

# Gnau is named in new indictment

(AP) — A former Oakland County official was named in an indictment involving bribery and kickbacks in an alleged plan to rig bids with the U.S. Postal Service.

John R. Gnau Jr., former Oakland County Road Commission chairman, was named as an indicted co-conspirator in last week's federal grand jury indictment, which also named a Texas company and two of its top executives.

Recognition Equipment Inc. of Irving, Texas, its chairman, William G. Moore Jr., and vice president Robert W. Reedy were indicted in an unsuccessful plan to manipulate bids on \$400 million worth of postal automation contracts.

Gnau, 58, is serving a three-year sentence in a federal prison for conspiracy and making an illegal \$2,500 payment to Peter E. Voss, also named as an indicted co-conspirator.

ACCORDING TO the indictment, the Texas company's attempt allegedly was engineered in 1986 with the help of Voss, then vice chairman

of the Postal Service's Board of Governors.

The conspiracy involved attempts to obtain confidential information about competing bids, the indictment said. There was also an attempt to replace Paul N. Carlin, the postmaster general, who was considered an obstacle to REI winning contracts.

Gnau's public relations firm, which REI hired on Voss' recommendation, paid Voss \$19,000 in kickbacks, the indictment said.

VOSS, WHO headed President Reagan's 1980 Ohio presidential campaign, is serving a four-year prison sentence for pleading guilty to contract kickback and expense account fraud charges.

REI, Moore, 49, and Reedy, 46, also are charged with theft of Postal Service property, mail and wire fraud and aiding and abetting. Moore and Reedy each face maximum sentences of 33 years in prison and more than \$1.5 million in fines if convicted.

REI issued a statement claiming the charges against the company and its executives were unfounded.

## Scholar's topic: poker

"Poker as It is Played Today" will be the topic of the second annual William G. Hammerle Memorial Lecture at Oakland University.

Paul Tipler, former professor of physics at OU, will deliver the lecture at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in 203 O'Dowd Hall on campus near Rochester. The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

The lecture series is named for William G. Hammerle, a respected

professor of engineering who died in July 1988. In keeping with Hammerle's broad interests, the lecture series transcends traditional academic divisions.

Various forms of poker (draw and stud), limit and no limit and the forms played most often in the West, namely lo-ball, Texas hold'em, pineapple and Omaha, as played in California card rooms and Nevada casinos, will be discussed.

# 'Historic' salvation

## Tiger Stadium fans ask state, federal help

Fans of Tiger Stadium today are asking a state panel to give the 75-year-old baseball park a historic designation to keep it from being torn down.

The historic designation would prevent federal funds from being used either to demolish the stadium at Michigan and Trumbull or build a new one, according to spokesman Mike Gruber, an English teacher at Mercy High in Farmington Hills.

"We strongly believe baseball belongs in the fresh air, on real grass, in a stadium that has character, tradition and intimacy," said another member, Bob Buchta, a free-lance photographer from northwest Detroit.

A STATE BOARD of Review today was scheduled to hold a public hearing in Lansing on a petition to

list Tiger Stadium on the National Register of Historic Places, at the request of members of the Tiger Stadium Fan Club.

Fan Club members will testify in support of their proposal submitted in August. Officials of the Detroit Tigers and the city are expected to participate in the hearing.

Earlier statements by Mayor Coleman Young and Tigers president Jim Campbell have favored a new stadium.

Robert O. Christensen, National Register coordinator of the Michigan Bureau of History, says Tiger Stadium meets criteria for National Register inclusion.

THE BOARD of Review would consider the state's endorsement of the proposal, which would be passed on to the National Park Service of

the U.S. Department of the Interior for further action.

Adoption of the proposal by the state would prevent federal funds from being used to demolish the stadium, to build a new stadium, or to build any new structure. The prohibition would take effect immediately pending favorable action by the National Park Service, which normally approves a state government's recommendation.

Gruber said he will emphasize the social history of the stadium. "We've

always been baseball fans at heart with a keen sense of history. This is a way of serving all three of our passions: the city we love, the ballpark we support, and the stadium where we pass our days," he said.

Buchta said the Fans of Tiger Stadium has a 3,000-plus mailing list and an office three blocks from the stadium. Its mailing address is P.O. Box 441426, Detroit 48244-1426. Its telephone, 964-5991, delivers a recorded message.

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