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ERDA charged with violation of own regulations

By ED SCHREIBER
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The Energy Resource and Development Administration (ERDA) is in violation of its own regulation, requiring an assessment of possible environmental effects that could accompany the proposed construction of a nuclear waste dumping ground in northern Michigan, Congressman Philip Ruppe, Alpena, charged at a public hearing in Alpena Tuesday.

Existing regulations provide for an environmental assessment of what probable environmental effects will accompany a proposed government project.

The meeting, which was conducted by Ruppe and Congressman Carr, D East Lansing, in an effort to give Michigan residents opportunity to express their opinions on the proposal, followed similar hearing held in Lansing earlier in the day.

"Only because we caught this is there going to be any environmental assessment in the area," Jim Storey, press assistant for Ruppe, said. "The ERDA has already decided to put a system in Alpena and now they are working back from that trying to justify their choice of location."

In a recent issue of Nucleonics Weekly, a Union Carbide official is quoted as saying that several areas in the Salina Basin, which contains large salt deposits, were being considered as possible sites for the disposal area. The basin spans across five states, including about one-third of the lower peninsula, though Alpena is considered to be the prime site.

"Ruppe wanted to know why Alpena was considered the prime site," Storey said. "With all that area they were looking at the extreme edge."

When this question was presented to ERDA, they replied that they only wanted to begin test drilling because of the lack of geological information in the area. Storey said. However, the report from Union Carbide maintained that Alpena was the most promising area, with the most extensive geological information. Storey said there are probably several reasons behind the ERDA's decision to locate the disposal site in Alpena.

Alpena is a very sparsely populated rural area," he said. "They probably felt there would be less opposition here than in an urban area. If they were to attempt a location near Detroit they would have to answer to several congressmen rather than just one."

However, Storey said both he and Ruppe sympathize with the position of the ERDA.

"They have a serious problem," he said. "The temporary storage containers have started to leak. They have to move very fast. According to current ERDA estimates the earliest they can construct a permanent site is 1981-82."

Storey feels the government would have received far less opposition if it had maintained open channels with the residents, the air of secrecy has created a great deal of suspicion.

"At this point I doubt that the site will ever be constructed in Alpena," he said.



SN photo: Joe Lippincott
With summer in full swing, the campus seems less crazy than usual and the longer days allow for time to be together.

Legislative action indicates increase in fall term tuition

By CAROLE LEIGH HUTTON
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A tuition increase for fall term is now very likely with the state appropriation to MSU \$20 million dollars less than requested, University administrators said Wednesday.

In last-minute action before the summer recess, the Michigan Legislature sent the higher education appropriation to Gov. Milliken. MSU was allotted \$92,031,000 for the general fund, or a \$107.1 million total grant.

"Unfortunately, the signs all point to increased tuition," MSU President Clifton R. Wharton said, "since the appropriated dollars obviously will fall far short of the need."

Pending the governor's approval, the new funding will be effective Oct. 1, 1976, through the new state fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1977.

Since MSU's fiscal year ended June 30, 1976, a three-month gap was left between the termination of the old fiscal policy and the effective date of the new funding level.

Rather than extending the past fiscal year spending rate for the state's colleges and universities affected by the change, the legislature cut the funding level for the interim period below last year's rate of spending.

Through this action MSU lost slightly more than \$1 million because the University will remain on the former fiscal period and the funds for the three months will have to come out of the 1976-77 budget.

Bob Perrin, vice president of University and federal relations, was disappointed with the extra problem of the three-month gap.

"Well, it's a million gone that we hadn't planned on losing," Perrin said. "We (Michigan universities) expected a bill extending current levels through the 'fifth quarter'."

There is little doubt among University officials that Milliken will sign the bill into law, despite the fact that it is \$24.6 million above his original recommendations.

Roger Wilkinson, vice president of business and finance, called the \$20 million difference a major one.

"This is substantial," Wilkinson said. "It could have a great impact upon the whole University."

Wilkinson said that the entire University budgetary process is being reviewed and that both academic and non-academic units developed contingency plans which will be considered in making out budget guidelines to present to the board of trustees.

The board of trustees was originally scheduled to meet July 16, but that meeting has been postponed to give administrators more time to devise budget guidelines.

Elliott Ballard, secretary to the board of trustees, said that it will be at least two weeks before the guidelines can be compiled.

"If tuition action is necessary we would like to take it soon," Ballard said, "and I think there will be some."

Once the board adopts a set of guidelines the preparation of a detailed University budget begins. Trustees then give the final approval to the finished proposal in September, just before the school year begins.

Ballard said there are no guidelines on how much tuition would be increased, but he added that the idea is to increase it "the minimal amount possible."

"No tuition increase will ever be enough to meet the needs of our budget," Ballard said. "There will have to be internal paring beyond that."

The guidelines that will be submitted to the trustees will also contain recommendations concerning faculty and staff cutbacks and increases.

During the 1976 winter and spring terms the trustees approved a \$1 contingency fee to be added to tuition for those two terms. The fee was not reinstated for summer term, thus tuition dropped back to the fall term level in June.

Ballard said that when considering tuition levels for the budget recommendations, the University administrators will base projections on last year's rate without the addition of the contingency fee.

"That was just for those two terms," he said. "Any tuition increase will be pre-surgecharge."

The news of the state appropriation has put the University under a greater financial strain than was expected, President Wharton said.

Coming after a year of severe departmental budget cuts and squeezes, the state appropriation follows a \$1.2 million reduction from the last fiscal year.

The trustees recently acted to increase room and board rates in University Residence Halls \$20 per term for the 1976-77 year and raised the rent in University Apartments (formerly Married Housing) \$5 per month.

Trustee Aubrey Radcliffe, R East Lansing, said he was displeased with the state appropriation.

"I'm disappointed we didn't get all that we asked for," Radcliffe said. "I expected to get much more."

Congress expected to oppose job bill veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford's veto of a job creating public works bill is expected to draw heavy opposition from congressional Democrats and at least one Republican, the Senate GOP whip. Democratic leaders predicted the veto would be overridden.

Senate GOP Whip Robert Griffin, a vocal last winter in the successful campaign to sustain Ford's veto of a bigger public works bill, cited a 9.7 per cent jobless in his home state of Michigan and 13.4 per cent in Detroit in declaring his support for the bill.

House and Senate leaders say they expect Congress will override Ford's veto today of the \$3.95-billion bill, designed to create or preserve 400,000 jobs.

Rejecting bipartisan pleas to sign it, Ford said, "This bill will not create lasting jobs. Instead it will create more inflation."

The veto and rising unemployment have helped the jobs situation as a campaign issue. Ford and several Democrats traded blows Tuesday.

Ford said Congress "clearly established a direction they would have our nation go toward more federal spending, higher taxes, larger deficits, more people on the payroll and higher inflation."

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., predicted Congress will override "this shameful veto." He said Ford's move was "bad economic policy, callous social policy and an attempt to woo conservative votes to the Republican National Convention."

The bill is a scaled-down version of a \$4.5-billion program Ford vetoed in February. The House voted to override that

veto but the Senate vote fell three short of the required two-thirds.

House Democratic Whip John McFall of California said he is confident the House will again vote to override. Majority Leader Thomas O'Neill Jr. said when the bill was passed, "We are going to make this bill law, either with the President's signature or over his veto."

The override attempt is expected soon after Congress returns July 19 after the

Democratic National Convention.

Griffin, who worked hard to sustain the earlier veto, told the Senate that if Ford disapproved the scaled-down measure, he would vote to override because unemployment remained too high.

The nation's jobless rate rose slightly from 7.3 per cent in May to 7.5 per cent in June.

Kenneth Gibson of Newark, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors which urged

Ford to sign the bill and which now will lobby Congress to override, said the group is confident the veto will be overridden.

The bill would authorize \$2 billion through Sept. 30, 1977, for public works projects run by state and local governments. \$1.25 billion for grants to maintain essential state and local services during times of high unemployment. In addition, \$700 million would be provided for construction of public-owned waste water

treatment plants.

The veto was the 52nd since Ford became President in August 1974. He vetoed two others within the past four days, a \$3.3-billion military construction bill that limited his authority to close military bases, and a measure that would have increased Western states' share of royalties from oil and coal leasing on public lands.

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ACTION FOLLOWS CONTRIBUTION AUDIT

Austin to abolish patronage system

LANSING (UPI) — Secretary of State Richard H. Austin said Wednesday he will end the system through which his branch office managers have made political contributions to his U.S. Senate campaign and the Democratic party.

Austin, the frontrunner in the Democratic race to succeed retiring Sen. Philip Hart, has come under severe criticism for accepting contributions from branch managers he picked for office. Some managers said political contributions to the secretary of state and the party which controlled that office were routine.

Austin's actions followed his ordering last week of an independent audit of all branch office contributions.

He has contended that the practice is not illegal and that no branch office manager was ever pressured into contributing.

Branch office managers contract with the state and pay their own office rental and employee wages. They then receive a commission on duties performed in the office.

"We already are five years into the program which has been phasing out the decades-old branch manager fee system and it will end in approximately two more years," he said.

"But the part of the fee system which traditionally has included political contributions has been attacked in a manner which could undermine public confidence in poli-

tics.

"When it comes to political ethics, appearance is almost as important as fact. The facts are that the system during my term in office has been operated cleanly and without abuse, and I have taken steps to confirm that. But if appearance causes concern among the citizens about how their government is run, then it is time to act."

Austin called the system "a bipartisan

relic of a bygone era."

"The era is ended," he said. "So let's be done with it now."

"As of right now, any and all ties between the branch manager system and political contributions of any kind are ended."

One of his U.S. Senate opponents, Birmingham attorney James Elsmar, threatened Tuesday to sue Austin for recovery of the contributions of branch office managers.

Grant of \$95,000 awarded to African Studies Center

MSU's African Studies Center has just been awarded a grant worth \$95,000 from the U.S. Office of Education, Division of International Education.

