## Howe, Patterson square off on issues facing county



Candidates for Oakland County
executive eappeared ready to shift gears this week as they prepared for two debates – the only face-to-face publie appearances scheduled so far before the Nov. 3 election.

Democrat Eliz-

abeth "Betty" Howe and Republi-can L. Brooks Patterson are sched-uled to debate in Royal Oak today and again at noon Thuraday in Southfield. The latter has been moved to the Artium Gardens of the Southfield Radisson Hotel by its sponsors, the Southfield Optimist Club. Coat of lunch is \$10 per per-son.

"These will probably be the only two debates," said James M. Alex-ander, chairman of the Oakland County Republicans, "That should

The Patterson camp has rejected a suggestion from Democratic County Chairman Donald F. Tucker for additional debates, with television and/or radio coverage. Howe Friday said she is preparing for this week's debates by intensifying the compaign... and huning her message. As an example, she pointed to a hreakfast meeting earlier in the week sponsored by the Alliance for the Mentally III at the Kingsley Inn.

"I came away from that meeting astonished," she said. "There was a chilling report about mental health services in Oakland County, About one-third of those who need it are getting mental health services.
"Ironically, there were people from Commoity Mental Health in the audience, and nobody could deny those statistics. I was astonished."
Huwe has repeatedly tried to poke holes in what she says is the myth

that Oakland County government
— possibly the least visible of all
political entities—i a efficient.
Mental health services are an example, she said. Oakland lan't geting its fair share of state money
earmarked to help the mentally ill.
In his campaign last week,
Patterson outlined a 10-point economic program to eliminate bureaucratic red tape or other obstacles
that might stand in the way of companies — and Jobs — coming to

Oakland County.
During a press conference at
Long Manufacturing in Rochester
Hills, the former Oakland County
proacector said Oakland has become complacent about attracting
new businessee.
He vowed to form a "Business
Roundtable," composed of local
husiness leaders, to advise him on
ecunomic development and on
maintaining a government more receptive to industry.

## George Gallup at OU

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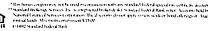
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