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ANN ARBOR'S ALTERNATIVE NEWSMONTHLY

Office Buildings, Parking Structures Swallowing City

by Moe Fitzsimons

Downtown Ann Arbor has seen a glut of commercial development and a corresponding disappearance of affordable housing in the past decade. Despite a 20% to 30% vacancy rate of commercial space downtown, some developers and landlords argue that the construction of more office space will attract more businesses to Ann Arbor.

However, many businesses claim that the high cost of commercial space and the high cost of housing for employees prevents them from settling in Ann Arbor. According to local developer John Swisher III, a Detroit area company employing 800 people was recently considering moving to Ann Arbor, until the company learned that there were only about twenty houses on the market its employees could afford (The Ann Arbor News, 3/22/88).

The Ann Arbor Tenants Union has developed a one-hour walking tour of downtown development sites to illustrate the history of housing space lost to office space. Its half dozen stops explore office space that remains empty for indefinite periods of time. It also illustrates federal and local policies that allow some people to profit in the business of creating homelessness.

The Downtown Club, 110 N. Fourth Ave. Six years ago The Downtown Club was a single room occupancy (SRO) building housing 68 people. In 1982 the owners announced their plans to convert it to office space. A group of concerned citizens formed the Ad Hoc Committee to Save the Downtown Club (AHCSDC) in response. The committee met regularly and researched possible ways to save the building as low-income housing.

In the beginning of 1983, the Downtown Club was declared tax delinquent. The unpaid utilities were shut off and the tenants were forced out. In Dec. 1983, the building was purchased at the "bail-out" price of \$185,000 by First Y Building Ltd. Partnership (First Y), a group including then Mayor Lou Belcher who misled the still active AHCSDC to believe that his group was willing to restore it to housing.

After a year of bad faith bargaining with the AHCSDC, Belcher announced plans to turn the building into offices. He offered to donate the facade to the City in return for tax subsidies; City Council voted "No." Undaunted, First Y had the Ann Arbor Historical Foundation designate the Downtown Club a historical building. This meant that the front of the building would never be changed. In return, the group received \$698,000 in federal tax credits.

Despite the loss of the Downtown Club to gentrification the publicity generated by the AHCSDC's work pressured the Mayor and City Council into establishing a task force to address the local low-income housing crisis. In July, 1984 the Affordable Housing Task Force (AHTF) was established by Council and challenged by Council Republicans to prove the need for low- and moderate-income housing in Ann Arbor. One Republican councilperson expressed concern that the City not expand the stock of affordable housing because it would attract more of "these people" (low- and moderate-income) into the City.

The AHTF included housing activists, experts, and members of the pro-development community. The AHTF collected data from several public agencies and convened three public hearings to permit personal testimony on the issue of Ann Arbor's housing needs. In April, 1985, the AHTF presented a detailed 80 page report identifying the shortages in housing availability and affordability. The report carried claims by local developers that new construction under the current system, with drastic cutbacks in federal housing funds, could not produce housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people.

By a very large majority, the AHTF recommended that City Council appoint an SRO Task Force to "be given the charge of developing and implementing plans for an SRO facility in or near the downtown Ann Arbor area." By the same majority, they also recommended that the City become involved in housing development. One way suggested was for the City to prepare requests for housing proposals to notify developers what "will fly."

The dissenting minority report by two Republican Task Force members portrayed the recommendation for the City to prepare development proposals, as a "gun to the head" of developers. They recommended policy that recognized that low- and moderate-income people "are responsible for their own situation." They also took "strong exception to the implication" that "gentrification" was a negative process.

The AHTF unanimously recommended that the City agencies principally involved in housing matters develop a Housing Policy for the City of Ann Arbor "to ensure that development controls and incentives available to the City... will be intentionally coordinated and focused so as to contribute to the attainment of Council's affordable housing policies." In March, 1988, Democratic Council-



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members Kathy Edgren and Ann Marie Coleman brought a Housing Policy to Council. While it made no specific regulations for the City, it created a language that people could appeal to when advocating for City support to specific projects. The Housing Policy was approved in a seven to three Council vote. Mayor Gerry Jernigan voted with the majority so he could bring it back for reconsideration under a new (Republican) Council.

After the Republicans gained control of City Council in April, 1988, they sent the Housing Policy back to committee to gather more input from developers and landlords. The Ann Arbor Tenants Union has a seat on this Housing Policy committee. The committee was directed to report to Council by July 15, 1988. The Council member responsible for convening the committee, Tom Richardson, did not call the first meeting until Sept. 27.

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EMU Throws Weight Behind Favorite Son Candidate Patronage as Usual

by Eric Jackson

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) pulled out all the stops this past summer to help Kirk Profit (D) in his quest to succeed outgoing Speaker Gary Owen as the 22nd District state representative. Owen, whose patronage has flowed to EMU over the sixteen years that he has served in the Michigan House, first as a member of the Appropriations Committee and later as speaker, backed his aide Profit. Owen has directed state money to EMU's Corporate Education Center, the Gary Owen College of Business and many other EMU brick and mortar projects.

Kirk Profit, who was convicted of drunk driving in the 70s and was arrested for the same offense and refusing a breath test last December, ran as the anti-drug, law and order candidate. Profit ran against former Owen aide, Superior Township Supervisor David Rutledge.