John M. Hunter, director of the center and the grant project director, learned Wednesday that the center was selected as one of six centers of excellence from around the country.

"We are very highly pleased that we have this recognition from the country," he said. The grant is a competitive national award for the purpose of promoting instruction in modern foreign languages and area studies critical to national needs.

Hunter said the main focus of the grant will be to strengthen teaching programs at MSU. The center will also be working with school systems and communities throughout Michigan to help them in developing their own programs as part of MSU's Outreach program.

Students need to have an awareness of global interdependence, Hunter said, and with the grant the center will be able to strengthen the international component with particular respect to Africa.

The African Studies Center has also applied for a grant that has not been finalized yet. This grant, worth over \$50,000, would apply specifically toward programs for graduate students.

Top Teamster questioned on loan practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor Dept. investigators interrogated Teamsters President Frank E. Fitzsimmons about the union's Central States pension fund Wednesday amid reports of questionable loan practices including possible fraud and embezzlement.

Fitzsimmons was questioned under subpoena from a joint Labor Justice Dept. task force. The subpoena was issued after he refused a request to give a deposition voluntarily. Neither he nor any of the Labor investigators would comment about the interrogation.

Five other trustees of the fund have been subpoenaed to appear in the next several days. They include William Presser of Cleveland, a vice president of the union who has been convicted in the past of illegally accepting payments to the union from employers, obstructing justice and illegally destroying union records.

The 68-year-old chief of the nation's biggest union emerged stone-faced and silent after two hours of morning questioning. He was accompanied by three men who repeatedly refused to identify themselves. Department officials said they were his lawyers.

Asked by a reporter what had gone on during the session, one of the three replied: "No comment."

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Today's high should be near 80 under partly sunny skies. There is a 20 per cent chance of rain. Tonight's low will drop to the mid-50s.



N.Y. hospital workers strike

NEW YORK (UPI) — Some 40,000 non-medical employees at 34 private nonprofit hospitals in the metropolitan area went on strike Wednesday after marathon negotiations failed to reach agreement on a new contract before a 6 a.m. strike deadline.

The talks at the Biltmore Hotel broke off about 4:30 a.m. and no new sessions were scheduled.

The 34 hospitals have 21,115 beds, or two-thirds of the voluntary bed capacity in the metropolitan area.

Thirteen nursing homes also are involved but employees at the homes will stay on the job at least until Saturday to allow time to relocate elderly inmates.

Moe Foner, executive secretary of District 1199 of the Hospitals and Health Care Employees Union, told a reporter at 6 a.m., "Well, nothing's happened. We're on strike."

Foner said, "emergency services committees have been set up at each institution to go on in request in an emergency situation."

Ford suspends events ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ford Administration on Wednesday suspended a ruling that father-son or mother-daughter school events violate civil rights sex discrimination laws.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said President Ford reacted with irritation when he read of the ruling by the Office for Civil Rights and said, "This is counter to the kind of traditional American values that he believes in."

On Ford's instructions, the Dept. of Health Education and Welfare suspended the ruling pending further research by lawyers on whether the practice violates Title IX of the Civil Rights Act.

Nessen said that if these events are found to violate the law, Ford will immediately send legislation to Congress to change it.



Airways director arrested

TOKYO (AP) — Prosecutors investigating alleged Lockheed payoffs in Japan arrested a director of All Nippon Airways (ANA) Wednesday, bringing to eight the number of persons arrested in connection with the case.

Koichi Fujiwara, 48, an ANA director and chief of the management and control section, was arrested by the Tokyo district public prosecutors office on charges of violating the foreign exchange control law.

Fujiwara was accused of receiving about \$400,000 from J.W. Clutter, former president of Tokyo-based Lockheed Aircraft Asia Ltd., around April 1974 as a rebate for ANA's purchase of Lockheed's TriStar airplanes.

Police sources said the money apparently was channeled by ANA to government officials and politicians.

Israel ponders death penalty

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli cabinet is reported considering the death penalty for convicted terrorists so their presence in prison won't lead to attempts to ransom them by hijacking or kidnapping.

"We should give serious thought to this," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told cabinet members who urged death for terrorists in the wake of the hijacking last week by Palestinians and West Germans who demanded the release of 40 prisoners from Israeli jails.

Israel must "institute additional security measures for Israelis traveling abroad," the prime minister told other leaders of his ruling Labor party at a meeting Tuesday. Although the security screen at Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport is considered the tightest in the non-Communist world, Rabin said security measures at many European airports are insufficient.

"Security measures in the United States are much more efficient," Rabin said.

Arab mediation team to meet

CAIRO (AP) — Arab foreign ministers will hold an emergency meeting here next Monday to hear why their mediation team has failed to stop the fighting in Lebanon and start peace negotiations, an Arab League spokesperson announced Wednesday.

It was not clear what other steps the 20-member league could take to end the 15-month-old civil war that pits rightist Christian Lebanese against leftist Moslem Lebanese and Palestinian guerrillas.

The spokesperson said the meeting was requested by the three-man mediation team headed by Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad.

The team's week-old efforts have failed as Christian forces continue pounding the Tal Zaatar Palestinian refugee camp, rejecting a demand by the Palestinian-Lebanese Moslem side to stop the assault as a prerequisite for a cease-fire and peace negotiations.

New premier addresses Spain

MADRID (AP) — Adolfo Suarez, Spain's new premier, told the nation Tuesday his government will "establish a political game open to everybody."

The 43-year-old premier, in a radio and television address, said the Spanish monarchy of King Juan Carlos is committed to "a democracy in which the freedom, the justice, the participation, the culture and the peace will be the fruit of the effort of all Spaniards."

But there were reports that Suarez, a reform-minded rightist, was having trouble forming a new cabinet after four liberal members resigned.

Suarez was sworn in Monday. Last week, the king forced the resignation of former Premier Carlos Arias Navarro, who had been unable to overcome mounting right-wing opposition to Juan Carlos' reform plans following the dictatorship of the late Francisco Franco.

Terrorists escape Berlin jail

BERLIN (AP)—Four women convicted or accused of terrorism escaped from a West Berlin prison early Wednesday by overpowering two guards, climbing onto a roof and hanging by window bars to reach the top of the outside wall, city officials said.

Police conducted a search throughout West Berlin and West Germany. Officials said one of the escapees had a gun and all had obtained keys to their cells before the breakout. The freedom of one of the women, Inge Viett, 32, had been demanded unsuccessfully last week by hijackers of the Air France jetliner in Uganda.

Police identified the others as Gabriele Rollnick, 25, Juliane Plambeck, 23, and Monika Berberich, 33.

"Words fail me," City Justice Minister Hermann Oxfort told a news conference after the escape became known. "All this is a terrible fact."

Viett, a former kindergarten teacher, was on the list of 53 prisoners the Palestinian and German hijackers in Uganda wanted freed, until Israeli commandos swooped down on the airport, rescued the hostages and killed the hijackers.

Viett, Rollnick and Plambeck were under investigation to

determine if they took part in the kidnapping last year of Peter Lorenz, who won a seat in West Berlin's assembly in an election held during the six days he was held captive. He was freed March 4, 1975, after five jailed anarchists were released from jails and flown to Yemen.

Viett was alleged to be a leading member of the Second of June Movement, the gang that said it kidnapped Lorenz.

Berberich, who police said was a member of the Baader-Meinhof anarchist gang, was serving a 12-year sentence for bank robbery.

A second warrant had been issued Tuesday for Plambeck,

ordering her held on suspicion of taking part in the attempted kidnapping and murder of West Berlin's chief judge in November 1974.

Officials said the escape began when the four women locked themselves out of their cells. Two female guards came through the cellblock on a routine inspection, the officials said, and Viett pulled a gun. The guards were tied and gagged with bed sheets and with the aid of another key locked in an outer room of the library.

Then the prisoners locked themselves into the library, the officials said, and climbed out to

the third-story roof. They made their way to a corner of the building by hanging onto window bars, then dropped over the wall to the outside.

A getaway car apparently was waiting. Someone had scattered bits of iron to puncture the tires of any pursuing cars.

Justice Minister Oxfort said he could not exclude that the four women had help from inside the prison. He refused, however, to suggest any prison

personnel had acted in collusion with the escapees.

For the Viett woman, the escape was her second from the same prison. She escaped in 1973 only to be re-arrested in 1975.

Oxfort said the keys used by the four women had been recovered. He said he had no idea how they got them.

Oxfort said Viett had a lawyer from her lawyer Tuesday and the others.

SPACE LAB TO BE COSMONAUT'S HOME

Soyuz docks with space station

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union's Soyuz 21 spacecraft docked with an orbiting space station Wednesday slightly more than 25 hours after it rocketed into space with

two cosmonauts aboard.

The Tass news agency reported cosmonauts Boris Voly-nov and Vitaly Zholobov entered the Salyut 5 space lab at 9:40 a.m. (EDT) and found

everything normal.

Salyut has been in orbit since June 22. The Soyuz spaceship blasted off at 8:09 a.m. (EDT) Tuesday.

"The cosmonauts feel well. They began implementing the flight program," Tass said.

The two cosmonauts will carry out a number of technical experiments while living in the space laboratory, which will orbit in tandem with the Soyuz return capsule, Tass said.

The news agency said the space lab's mission involves an exploration of objects and materials on earth and of atmospheric phenomena to gather data "in the interests of the national economy."

Research aboard the spacecraft will also include a study of outer space phenomena, experiments in weightlessness, medical-biological research and

testing of onboard systems, Tass said.

Spaceship commander Voly-nov, 41, a colonel, is a space veteran and previously commanded the Soyuz 5 space ship in 1969. Lt. Col. Zholobov, 39, is the flight engineer and is making his first space flight after 13 years of preparation in the cosmonaut program.

Their launch Tuesday from the Baikonur space center about 1,400 miles southeast of Moscow was the first manned space flight since the Soviet-American Apollo-Soyuz flight last July.

