

Regional Affairs

Molin Tackles Tough Job For Gov. Milliken

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Blend a large dose of politics with a dose of football and the product will be Keith Molin of Westland.

Since becoming Gov. Milliken's legislative liaison one month ago, Molin concentrates most of his time on politics but still squeezes in University of Michigan football games.

Molin, 34, has been an active Republican for nearly 10 years and most recently left his post as vice president of the Central Business District Association to become the go-between for Milliken and the State Legislature.

He is tackling his job with the same energy and gleam in his eye as a football coach shaping a team.

HE SEES A similarity between football and politics.

"The coach becomes half of the team, just as the staff help make the politician," he said.

Describing himself as a "jack of all trades", Molin said his new position entails securing passage of the governor's legislative programs, coordinating efforts in various departments, making necessary materials available to the Legislature and helping resolve differences between different geographic areas in the state.

In his office — built between the second and third floor during the Capitol remodeling — Molin also negotiates between the legal and budgetary advisers.

Among his top priorities are the transportation program which would increase the gas



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tax to improve highways and go toward a rapid transit system; education reform proposals; financing for the Detroit stadium and a bill setting new penalties for control of substantive drug use.

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HIS MANY loyalties are reflected in the cozy office bearing pictures of Milliken, former Gov. George Romney, the State of Michigan seal and "Go Blue" signs, buttons and a U-M mug.

He lives with a conflict — a Michigan State Spartan fan, his wife, Peg. But her interest in Republican politics and a consent to attend the Rose Bowl game keeps the marriage happy.

For being such a Wolverine zealot, it's hard to believe Molin graduated from Northern Michigan University with history and economics as his areas of study.

will prod the parties to evaluate their direction and priorities, he said.

"We aren't going to wake up one morning and find all the grass planted," he says on the young voters. "But we will find that they are out there planting the grass."

Project Will Aid Elderly

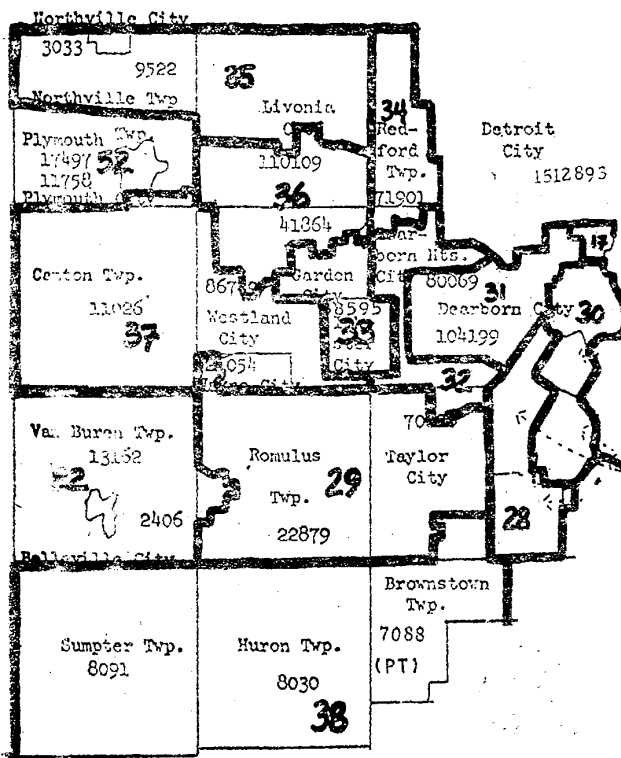
U.S. Rep. Marvin Esch (R-Ann Arbor) introduced a bill that would put a temporary nutrition project for the elderly on a permanent basis. In the project which began under Title IV of the Older Americans Act, meals were provided for senior citizens in a location close to their residences.

Esch's bill would allow states to set up their own programs with certain guidelines. The guidelines require that at least one hot meal per day for five or more days per week would be provided; that sites be in close proximity to the majority of the eligible individuals' residences; and that methods of administration would assure that the maximum number of those eligible would have opportunity to participate.

Edwards Gets Print Contract

The printing contract for the 1972-73 Schoolcraft College catalog was awarded to Edwards Brothers of Ann Arbor for a base bid of \$6,797.

The Board of Trustees approved the contract from among bids from five local firms.



THE DEMOCRATIC legislative apportionment plan would hurt local legislators more than the proposed Republican plan. One objection is that it combines areas in Wayne County with neighboring counties, thus diluting some local legislative strength despite the fact that this area is where population increases were. The 35th district would put Rep. Marvin Stempfen (D-Livonia) into an area with Republican Northville and cut his Livonia vote. Reps. Ri-

chard Young (D-Dearborn Heights) and John Bennett (D-Redford Township) would end up in the 34th district, either forcing them to run against one another or Young to move further south in Dearborn Heights. Rep. James Tierney (D-Garden City) would lose Plymouth City and Township and would be in a district with Inkster. The plans are under revision by the state Commission on Legislative Apportionment.

Building Code Splits Reps 5-3

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Five of Observerland's representatives supported a bill to standardize construction codes throughout the state.

In an 84-23 vote, Reps. John Bennett (D-Redford Township), Marvin Stempfen (D-Livonia), James Tierney (D-Garden City), Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) and Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park) voted for it.

Opposition came from Reps. Richard Young (D-Dearborn Heights), Thomas Brown (D-Westland) and James Detebaugh (R-Birmingham). The bill was referred to the Senate. It would create a commission within the Department of Labor to oversee the program.

SC Creates Business Office Job

The Schoolcraft Board of Trustees authorized the creation of a temporary position of special assistant to the business manager for the first six months of 1972.

An amount not to exceed \$10,500 was approved by the board for salary and fringe benefits.

Need for the position arose because of the prolonged illness of Vice President Kenneth Lindner, who has been hospitalized since August.

In his absence, Business Manager Fred Petersen has assumed the responsibilities. The person hired for the position will assist Petersen primarily in the area of managerial and cost accounting.

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