

# Dems grope for control of road board

Oakland County Democratic commissioners have named a three-man committee to monitor the all-Republican Board of County Road Commissioners.

The committee, which one Republican leader called "political window dressing," was created in response to Democrats being "stripped of our right to participate" in county decision making, said Lawrence Pernick of Southfield, Democratic caucus chairman.

The 27-member board, dominated by 16 Republicans, has no Democratic committee chairmen. Democrats on several commissions and regional boards were replaced by Republicans when the board of commissioners reorganized after last fall's elections.

The board's chairperson and vice chairperson are Republicans as is county executive Daniel Murphy.

THE DEMOCRAT'S road commission watchers, announced at a press conference last week, will be led by Stanley Friedman of Bloomfield Township, a real estate broker.

Other commission monitors are Donald Eby of West Bloomfield, president of Bloomfield Office Supply and Service, and William Parker of Milford, a retired teacher and Michigan Education Association official. They will not be paid, Pernick said.

Friedman said the committee doesn't have an agenda or program, but will review road commission budgets and priorities. It will observe road commission operations and periodically advise the Democrats, and will review the commission's independence from the county executive.

The committee will monitor the road commission until the end of 1980, when the board of commission next makes an appointment to the road commission.

Pernick said the committee would not be "a political arm" of the Democrats. Asked why no Republicans were on the committee, he said none volunteered.

"We're not saying these (road commissioners) are bad people," Pernick said, "but there is a need for watchfulness." He said the Republican leadership was running the county "as if it were a monarchy."

COUNTY BOARD OF Commissioners Chairman Wallace Gabler, a Royal Oak Republican, said the Democrat's committee "looks like political window dressing. As far as it means anything, it's his ridiculous," Gabler said.

The Republican leader denied Democrats have been cut off from county decision making. The Republican majority made its committee and other appointments in accordance with the makeup of the board, he said.



## A creep for mankind

Participants in last week's Walk for Mankind throughout the metro area did more than just walk. Some ran — and as you can see here — some crept, at least part of distance in the charity event. One of the youngest participants was 12-month-old Amy Sim, who shuns the post-walk festivities for a crawl through the grass and a pacifier. (Photo by Robert Capudean)

## OCC treasurer not a trustee

After rejecting the idea that a board member act as treasurer, the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees approved controller Anthony Jarson for the job.

Jarson, with the college for 10 years, will become chief fiscal officer of OCC July 1. He replaces W.H. Nikkel, who remains the college's vice president for business and financial affairs. Nikkel, who had been treasurer since the fall of 1968, will resign that post June 30.

The board approved a \$2,360 raise for Jarson, bringing his annual salary to \$41,100.

Nikkel, who will assume new duties of fund-raising among college alumni and acting as OCC's chief liaison in Lansing, was given a \$1,000 raise, bringing his salary to \$49,000. Nikkel also supervises the college's property purchases and building program.

TRUSTEES Barbara Willing and David Hackett wanted to name a board member treasurer, as allowed by state law, but they were not supported by the five other trustees.

Both Ms. Willing and Hackett said a board member as treasurer would be

more in line with the board's role as overseer of the college administration.

"I approve budgets, but I really don't know where the money's going," Ms. Willing said. "We have no overseer of the controller-treasurer because he's directly involved."

Ms. Willing said only two community colleges in the state have administrative staff as treasurers.

TRUSTEE Gordon Henderson, who once served a six month stint as treasurer, said the board wouldn't be privy to any more information if a trustee were treasurer.

"I didn't have any feeling that I was one inch closer to knowing what was going on in the college when I was treasurer," Henderson said. All the board needed to do to get the financial information it wanted was ask the administration, he added.

The treasurer's duties include signing checks, keeping records of all college financial transactions, certifying the tax levy and periodically reporting on the college's financial status.

OCC President Robert Roelofs, who recommended the shift in duties for

both Jarson and Nikkel, said since Jarson already administers the college's financial affairs as controller, it made sense to name him treasurer.

IN OTHER ACTION, the board awarded a \$488,200 contract to Kasler Electric Co. of Detroit for converting the Orchard Ridge campuses' outdoor gaslights to electricity. Target completion date for the project is Oct. 5.



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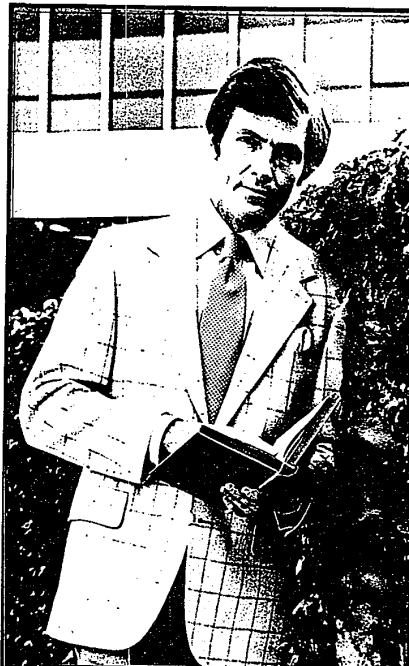
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