There has been no word on how long the current flight is expected to last. Another Soyuz flight last year set the Soviet space endurance record of 62 days. This mark is well short of the U.S. record of 84 days in space, set earlier in 1975 in a Skylab space station.

Rubber workers reject Firestone's 'final offer'

CLEVELAND (AP) — The on-again, off-again negotiations in the 12-week-old rubber industry strike are off indefinitely after the United Rubber Workers' (URW) rejection of what Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. said was its final offer.

Negotiations broke off Tuesday, when the URW's policy committee formally rejected the company's offer. After the rejection, the company suspended negotiations and requested an indefinite recess.

The principal points of contention remain a wage increase and a cost-of-living adjustment.

Earlier, a rubber industry spokesperson said company negotiators had felt a settlement was close during the holiday bargaining marathon, but that new economic "roadblocks kept popping up."

The strike has idled about 60,000 workers in 47 plants throughout the country.

"We will await word from the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

when they want to resume negotiations," said the URW's international president, Peter Bommarito, adding that several URW officials would remain here for several days to reassess their position.

All of the Big Four against which the rubber workers struck—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Uniroyal Inc. and B.F. Goodrich Co.—said they scheduled meetings with their respective URW negotiators to present the terms of the industry offer.

Bommarito said that as a tactic to bypass the union's policy committee, the effort would not work. He said the offer was unanimously rejected and that it could not be accepted on "the basis of the policy of this international union."

The company offered an uncapped cost-of-living adjustment for most of the last two years of the proposed contract.

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Nessen denies Morton rumor

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House spokesperson Wednesday denied a report that Rogers C.B. Morton will be replaced as President Ford's campaign manager before the Republican National Convention.

"I can flatly say that Rogers Morton is not leaving the President Ford Committee, period," Press Secretary Ron Nessen told reporters.

The ABC network had reported that the President would remove Morton from the top campaign post.

Nessen said he had discussed the report with the President and, "the President says he has no intention of asking Rogers Morton to leave."

"He's happy at the way Morton is running the campaign," the press secretary added.

Nessen said that Morton had attended a White House senior staff meeting during the morning and quoted the campaign manager as saying, "I have no intention of resigning."

Nessen said the President Ford Committee will be beefed up for the fall campaign. He has said Ford expects to win the nomination over challenger Ronald Reagan when the Republican National Convention meets next month.

The network said that reliable sources within the Ford political organization reported that Morton would probably be asked to leave within the next two months.

It said the movement for the change resulted from displeasure among state and local party officials with Morton's leadership.

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Bikeway proposal tabled; council requests planning

By NANCY H. JARVIS
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The East Lansing City Council was consistent with their usual calm summer meetings Tuesday night when they tabled a proposal for an intricate bikeway system, heard complaints on the planning commission's January vacancy survey and consented to close down M.A.C. Avenue for the annual sidewalk sale.

The most recent development in the progress of the proposed system is the transportation committee's approval of an extensive report compiled by the bikeway committee. The transportation commission recommended that the East Lansing City Council request the bikeway staff to develop construction plans and cost estimates for construction of the system.

The request was tabled at Tuesday night's council meeting because a definite plan for the bikeway system had not been established. Council chose to wait for the planning commission's recommendations before taking action.

The proposed system includes sidewalk curb cuts on major streets, bikeways through some city parks, a park-tour bike route and additional bike racks.

The system would be funded from the \$68,000 currently available in city money for bike paths plus the city's request for up to \$80,000 in Federal Aid Urban Systems funds and \$186,000 from the Capital Improvements Program.

Council was further made aware of city hall activities Tuesday night when William Beachler of the Committee for Rent Control expressed "serious reservations" about the Multiple Family Rental Market Survey conducted by the East Lansing Planning Commission last January. The errors were discovered by the research task force which is a group working with the rent control committee.

Beachler said the task force discovered that the 44-unit apartment complex on Haslett Road was double-counted in the planning commission's survey. This resulted in the commission's vacancy rate being 21 per cent when actually it is over 24 per cent, he said.

Beachler also expressed concern about the survey because of the commission's lack

of explanation for this extraordinarily high vacancy rate. This one complex represented exactly one half of all the vacancies reported by the commission.

The rent control task force interviewed the tenants in the apartment complex and discovered that the high vacancy rate could be attributed to the extremely poor maintenance of the complex along with a change of ownership.

Beachler added in his address to council that another opportunity for the approval of rent control would be possible in this November's elections.

Tuesday's meeting continued with council's approval to close M.A.C. Avenue from Grand River Avenue and Albert Street on July 15 and 16 to allow the Central East Lansing Business Assn. to hold their annual sidewalk sale. This will provide a safe area for pedestrians during the sale.

Profs react to death penalty ruling

By MICHAEL SAVEL
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The recent Supreme Court ruling upholding the death penalty was judged by some MSU professors as being, "ludicrous" and "unjustified in our system."

The Supreme Court recently ruled by a 5-4 margin that the death penalty under certain circumstances can be imposed by individual states as long as it is not made mandatory for certain crimes.

The ruling raised moral questions concerning execution and brought the whole criminal justice system under trial several professors said.

Zolton Ferency, associate professor of criminal justice, firmly opposes the ruling on a philosophical basis.

"This ruling leaves a lot open in that it only says that states can use the death penalty in certain situations," he said. "Philosophically I am opposed to it. In the upcoming 21st century, taking another person's life is cruel and unusual punishment and I certainly support that point the dissenting judges made."

John Hudzik, associate professor of criminal justice, said the ruling poses a problem because there is no evidence that capital punishment either benefits or damages society.

"There is no evidence that capital punishment accomplishes anything it is supposed to — like deter crime," he said, "but on the other hand, there is no evidence

to the contrary."

Ralph Lewis, associate professor of criminal justice, said the death penalty cannot be justified in our criminal justice system.

"In our system, with its long trial process, the death penalty cannot be justified," he said. "There is a man who has been on death row for 12 years, and keeping a life in jeopardy like that for such a fantastic amount of time is in itself cruel and inhumane."

Lewis also said the possibility of error

exists and only if the trial process is changed can he see the death penalty as being conceivable.

"I would not support the death penalty because of the possibility of error exists," he said. "The old English system of completing the whole legal process within six months is conceivable for the death penalty, but it is nothing but ludicrous in our system."

Lewis Zerby, professor of philosophy, said capital punishment is not the answer to any problems.

"I am extremely unhappy and dissatisfied

ed on the median of Grand River Avenue.

This sculpture seems to be wanting for beholders who find beauty amid its two-inch fir construction. Even when it is donated, few seem willing to accept it.

"Mother with Child" is a stairway," said East Lansing Mayor George Griffiths during a discussion on whether to accept a donation of the sculpture for permanent display in East Lansing at the city council meeting Tuesday night. "It is a piece of carpentry, not art."

The sculpture was constructed by artist Alan Swartz as part of a Bicentennial project partially funded by the city and organized by the Fine Arts and Cultural Heritage Committee. Fifteen sculptures were selected for permanent display throughout East Lansing but this particular piece was not selected by the committee because it was not entered in the initial selection process.

Swartz had planned to remove the sculpture from its present location and display it in a private gallery in Detroit.

This is when one beholder, Claude Hamilton, 268 Milford St. decided the piece should stay in the city. He offered to

purchase it for \$1,200 and donate it to East Lansing to be placed on a permanent site of the Fine Arts and Cultural Heritage Committee's choice.

"It should be immediately taken down," Councilmember John Czarnecki motioned. "It is of no service to the community."

"It would be a spectacle to call out a city department to drag away a proposed gift," said Councilmember Larry Owen.

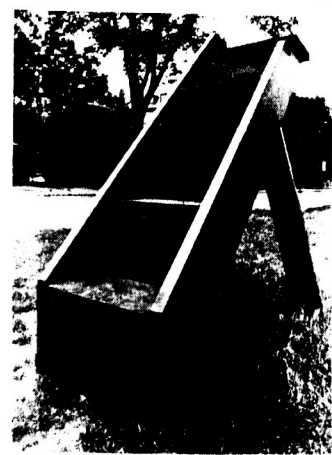
And so the debate continued, with Councilmember John Polomsky the sole admirer of the sculpture. (Only councilmember Mary Sharp was absent from Tuesday night's meeting.)

It turned out that Councilmember Polomsky's opinion was not fully accredited. He has not yet seen the piece, however he was instructed to do so by council.

The decision to accept or refuse the donation was finally referred to the Fine Arts and Cultural Heritage Committee.

The opinion of an MSU professor of art, Robert Alexander, was consistent with city council's action.

"I was not particularly impressed with it," Alexander said. "It looks like someone dropped it there."



"Mother With Child"

MEETING BOGGED DOWN BY PROCEDURES

Board delays contract approval

At a meeting bogged down by an endless tangle of motions, rulings and appeals, Lansing city councilmembers failed to take action Tuesday night on the key issues confronting them — including a vote on a new contract for Lansing city employees.

The contract, which needs only the approval of the city council, was agreed on by workers following a job walkoff Thursday morning after workers voted down a final proposal submitted by Lansing union

representatives and accepted by city negotiators.

The vote by the city council will come next week, with unanimous approval expected.

The striking employees, who include building maintenance men, city garage mechanics, parking attendants, parks workers and civic center workers, were accused by city officials of acting in bad faith. The workers said their demands had not been

met and that the final proposal given to the city was not what they or union representatives had agreed upon.

Following a one-day strike, union members agreed to the proposal which included an 8 per cent raise for the next two years. The raise will increase pay by 40 cents an hour for the first year and 35 cents an hour the second year.

Eligibility for retirement with full benefits was also reduced from age 60-65 to 58.

AAUP reports election results

Zolton Ferency, president of the MSU chapter of the American Assn. of University Professors (AAUP), announced Wednesday the results of the recent election of faculty to the campus AAUP Executive Council.

Re-elected for another term as secretary of the chapter was James R. Anderson, assistant professor of humanities.

