job hunting skills and to explore the multitude of alternative career opportunities for those with teacher training.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$7.50 and includes a buffet lunch. For further information and to register, contact Gene Brazell, Resource Center, HFCC, 5001 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, Mich. 48128, phone 271-2750, ext. 346.



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Mastin defends his record

By TIM RICHARD

Philip O. Mastin, Democratic candidate for Oakland County executive, would bid to lead Detroit by pouring their water into our cup, said a Republican critic.

Daniel T. Murphy, incumbent county executive, takes concern for the older communities and fails to offer alternatives, said Mastin.

Mastin's six-year record in the Michigan House of Representatives is being hammered by Murphy in the battle over the county executive position.

Last week, Mastin and a spokesman for Murphy, County Commissioner Pat Nowak of Farmington, debated before a Javores club in Madison Heights.

NOWAK DELIVERED the script for Murphy, who was attending to a family medical matter.

Mastin's state and use measure, H-106, HB 4234 would flatten the state and take away from local control, Nowak said adding that Mastin's campaign literature fails to mention the bill.

Nowak said Mastin supports HB 527, the bill that would reconstitute the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments as

a level of government. Nowak called it forced regionalism and likened it to leaving the barn door open to see what wanders in or out.

And Mastin was a co-sponsor of the tax base sharing bill, which Nowak called a fancy way for Oakland County to send \$18 million to Detroit. Oakland County government would give up 10 per cent of its budget—more than the entire sheriff's department budget.

Nowak charged that Mastin withdrew his support of the tax base sharing bill only after Murphy had testified against it and after Mastin filed to run for county executive.

MASTIN STOUTLY defended the land use bill.

My bill requires local involvement," he said, contrasting it to a Murphy-sponsored county plan that "no one ever saw."

Mastin said his attitude is one of communicating and cooperating with local governments, consulting them on policy matters.

Mastin was an early cosponsor of the tax base sharing bill. It would put half of all new property taxes on business growth in a common pot for the tri-county metropolitan area, distributing revenues to older

cities and communities with little business tax base.

Mastin withdrew his support "when I found it would hurt, not help older communities."

He said he offered two alternatives in helping older communities: state revenue sharing and state aid to cities which grant tax relief to get new business.

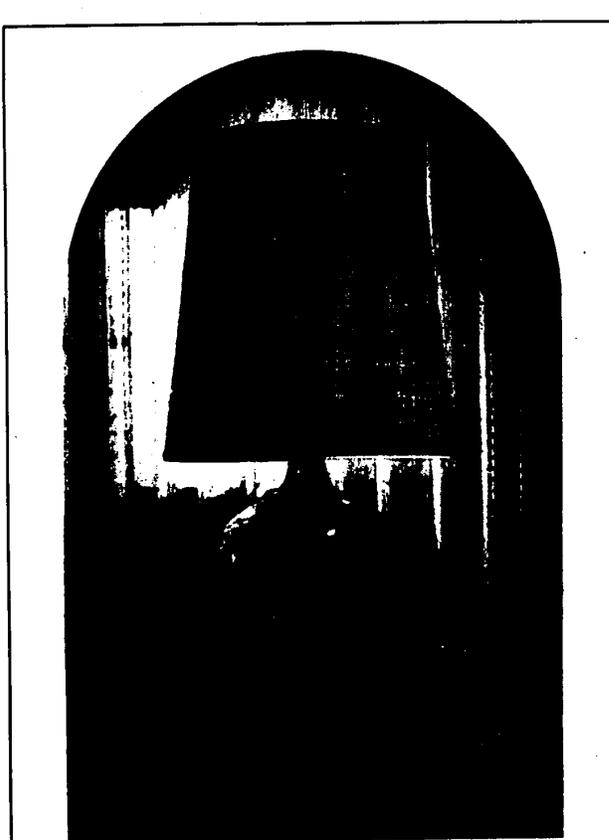
He said Murphy had only opposed tax base sharing without offering alternatives to help older communities. "The county executive should have a concern for older communities," Mastin said.

THEY DISAPPEARED on whether Murphy should have offered the board of commissioners the fiscal 1977 budget by now.

Mastin said the board of commissioners earlier this year asked Murphy to present the budget by Oct. 14.

By the end of his contention the budget would have at least a \$200,000 surplus. Mastin replied that as long as the budget isn't available, "this \$200,000 surplus must be accepted as an article of faith."

Nowak said that never in recent Oakland history had a county budget been prepared before the November election, and that Murphy would have a prepared by that time.



WSU sets contest for high schoolers

budding young high school authors will have an opportunity to test their writing skills in a Manuscript Day competition sponsored by Wayne State University's English department.

Competition is open to all junior and senior students in all Michigan high schools—public, private, and parochial.

Rules of the competition call for students to submit manuscripts through their school English departments. Prose entries must be between one and 18 pages, verse, between 25 and 50 lines. All works are eligible unless they have already earned recognition outside the writer's high school.

WSU faculty members will serve on the panel of judges.

Prof. Charles S. Cass, chairman of the competition committee, said the deadline for entries is Nov. 1. Awards will be presented on Manuscript Day, Dec. 1, an all-day event to be held on the WSU campus.

A total of 100 finalists will be selected. Each will receive a certificate along with an invitation to spend the day on the WSU campus, meeting faculty members and students. A luncheon and tickets to "Journey of the Fifth Horse," playing at the Filbert Theatre are also included in the day's events.

Members of the faculty will judge the papers during the day on campus.

First prize in the competition will be a merit scholarship worth \$1,000 per year, renewable for four years, at WSU.

Second and third prizes also include \$1,000 scholarships.

Information may be obtained by contacting the WSU English department, 577-2650.

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