Newly elected members of the executive council are Einar Hardin, professor of labor and industrial relations, Ann Harrison, professor of Romance Languages and Lester Manderscheid, professor of agricultural economics.

The new officers' terms expire in 1978.

Orientation programs preview life at MSU

Freshmen experience life on campus, in dormitories

By FRANCES BROWN
State News Staff Writer

Traffic to Wilson and Wonders Halls is blocked off by yellow sawhorses and you can only enter the buildings through certain doors—if you can prove you belong there.

What is going on inside these buildings all summer is a major production for the University—the summer Academic Orientation Program for incoming freshmen.

In 16 groups of about 400 each, about 6,000 new students will trek to campus to get oriented.

They check in at Wonders Hall at about 11 a.m. the first day, each student picking up a green-and-white orientation packet, University catalogs, a dorm room key and a meal ticket which serves as an ID card.

The orientation program lasts about 24 hours, costing each new student \$40. The night security is for the benefit of the freshmen, said Robert Maurovich, director of the program.

"In a program this size we're really concerned about personal attention," Maurovich said.

During his opening talk with each group of new freshmen Maurovich tells them that there are lots of people around to help if they will only ask for help when they need it. There are 20 resident advisors (RA's) at Wonders and Wilson Halls who are "orientation experts"—specially trained to answer the questions nervous freshmen ask and able to guide them through the pitfalls of making out their first schedules, the main activity at the orientation program sessions.

At the Welcome Meeting and Overview Presentation, at high noon the first day of the program, the freshmen are ushered into the Wilson Auditorium after picking up Cliff Taylor (a Republican Congressional candidate) pamphlets outside and showing their blue computer cards at the door.

President Wharton usually speaks to the group, telling the freshmen, "You must assume the primary responsibility for your education."

Then he advises them to accept their

"social responsibility" to the MSU community by keeping down vandalism, littering and noise and he tells them to learn something about the campus governance structure.

In an open question session the new students are invited to ask President Wharton questions, but the only ones asked Tuesday were about the details of the orientation program, such as "Where do we go for the 3:30 meeting?"

Sometimes President Wharton can't make it to the orientation program, as one day last week when he was entertaining dignitaries, so John Cantlon, vice president for research and development, gave the talk.

"There will be about 43,600 students here in the fall, which is a fairly sizable city," Cantlon said. "How many of you come from a city smaller than 50,000 people?"

There were plenty of hands raised, accompanied by nervous murmurings.

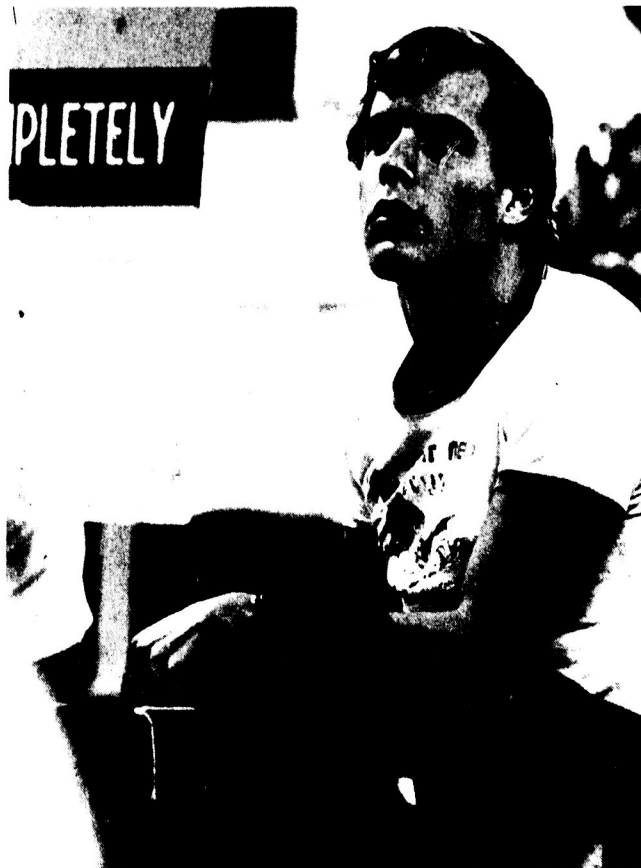
After being greeted by the administration, the freshmen are given a blow-by-blow account by Maurovich of what will happen at the orientation program.

"First of all, we hope you're on the right campus," he said, showing a slide of an MSU sign. "Really, that's not too funny. I remember a young lady three years ago—she was in the right state, but the wrong university."

Then Maurovich tells them about the placement tests, "Where you'll be enjoying yourselves for about the next two-and-a-half hours." They groaned.

After that, the freshmen attend presentations by their major colleges and a second college of their choice, take a foreign language placement test if they wish, change their majors if that seems appropriate by then, eat dinner at Wonders Hall, meet with RA's to ask questions and learn how to make out a schedule and then spend the rest of the time in the evening making out their first schedule. There is an 11 p.m. curfew.

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Which way now?

Al Putnam of Flint ponders over his first registration at the Wonders Hall Kiva during summer orientation.

SN photo: Robert Kozloff

Special parent program offers worthwhile insights

By GEORGIA HANSHEW

Everyone probably remembers orientation: the welcome packets, being in the dorms for the first time, meeting lots of people and being scared or nervous or excited about starting college that fall.

Well, parents have an opportunity to go through an orientation program at MSU, too.

This is the fifth summer that parents have been able to attend a special orientation program at the same time their sons or daughters come for student orientation.

Orientation Program Director Robert Maurovich expects 3,000 to 4,000 parents this year.

The purpose of the program is to acquaint the parents with MSU and to give them some insight into what their children will be experiencing when they come to college for the first time.

For \$11.35 each, parents can choose to eat and spend the night in a residence hall. All other costs for parents' orientation are paid for by MSU, amounting to \$5,000 to \$10,000, Maurovich said.

Some parents prefer the luxuries of Kellogg Center or local hotels and motels, but about half of the parents elect to stay in the dorm.

They are informed before they come in a letter from Maurovich that there will be no bellhop service, air-conditioning or maid service in the dorms.

Parents who stay in the dorm have their own bunks, share a bathroom with their neighbors and soak in the genuine dormitory atmosphere.

Most parents find the experience interesting. One woman remarked that, though her daughter's standard of living was going to go down, living in the dorm would be a valuable experience for her.

"My daughter has never had to share a room with anyone before," she said. "This will be good for her."

"The residence halls are great for the students," John Vitkuske, who is sending his fourth child to college, said. "But this certainly isn't the Ramada Inn."

On the first day of the orientation program, the 200 parents attended eight sessions where subjects discussed included financing higher education, academic life, residence halls and the changes that both students and parents will go through after the student leaves home.

President Wharton addressed the group, mentioning student feedback he has gotten concerning MSU. He told the parents that their children can find all kinds of assistance and guidance here, but they must use their own initiative in seeking it out.

In the evening, the parents talked to a panel of students who are or have been Resident Assistants in the dorms.

Questions directed at the student panel one Monday night ranged from what the incoming freshman should bring to what kinds of extracurricular activities are available. A recurrent theme of concern on the part of the parents was crime on campus.

How safe would it be for their daughters to take walks alone at night? Should bicycles be kept in dorm rooms? How often are rooms broken into and personal items stolen?

The panel of students advised the parents to tell their kids to take the precautions they would take in any city: take walks with two or three others at night and keep bikes and dorm rooms locked.

On the second day of the program parents were given a bus tour of the campus and they had the opportunity to visit the residence hall their son or daughter will live in this fall.

Some of the questions reflected their concern about the difficulty of classes, how hard it is to get into a certain program and how much time is usually devoted to studying.

Parents' reactions to the program are generally enthusiastic. Whether they are sending their first or fourth child to college, they are curious to see what kind of place their children will be living in.

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opinion

Two tax proposals: one up and one down

There will be two referenda on the November ballot concerning state taxes. One is an honest attempt to bring meaningful tax reform that will benefit 85 per cent of the state's citizens. The other is a rather shoddy try at limiting state spending that will likely cause more grief than good for taxpayers.

The Michigan Citizen's Lobby, which successfully engineered the 1972 elimination of sales tax on foods and drugs, has collected enough signatures to put a graduated income tax before the voters in November. The proposal would roll back taxes for taxpayers who earn less than \$20,000 after deductions. Currently, Michigan has a flat rate tax of 4.6 per cent. The Citizens Lobby proposal would roll back taxes to 3.9 per cent.

This plan, dubbed the Fair Share Tax Proposal, would represent a more equitable and sane method of dispensing with the state's financial obligations. On the surface, it would appear that a flat rate is the more equitable, but the concept is deceiving. Because of the structure of tax law, those who make more money end up paying less taxes.

The other tax proposal state citizens will vote on is the state

spending limit sponsored by a group known as Taxpayers United, which is an amalgamation of real estate, business groups and a collection of conservative state lawmakers. This group has compiled petitions to freeze state spending at 8.3 per cent of the total state income.

While the idea of limiting state spending is an attractive one, the ramifications of doing it in accord with Taxpayer's United's plan are abundant with risk.

First, is the problem with budgetary flexibility. The governor and legislators would be virtually hamstrung in dealing with the needs of the state.

Another grave problem with the plan is future spending. Thus any area in need of more money — education, for instance — would have no choice but to wait for the collective state income to rise.

Another development which will surely be fostered by the state spending freeze is a greater reliance on property taxes to raise revenue. In a time when property tax should be deemphasized as a means of revenue generation because of its regressive and wholly inequitable nature, a state spending freeze would throw us back to dependence upon it.



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Predictions are fun but tricky in the pundit business—they are an occupational hazard that ought to be resisted but never are. It is a temptation to come right out and say that Jimmy Carter will win by a landslide next Nov. 2 (for better or worse). But shall I actually commit myself to that? Remember election eve four years ago!

The crowd looked at Spiro Agnew at his campaign headquarters and chanted jubilantly, "Twelve more years, twelve more years!" meaning that he would follow his beloved leader Richard Nixon with two terms of his own after 1976. And Time magazine in a special predicted edition, November 20, announced "And Now, Here's Spiro... for '76." Yes, the magazine predicted, "recent history favors his chances... the odds now are with Agnew if for no other reason than the fact that he is the favorite of the GOP conservatives who... control the Republican Party."

Conservatives still do control the Republican party and Spiro did win a victory in a sense, he is not in jail; and now we are in another election, making new forecasts which may be as fallible as their predecessors. The extraordinary thing to this observer is how casual we are about it: the most powerful country and the most powerful leader and so few participate.

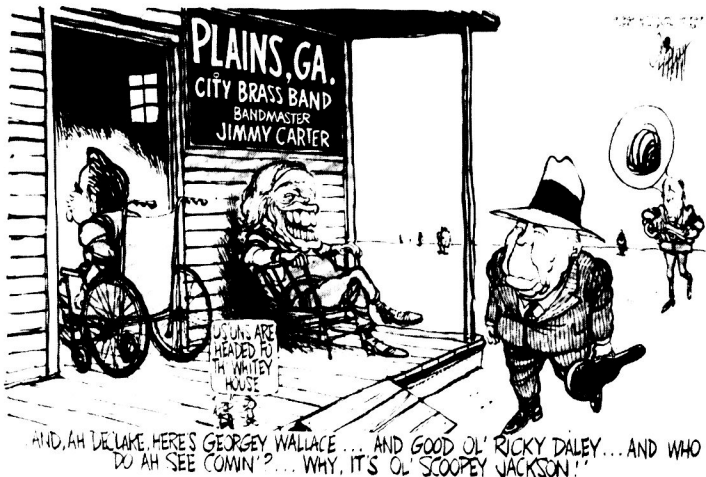
Italian elections came last weekend (June 20-21) and 95 per cent

legislature.

If Jimmy Carter wins he will have an extraordinary degree of freedom to enact a program, and about 180 days to do it. He may restore the White House press conference (Mr. Ford has held only one formal conference here this year). He will have a Democratic majority—perhaps a big one—Republicans are in chaos and there will be the first united government in eight years. An old campaigner learns the phases of an election: we are in the "primaries ain't so bad after all" phase now, rapidly turning into "Who's the choice for vice president?" phase, succeeded by the convention whoop-la and ultimately, the euphoric night when, thank God, it's all over.

If Ford or Reagan win there will be more divided government; if Carter wins there will be a honeymoon with Congress when he can, if he knows what he wants, get most of it enacted—that is the test, the time to be bold and innovative. After that the media will traditionally start snapping and biting again, legitimately enough no doubt—after telling how wonderful, by golly, it all is.

It will be easy to fault a Carter administration, we guess; how long can a fresh face be fresh, or a newcomer be "anti-Washington" who is part of Washington? Our guess, too, is that the big Carter Federal reorganization program will bog down if attempted; it



of the voters voted because of the intense interest in the Communist drive to knock out the Christian Democrats and embarrass the Pope. Compare that with the U.S. voting average in the wearisome 31 state primaries we have just been through. It is estimated that 25 million Americans voted and the customary quadrennial post-primary paens arise "Those Messy Primaries Worked Well" (Time, June 21). Similar smug editorials appear over the country. We can relax; somehow or other our system (in spite of Nixon, in spite of Agnew, in spite of everything) pulls us through. God looks after America. This time in the lottery we will get a winner.

The latest Census compilation shows 150 million Americans—18 years old or older—eligible to vote, so that the 25 million who participated in the primaries are a small fraction—about 1 in 6 or 16 per cent. Most of us, at first anyway, had little idea who was running or why. In the beauty contest voters picked the captain of the Ship of State not on his knowledge of navigation but on his hearty manner. It has left us for the final stage with a choice between Jimmy Carter, the Great Who-is-he? and the Ford-Reagan Right Wing Twins. When the ultimate comes next November it is estimated that 50 percent of voters will vote — 75 million will be missing.

We don't have a Communist challenge to spur us like Italy, but other democracies have larger turnouts than we do, too; Great Britain's latest was 71 per cent; Canada-74; Ireland-75; Netherlands-83; France-82; Australia (compulsory)-97. Are they better educated or more civic minded? No, but the political game there has different rules: it's less boring; elections are shorter; registration easier; parties are stronger; and parliament, not the electorate, picks the ultimate leader, who has been seasoned in the

We suspect Carter will be more literal than is commonly supposed. There is a ring to that speech he gave as governor on Law Day, May 4, 1974 to the legal big shots at the University, now reprinted. It was a speech, quietly delivered, challenging "the powerful and the influential" to unfreeze the status quo. He told them to their faces that anybody who had lived in the south the last 15 or 20 years must feel "some degree of embarrassment" at the archaic county-unit system, that excluded poor white voters, at the "30 questions" put to blacks who demanded the right to vote and who were disqualified by the intricacy of the information demanded — "a subterfuge that we had evolved to keep black citizens from voting and which we used with a great deal of smirking pride." He told them smoothly with that toothy smile—the first speech he ever made in the Georgia Senate, Carter continued, was against this system. Yes, he told them, a black man who sold pencils at the outer door of the Sumter County Court house could make a better judgment "about who ought to be sheriff than two highly educated professors at Georgia Southwestern College."

Quite a speech. Time correspondent Stanley Cloud, who has followed Carter throughout, suspects that "conservatives may feel deceived when they discover Carter's basic liberalism that borders on populism." Maybe.

VIEWPOINT: CONSERVATISM

Faulty logic threatens our rights

By ERIC BERGLUND

I don't know. I just don't know. I feel like a guy who's just been told a joke at a party and is the only one who laughs.

What I'm "scared, really scared" about, though, is that people will look at comments like Ed Lion's concerning conservatism and not consider the replies. (State News, May 21). To describe this political belief, its advocates and its consequences as "terrifying, fascist, horrible, frightening, creeping, dangerous, tragic, and a 'blight' within the framework of his reasoning is what I find potentially dangerous. Observe: "Fascism as practiced in Italy (its most famous example) involved complete government determination of the uses of the means of production. The original owners still owned their property but the government had control of it. This is hardly the word to use to describe extreme capitalism — unless you're appealing solely to emotions and ignorance."

Watergate is cited as an example of why we should be leaning leftward. It hardly seems fair to blame Watergate on all conservatives just because the man in power was considered a conservative.

"The 'Vietnam debacle' is blamed on conservatism, too, which is hardly true when you consider the fact that true conservatives would have solved the problem by overpowering North Vietnam. This probably wouldn't have been right (considering the free government we were supporting) but it wasn't the conservatives who kept us in Vietnam all that time — it was indecision."

Considering what Reagan would do to defend the Panama Canal, can it logically be said that Panama would be the next Vietnam? This seems rather like an emotional appeal, too. (Note: "A ditch" is hardly an accurate description of the canal and the legitimacy of our claim was only denied, not disproved.)

If indeed the words "contain communism" are a part of Reagan's "rhetoric" (are they?) they certainly are not intended to threaten France, Portugal and Italy with war if they elect communists. Yet this is the implication that was conveyed. Conservatives may not want to support an elected communist government but that does not mean that they will overthrow it. (also, if the United States issues the ultimatum: "If the communists are elected, we won't support Italy," the ultimatum does indeed serve a purpose: to clarify our position and enable the Italian voter to fully assess the gains and losses of political choice. We have our rights and so does he, but at least now he knows where we stand.

Only in his comments about the CIA abuses does Mr. Lion say anything to support the headline concerning the threat to our rights. Yes, a watchdog is needed for our investigatory agencies, but there are good reasons for the hesitancy. After all, Russia certainly isn't going to restrict its intelligence gathering. We could stop producing ammunition, too, because it could be misused against our own citizens — but it wouldn't be very wise. Obviously our safety could be threatened as much by weakening our government's position (by restricting part of its defense) as by the defense itself. Let's consider both sides logically.

A recent Newsweek shows that we are behind in some aspects of defense, ahead in others. Yet Mr. Lion uses but one example to show that we're being "duped into"

New director needs more than an image

Even though his appointment as acting director of the MSU Health Center is only a few days old, there is one thing you can say about Dr. John Siddall already: he is aware of the myriad problems facing the health center as it attempts to improve the health care services it offers the MSU community.

In Wednesday's State News, Dr. Siddall spoke succinctly about students' perceptions of the health center when he said: "Some students won't even come here because of what they've heard. I hope to get a better image."

These perceptions have grown up over the years and are largely the result of the numerous bad experiences which students have had at the health center. Dr. Siddall can improve its image only so long as he improves the major frustrations students encounter while visiting the health center:

•A trip to the center, even for a simple allergy shot, involves a major and unnecessary investment of time. Dr. Siddall has indicated he is aware of this problem and has suggested several ways by which it might be resolved.

•Both doctors and patients alike agree on at least one thing and that is that the health center is too

•The State News has received numerous letters complaining about both the quantity and quality of the health center's gynecological services and this is not atypical of the sentiment expressed by



small. Though reforms can "work around" the problem, the improvement of campus health care is permanently run aground on the condition of the health care building itself.

We wish Dr. Siddall the best and hope that he can improve the image of the health center. However, it should be remembered that an image can often be improved without making substantive changes in the institution it is supposed to represent.

This would be a mistake, for the students of MSU who want not only good public relations with the health center, but good health care as well.

letters

Thank you Ebony for the good times

During the past two years I have been proud to serve with Ebony Productions and Pop Entertainment. We've gone through some long strung-out nights together. Those nights were usually climaxed by the outstanding efforts of my fellow cohorts on the stage crew. It's been hard times and high times and none of it would have been possible without the efforts of Hermie Sommers, Mike Clark, Steve Heinrich, Scott McVeigh, Mark Harvie and Joey Franklin. Plus my Ebony Stage Crew, J.R. Cunningham, Keith McElroy, Rose Holland, Warren Parker, John Reynolds and Van Rice Jr.

There is something we all have learned together and that's the shows would never get off the ground without our efforts. We've been forced into many a bind but came out smiling like roses (or roaches).

There are very few people that know of our existence, that not being the point, the point is our position is important not only to the bands but the audience. We have never let them down and as long as the above people are associated with these organizations, shows will continue running smoothly.

Just before I sign off I would like to wish the best of luck to Ebony Productions and Pop Entertainment. Thanks to listening to me Bill for six months about Springsteen. Ross you better let me know ahead of time about Stevie, I'll gladly jump off the road for that one. David Harvie 934 N. Capital Lansing

Moon is symptom of a larger disease

Recently (June 28), you published a letter by Mary Ruhnmuensch entitled "Moon Report." This letter, written in California, told of Ms. Ruhnmuensch's encounter with Sun Moon's people in San Francisco.

One line out of many in the letter which bothered me went: "I have a tendency to agree with the general consensus that Moon is dangerous to kids who are unsure and insecure." True, Moon's message is so powerful that it keeps certain people from thinking freely. Because of this, perhaps Moon is dangerous. But why is it Moon who is singled out in this charge? Is he really the greatest threat to free thought in this country?

Several forces in this country warp a person's mind to keep him/her from thinking clearly. Religion as a whole, not Moon in specific, is the most powerful force. Religion was created to promote social and political stability, not necessarily to stand up to logical criticism. Thus, to be considered a "true believer," a person has to have unquestioning faith in God. Does this not restrict free thought?

Because of religion and supposedly holy books which teach "the ultimate truth," most ideas are predetermined by a society and accepted blindly by its people. For example, abortion, homosexuality and women's liberation have been condemned by most Americans without ever having the benefit of a fair trial.

Is it Moon who is dangerous for the insecure? Yes. But Moon is a symptom of a larger disease. If Moon is dangerous, so is all religion.

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What are you Jimmy Carter?

WASHINGTON—The New York Times is now in the process of searching for the Loch Ness monster. It has underwritten a scientific expedition with underwater TV cameras, sonar equipment and other monster gear heretofore unknown to man. So far they haven't found him/her/it, but if they do, it could be the story of the year—well, almost. There is another search going on right now by almost everyone to find the real Jimmy Carter.

Unlike the Loch Ness monster, Jimmy Carter has not only been seen, but photographed. Scientists who have studied the photographs say he probably comes from the South, and his jaw and teeth indicate his main source of food has been peanuts and Democratic presidential candi-

dates.

One anthropologist told me, "We know he smiles a lot, but we have no idea what is behind the smile. It's hard to believe we have so much information, and yet we know so little about him."

I said, "Jimmy Carter has been showing up everywhere. He's been sighted in 48 of the 50 states. Is it possible that there are more than one of him?"

"We don't think so," the scientist replied. "The question is why did he surface now and how has he managed to capture the imagination of the American people?"

"Is he dangerous?"

"The Republicans think he is. They're scared silly of him, after what he did to his own kind in the primaries. The Republicans

thought the South was safe, but now with Jimmy Carter roaming around they're afraid to go near the place."

"How does he protect himself?"

"With his teeth. Whenever he gets hungry he just opens his mouth and chomps off whatever is standing in his way. Then he smiles as if nothing happened."

"What about his skin?"

"It's very tough. Anyone who has tried to get under it has been sorry he tried. A year ago the regular Democrats tried to stop him with every machine they had. But now everyone, including those who run the machines, is eating out of his hand. They don't understand it themselves, but they're going along with it, because they don't have a choice."

"Do you think you can get a closer look at him and find out more about him?"

"Well, he's going on display at the Democratic Circus in Madison Square Garden next week, and we've got a special team stationed there to make a new study to observe him, and find out if there is anything we overlooked. But we're not optimistic. He may remain a mystery until he gets to the White House."

"The White House. But that's in Washington, D.C."

"We know that. But that seems to be where he's trying to get to now. If he gets there the mystery of who or what a Jimmy Carter is may finally be solved."

Los Angeles Times

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With mounting wonder this reporter has seen one of the most important Senate debates in recent years go almost unreported for the past three weeks. A great Christmas Tree tax grab has been in process for the benefit of the rich against the middle-incomes and poor. Strong bipartisan voices of protest are raised by men who respect, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Edmund Muskie of Maine, Fritz Mondale of Minn., Henry Bellmon of Okla., the television and the press seem almost oblivious. Time and week are occupied with special Bicentennial ululations about Franklin and Thomas Jefferson; television is watching Jimmy Carter, the printed press can't spare a minute from speculation on the next vice president.

All that is at stake in the Senate debate is whether Congress will continue enough tax reductions to moderate the recession, whether the new Senate budget control procedure which was passed a couple of years ago — almost by a miracle — will work, and whether the present shocking disparity of income in the United States will be ended. Who was it who said the present tax structure is "a grave to the human race?" Why, Jimmy Carter, to be sure. A group of Senate tax reformers is fighting to improve matters, and the struggle may continue all summer. But who cares? — you didn't know about it from the papers.

The plot is simple. The House, which originates tax matters, sent a reasonably good bill to the Senate with a number of reforms. Sent to the Senate Finance Committee under Russell Long, the senator from Louisiana. There the amendments began. They ported out a bill 1536 pages long, as thick as a telephone book, R 10612.

Here is one Christmas Tree bauble added by the Long committee described by good, dependable, Sen. Mondale: it would cost the treasury \$300 million a year. This would give "over 99 per cent of relief to the top 1 per cent of American income levels," Mondale claims. These tax rebates and loopholes are enormously beneficial. It is terribly hard for the press to decipher and describe. By the time any one particular gimmick is explained most of the space in the newspaper news "hole" is used up. This particular proposal Mondale explains would cut the tax rate on "investment income" above \$100,000 (income from mortgages, stocks and bonds) from the present 70 per cent to a 50 per cent ceiling. If your investment income is over \$100,000 you would benefit. If you are not of the unemployed, working poor, or just an average income earner you wouldn't benefit, you would be taxed to make up the difference.

This is one of Russell Long's Christmas-in-July proposals, and one was fortunately defeated last week, 66-17, but others aren't. Pending are assorted goodies to corporations and special "credits," to be paid for," exclaimed Sen. Proxmire, "by the treasury, hard working, God-fearing average American family, to most every major industry in the country."

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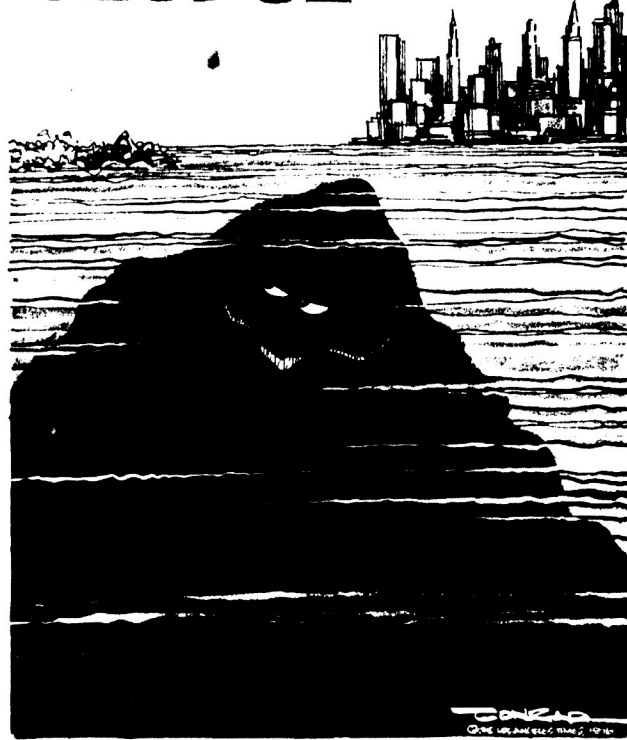
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Bengal backstop Bruce Kimm 'just concentrates on the game'

"There's a player to be named later" doing an awful lot of catching for the Tigers these days.

Bengal backstop Bruce Kimm was an afterthought in a deal between Detroit and the California Angels prior to the 1973 season. And, the Cedar Rapids, Iowa native has worked his way through the Tigers minor league maze to share the catching duties with incumbent Bill Freehan and John Wockenfuss.

Kimm was given his opportunity earlier this season when newly acquired Milt May suffered a broken foot and Kimm was summoned from the Evansville Triplets to the varsity.

Yet, the large crowds, the plane rides which replace bus trips and major league fastballs haven't phased the 25-year-old Kimm's enthusiasm for the game.

"It really doesn't matter to me if 50 or 50,000 people show up to watch a game," Kimm explained. "I love baseball and I don't really pay attention to the fans. I just concentrate on the game."

Kimm plays down his .230 batting average in favor of team success. "If I start hitting the ball for a higher average, fine. But, the most important thing is that the team wins; which is what we've been doing lately," he remarked.

Because of May's injury and the demise of Freehan's throwing arm, Kimm has seen more and more action during 1976.

"I realize when May comes back that will give us four catchers," Kimm said. "But, if they decide to send me back to the minors, I'd holler. Anybody would. But, I'd go. I just want to play the game of baseball."

Kimm's frank opinion concerning his love of the game complements his batterymate's Mark Fidrych. Fidrych was named

to the American League All-Star team this week after ringing up eight consecutive victories and a 9-1 season record.

Kimm has caught each of Fidrych's 10 games in 1976 and he sees little difference between the Bird's major league performance and the one he fashioned last season at Evansville.

"I caught a lot of Mark's games last year, and he hasn't changed. He keeps the ball low and pitches to his strengths rather than the hitters' weaknesses. He knows what he wants to do out there and he goes ahead and does it. It's as simple as that," Kimm explained.

Fidrych isn't the only Tiger hurler Kimm has received this year. And, he says, "All our pitchers are basically the same. They all need to keep the ball down low. If they don't, it might mean at least a double or home run for the hitter. If there's one thing we lack on our staff," he confided, "it's a genuine fastball pitcher—someone like a Nolan Ryan who can just rare back and blow the ball past someone."

While Freehan, a 13-year veteran, is still part of the Bengals' catching corps, Kimm says he calls his own game. "Some of the pitchers will go to Freehan for advice on hitters, but I don't normally ask him many questions. Yet, when I do need some help, Bill is more than willing to oblige. During the game, I try to control the situation and keep the pitchers settled."

Detroit skipper Ralph Houk noted that he has kept Kimm behind the plate during the Tigers recent surge because, "Why break up a winning combination?"

With his handling of Fidrych's All-Star performances and his steady handling of Tiger hurlers, Kimm is making the "later" in that 1973 deal with the Angels seem even every day.

ALL-STAR PICK PROUD OF HIS REWARD

Fidrych's antics assure publicity

By MIKE RABUN
UPI Sports Writer
ARLINGTON, Tex. (UPI)—Mark Fidrych says he will never get used to the publicity he's receiving. But he might as well try.

As long as the Detroit Tigers right-handed pitching sensation continues to chat with the baseball stomp around the mound and keep the hitters off the bases, he's going to get attention.

Fidrych walked into all of that attention this week at Arlington Stadium. It wasn't as if it was his first trip to Texas. He had outpitched Bert Blyleven here a month ago.

But since then he has made an impressive appearance on national television and has become a selection on the American League All-Star team in his rookie season. Thus, he has

become much more of a commodity around the league. And he seems quite ready to fulfill his obligation.

Fidrych has endlessly signed autographs before each Texas-Detroit game. And, while he was doing that, he talked non-stop with the ever-increasing crowd of reporters and broadcasters.

He has let loose with such tidbits as:

"The batter wants to burn me just as bad as I want to burn him. It's a real war out there."

"The most people I ever pitched before in Evansville was 3,000. Now I'm pitching before 30,000. Wow!"

"Being selected to the All-Star game is a reward for a player and, obviously, I am proud of the reward. But the all star game is just one game and I have to worry about the

season, too."

Fidrych's antics, combined with the fact he throws the ball over the plate, keeps it low and has a 9-1 record, have made him one of the most entertaining folks to come along in quite a while.

Fidrych has become so popular that some fans apparently even want pieces of his clothing as souvenirs.

Before Tuesday night's Texas-Detroit game, while Fidrych was signing autographs near his dugout, a stocky teen-aged boy reached through the crowd and ripped Fidrych's cap off. The youngster ran through the stands and escaped with the cap while Fidrych yelled a few obscenities at him.

But the Detroit hurler calmed down and finally accepted the incident as part of his

growing fame and began signing autographs again.

Despite his new stature, the (continued on page 8)

Zuzuki leads British Open

By MORLEY MYERS
UPI Sports Writer

SOUTHPORT, England (UPI)—Norio Zuzuki, a 200-1 longshot playing outside his native Japan for the first time, carded a three-under-par 69 Wednesday for a share of the early first round lead with Irishman Christy O'Connor Jr., in the 105th British Open Golf championship.

The 24-year-old ex-caddy from Shikoku missed the outright lead on the 18th hole when he bunkered his drive, took two shots to the green and missed a 10-foot putt for a bogey six — only the second time he went over par during his round.

Speaking through an interpreter, Zuzuki grinned, "Still, I did pretty well. I'm satisfied with my 69."

But when told his lost putt had cost him the lead, and a new course record for the Royal Birkdale course, Zuzuki shook his head in disbelief and said he had no idea of the earlier scores.

The 155-strong field had to contend with a stiffening breeze which brought some relief from the 85 degree heat. A fire in gorse bushes in the tinder dry

rough held up play for about 40 minutes until firemen extinguished the blaze. Zuzuki and O'Connor, both 200-1 in the betting, were among the early starters—the Irishman actually hitting off as first player of the day.

The 5-7 Zuzuki, whose idol is three-time British Open winner Gary Player of South Africa—"a little man who has made good"—is in his fourth year as a golf professional. He finished 6th on the Japanese money circuit last year with earnings of \$100,000.

Player stayed in contention with a regulation 72.

The 39-year-old Johannesburg ace reached the turn in 35 after dropping a stroke at the eighth and then bogeyed the 12th before he birdied the 16th and 18th holes to come home in 37.

Player was satisfied with his opening day performance. "I played quite well, in fact I played a little better than I scored," he said. "I had a lot of 12-foot putts for birdies and putt-eds well in spite of the fact that all didn't go in. A nice opening round, I thought."

Taiwan barred from Canada

By CLAUDE HENAUULT
OTTAWA (UPI)—External

Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen says the athletes from Taiwan are barred from Canada until the International Olympic Committee (IOC) guarantees they will not compete at this month's Summer Olympics under the banner of the Republic of China.

External Affairs Dept. and IOC officials are trying to find a solution to the diplomatic dispute at closed-door meetings in Montreal, but the Canadian government is unbending in its position. External Affairs spokespersons are confident the IOC will allow Canada to impose its conditions for Taiwan's participation in the games.

IOC President Lord Michael Killanin said he expects to make a formal statement on the status of the talks by week's end.

In Taipei Tuesday, president Shen Chi-min of the national Olympic Committee said, "Our attitude remains firm and unchanged. We will compete under our national name—the Republic of China." Shen said he plans to lead his delegation to Montreal this week.

MacEachen said Tuesday night, however, that if the 44-member delegation from Taiwan arrived in Canada before the diplomatic dispute was resolved they would not get past the airport.

"If they are coming to games to compete as representatives of the Republic of China they would not be admitted," MacEachen stated flatly.

He said if necessary Canada would refuse to grant Taiwanese athletes clearance through airport immigration.

"It would obviously have solved before they came to Canada or as they came because after that it would be too late."

Canada has told the IOC not allow Taiwanese athletes enter the country unless IOC guarantees they will claim the name, use the flag or other symbols of the Republic of China.

Despite the negative opinion directed at Canada's stand, one External Affairs spokesperson said it was a matter of foreign policy which Canada would not ground.

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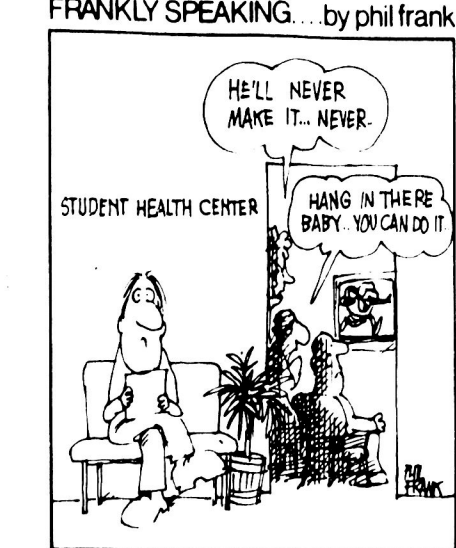
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Teamsters president questioned about pension funds

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return Thursday for more interrogation.

During the union's national convention last month in Las Vegas, Nev., Fitzsimmons defended the fund and complained of harassment. He said the fund "has been whipped by adverse publicity over the past two decades and has been investigated by every Dick Tracy in the land."

As for himself, Fitzsimmons declared: "I have been harassed personally as far as grand juries, indictments and what not... I'm in receipt now of a subpoena to appear in Washington, D.C., as a few others sitting on this rostrum are."

Sources say the investigators, headed by Lawrence Lippe, have uncovered questionable transactions by trustees of the \$1.4 billion fund, which covers 400,000 of the union's 2 million members. The sources said evidence of possible fraud and embezzlement in two fund transactions has been turned over to the Justice Dept.

The investigation, under the 1974 federal Pension Reform Act restricting the way pension assets may be handled, also has turned up millions of dollars in delinquent loans, the sources said.

The fund's investments include an estimated \$200 million in loans to hotel and gambling operations in Las Vegas.

Trustees of the fund include Fitzsimmons, seven other union officials and eight representatives of employers of Teamster members. Under the law, the Labor Dept. could seek their removal. The probe has been under way since the fall.

As Fitzsimmons was being interrogated, industry sources said the effects of the revocation of the tax exempt status of the

fund will be less severe than expected.

One source said the Internal Revenue Service has told the trustees that the 15,000 employers contributing \$20 million a month to the fund can deduct the money from their federal income taxes until at least Aug. 31.

The trustees have told contributors this means back taxes will not be levied against either the employers or the beneficiaries of the fund, a source said.

The source added that back taxes might not be levied against the fund itself, although this is less certain.

If the IRS does decide to levy back taxes against the fund, it might do so only in selected years, the source said.

The arrangement was worked out during weekend negotiations among fund attorneys and officials of the IRS and the Treasury Dept.

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Officials at United Auto Workers Local 372 said workers walked off the job and began picketing at 2:30 p.m. after day-long negotiations failed to produce a settlement on working conditions, principally health and safety issues.

William M. O'Brien, Chrysler's vice president for employee relations, said earlier Wednesday that a walkout at Trenton could force "immediate" shutdowns of the firm's big-car assembly plants in Detroit and Belvidere, Ill., and the Warren, Mich., truck plant north of Detroit.

However, a company spokesperson said all assembly plants would continue operating Wednesday. He said the outlook for the rest of the week was uncertain if the engine strike continued.

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Incoming freshmen view life on campus

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DPS FIGHTS DISEASE DANGER Mosquito attack launched

By CAROLE LEIGH
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Those pesky little mosquitos that leave itchy red bumps on the arms and legs of unsuspecting outdoorsmen can be as much of a danger as they are a nuisance.

The bite of an infected mosquito can cause encephalitis, commonly called "sleeping sickness." First diagnosed in Michigan during the summer of 1975, encephalitis can result in severe illness and death.

Recognizing this potential, MSU's Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) has launched a cleanup effort to rid the campus of both the existing mosquitos and their dominant breeding places.

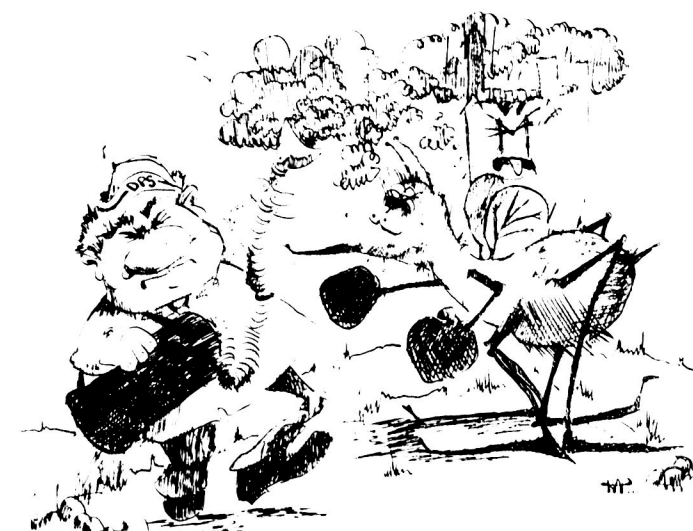
Richard Ives, DPS safety services officer, is coordinating a three-phase program conducted with the cooperation of Safety Services, the MSU Grounds Dept., Campus Parks and Planning and the Pesticide Research Center.

Phase one of the program, adulticide, is aimed at killing the adult mosquito population, predominantly in those areas of campus where residents would be most affected.

Wendell Bannister of the MSU Grounds Dept. is responsible for the adulticide program, which encompasses spraying or "fogging" campus living areas.

With a crew of three men and one machine, Bannister will spray the trees, shrubs and grassy areas surrounding the living units.

"The mosquito population has been quite low up to now," Bannister said. "But I expect a call to go out there and spray any day now."



Ives, in charge of the second phase of the program, agreed with Bannister that mosquitos have posed less of a threat than usual to date, but added that with the recent rainstorms that will soon change.

Eliminating the source of mosquito breeding is the objective of phase two, larvacide. Storm-catch basins and other areas where water remains standing for several hours are popular breeding areas.

The third and crucial step in the mosquito reduction program is a cleanup operation planned for those areas of campus most likely to harbor breeding insects.

"The cleanup crews will go through select areas of

campus, like the Red Cedar banks and river" Ives said. "Some will go through in canoes and others will walk along to pick up any debris and containers that might hold water."

To get the cleanup operation off the ground, MSU Volunteers have arranged for a troop of area Boy Scouts to assist the cleaning of campus areas.

The program will continue until September, and will be reinstituted again next summer, Ives said.

"This is the first University program utilizing the cooperation of different agencies," Ives said. "I would like to see it back next year."

Harold Newson, associate professor of entomology and director of the Pesticide Research Center, is also involved in the

mosquito reduction program.

"We don't know for sure which species in Michigan transmits St. Louis Encephalitis," Newson said. "But it is one of three that we have here."

Last year three Michigan residents and several people from bordering states died from St. Louis Encephalitis in an unprecedented Midwestern outbreak.

Ives hopes to prevent another such outbreak by attacking the problem—mosquitos—from every possible angle. Student volunteers would be a great aid to the program to carry out the cleanup operation, Ives said.

"I'd say we can use all the student help we can get."

Cooperative grocery store registers successful profits

By CAROL HAGAN

Two months after its opening, the East Lansing Food Cooperative continues to show that a grocery store with a difference can survive.

The co-op, located adjacent to Grand River Avenue at 211 Evergreen St., opened May 1 with 150 members and now has 620 members. It uses "a grocery store — but with a difference" as its slogan.

In its first month, the co-op had a projected loss of \$400, but the members made \$150 in June.

The nonprofit co-op was set up by the community members to get high quality food at the lowest possible prices. A core group of 22 people, including the housing co-ops, the bike co-op and individuals from the community put up \$1 each to begin the food co-op. The money was used to publicize the idea and to solicit loans.

"Prices are considerably cheaper on most items, such as grains and seeds. Some things — such as dairy products — are a little bit higher because they cannot be purchased at warehouse prices," David Leith, manager, said.

Bulk jars of peppermint at 28 cents per ounce, sunflower seeds at 93 cents per pound and peanut butter at 81 cents per pound line the hand-built shelves of the small co-op. Old refrigerators store dairy products and some produce.

Emphasis is placed on the quality of the food and the fact that the co-op is a nonprofit organization.

The co-op tries to deal in food that does not contain preservatives or artificial colorings, Leith said.

Food is stocked according to customer demand to avoid spoilage. Members fill out order blanks for produce and other goods. Any food that the co-op does not sell is donated to food kitchens.

Membership in the co-op is \$1 per adult. The co-op has a large student membership, but it also encourages families to join. Each member works two hours a month in the store.

"Prices are lower and within the budget of the seven people who live in our house," said Gail Hebda, member of 202 Bailey St. co-op.

The co-op has a salaried



Brian Greninger finds himself in a sticky situation as he spoons peanut butter from a bulk container at the East Lansing Food Cooperative at

211 Evergreen St. Carl Merrill looks on. Both men are members of the co-op.

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Women's center offers aid

By ANNE STUART
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The ramshackle old house at 208 S. Sycamore St. in downtown Lansing appears to be another deserted victim of the city's urban blight. Overgrown weeds partially cover the front yards and the second floor appears empty. Someone looking for the Feminist Women's Self-Help Center might well think that they had written down the wrong address.

However, the center is located in the building, though the entrance is hidden from the street. Behind the house is a parking lot and long stairway leading to the second floor and the variety of services offered by the center.

Staffed by women, most of whom are volunteers, the center attempts to inform women about health care services and their own bodies. Weight loss support groups, a small library, a speaker's bureau and a six week course in medical self-examination are among the offerings of the center to area women.

"Our purpose is to educate women to be better consumers of medical services," Sue James, a self-help group leader, said. "Women need to know how to monitor their own bodies to help them give their doctors an idea of what's

wrong."

The major concentration of the center is the medical self-examination course, which runs from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, beginning tonight. Besides learning how to use a spectrum to examine the cervix and vagina, participants discuss birth control, venereal disease, cancer, breastfeeding, menopause and related medical topics.

"A good deal of the group work is sharing experiences of common problems," Gayle Chew, a group leader said. "By the end of the course, there is usually good rapport between the women."

A fee of \$20.50 covers the cost of the reusable speculum, handouts, a text entitled "Our Bodies, Ourselves" and a subscription to the "Monthly Extract," a publication on women's health care. If a woman cannot afford the fee, she can pay in installments or can work it off by serving for several hours at the center.

"We really want to reach all age groups and income levels," Chew said. "Right now we are trying to organize a post-menopausal group, because most of our current members are in the 18-to-30 age group."

About 10 women are in each group, including two co-leaders.

No special medical training is needed to be a group leader, other than having taken the course and being able to do a self-examination. About 100 women have taken the course since January.

The center evolved from a similar MSU organization, which began to fizzle out a few years ago. The self-help course was offered from private homes and for a brief period at the Lansing YWCA before receiving its current classroom in rent-free space from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Future plans include the opening of a home birth center for women who do not want to go through the "humiliation of hospital childbirth," James said.

"We believe it is a woman's right to have a baby the way she wants and not have to leave it at the hands of the doctor," she said.

However, legalities are stalling the home birth plan. Midwifery is illegal in Michigan, except when practiced by a certified registered nurse trained in obstetrics. Self-help volunteers hope to promote legislation to change the law.

Other future course offerings will include an advanced self-help class and appeals to middle-aged women and teen-

agers.

"We have so much potential," Chew sighed. "We just need women's energies to get going. We need new blood."

Group fights ERA begins petition drive

LANSING (UPI) — Happiness of Womanhood, Inc., an anti-Equal Rights Amendment group, has launched a petition drive to rescind Michigan's ratification of the ERA.

HOW spokesperson Patt Barbo said Tuesday the group will set up booths statewide to gather signatures against the ERA, which was approved in

Michigan over five years ago.

Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley has stated on several occasions that a state cannot rescind its ratification of a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

HOW said booths will be set up in shopping malls to collect signatures and provide material "pointing out the legal ramifications of the ERA."

manager, student vice coordinator and student bookkeeper. All other work, including carpentry, cashing and making produce runs to Detroit and local farms is volunteered by members.

Leith and Vicki Graham, vice coordinator, order and purchase goods for the co-op. Grains and seeds are bought at the People's Warehouse in Ann Arbor. Produce is bought at the Eastern Market in Detroit and at local farms.

"The produce is fresher than in the supermarkets because it is brought directly from Eastern Market," David Atherton, member of 440 Park Lane co-op, said.

Co-op members hope for 3,000 members by fall, when they will make plans to relocate. Eventually, they expect to be large enough to carry a complete supermarket line. They

Edison customers confused

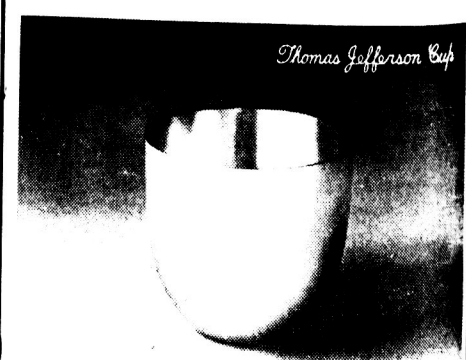
DETROIT (UPI) — The Detroit Edison Co. said Wednesday its customers are turning in burned-out light bulbs for new ones at a feverish pace, apparently in confusion over a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

The high court ruled on Tuesday that Lawrence Cantor, a Detroit drug store owner, has

the right to file suit against Detroit Edison's policy of providing free replacement light bulbs to its customers.

However, the court did not rule either for or against Edison's 90-year-old practice, merely affirmed that Cantor may pursue the case in lower courts.

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