Profit is an EMU graduate who holds a law degree from the University of Detroit. He was deputy sheriff under the GOP administration of former Washtenaw County Sheriff Thomas Minick (the Detroit Tigers' current security chief). Profit's fa-

ther, Lewis Profit, was the EMU vice president for Business and Finance in the late 60s and early 70s.

Kirk Profit's campaign chairs were Washtenaw County Commissioner Ronnie Peterson and EMU Vice President for University Relations Roy Wilbanks. (AGENDA readers may recall Wilbanks's role as the university's apologist for the ill-fated association between EMU's golf course and South African professional golfer Gary Player.) Both Peterson and Wilbanks have long been active in the Ypsilanti Township political circles from which Owen rose.

The first inklings of EMU institutional support for Profit came during the Frog Island Tent Jazz Festival, a popular event co-sponsored by the Depot Town Association and EMU's radio station, WEMU. WEMU is part of the University Relations department, and thus answers to Roy Wilbanks. In past years, the Depot Town Association has put together the official program, which includes advertising as well as the schedule of events.

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EMU's Presidential Search Aims Low

by Eric Jackson

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is searching for a new university president to replace Dr. John Porter, who announced his resignation plans last January. Before the job had been advertised or applications had been submitted, the rumor circulated that insider Gary Hawks would be that new president. Hawks, who preceded Roy Wilbanks as vice president for University Relations served as an administrative colleague of Lewis Profit (Kirk Profit's father). Hawks is well-connected with the Ypsilanti-area political scene and contributed to Kirk Profit's campaign. At present, he is assistant superintendent for Public Instruction for state schools, an appointed position.

What was particularly unusual was that the faculty collective bargaining unit, the EMU American Association of University Professors (AAUP) issued a public denunciation of the anticipated patronage scheme in a press release sent to The Ypsilanti Press and The Ann Arbor News.

Regent and former state Senator Thomas Guastello, alone among his colleagues, echoed similar concerns, pointing out that the

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HOUSING (from page 1)

Comerica Bank, 125 S. Fifth Ave. Comerica wants to tear down Haney's Car Stereo and Electronics, the Comerica Warehouse and the Comerica Bank, (everything from the corner of Fifth and Huron to W. Washington) to make way for a new tower structure. Comerica also requested that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) build a 320 space underground parking structure at the site.

The DDA was created in 1982. The DDA is allocated a certain portion of the taxes collected in the downtown area. DDA then reinvests the money (by the issuance of bonds and the use of tax increment financing) to "correct and prevent deterioration" of the downtown area. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. DDA funded projects need City Council approval.

The goals statement of the DDA states a commitment to "preserving the balance between commercial, office and residential uses that has generally been lost in central city areas." Recognizing that low-income housing is particularly vulnerable to the pressures of economic development, the DDA stated that "the preservation and construction of downtown housing should be a clear and top priority of the public sector."

However, to this date not one cent of DDA collected monies has gone towards housing. Yet, the DDA matched \$3 million from the City's Parking Revenue Fund to build the Tally Hall (now Liberty Plaza) parking structure and dished out all of the \$10 million to build the Ann/Ashley parking structure. More parking structures and "pedestrian improvements" are scheduled for the future.

The Belcher Building, 301 E. Liberty. The Belcher Building is another First Y investment. A bakery and boarding house were torn down to make way for this unimaginative monolith. Most of the businesses in the building were already somewhere else downtown and 60% of the building is still vacant. The building was built in 1986.

The Belcher Building was built after City Council granted First Y a Planned Unit Development (PUD). PUD's are variances on zoning restrictions the City grants as incentives for developers. Democrats on Council voted Mayor Belcher his PUD in exchange for Republican tolerance of Council forming the Affordable Housing Task Force.

The Y of Ann Arbor, 350 S. Fifth Ave. The Y is the most likely site for SROs to be built in Ann Arbor.

In 1986 the Minimum Wage Housing Facility Development Group identified the lot at West Liberty and First as the best site for an SRO facility. City Council unanimously approved the site. And the Michigan State Housing Development Authority

(MSHDA) committed \$250,000 to the project.

In the summer of 1987, a group of Old West Side residents aroused their neighbors into believing that the shelter at 420 W. Huron and the planned W. Liberty SRO site put an unfair share of housing for the homeless in their backyard. Campaigning for and against the SRO became heavy in the Fifth Ward. The SRO Task Force brought the proposal back to the Democratic majority City Council for a vote to insure City support. To their surprise, it was voted down. When Council rejected the Liberty site, MSHDA withdrew their commitment to funding an Ann Arbor SRO.

As a compromise plan, Gerry Jernigan brought to Council a Y proposal to build SRO floors on top of their current structure. Jernigan proposed that \$200,000 in Housing Challenge Fund money from the City's Community Development Block Grant, and \$185,000 in Federal Rental Rehabilitation money be used to subsidize the Y proposal. Council said the City would guarantee the loan. The rent for the rooms would be \$16.50 a night (\$115.50 per week), a far cry from affordable for minimum wage earners.

551 and 553 S. Fourth Ave. These rental properties highlight the City Attorney's Office's history of negligence in enforcing the Ann Arbor Housing Code. They were in such bad shape, the City suspended the Certificates of Occupancy.

The Housing Code requires rental properties where the Certificate of Occupancy has been suspended for more than 90 days to be turned over in receivership. Receivership is when control of the property is taken from the landlord and given to a manager (usually non-profit) who uses rent money to bring the property back up to code.

In the case of the Fourth Ave. houses, the low-income tenants were working with Legal Services of Southeastern Michigan to have the houses placed into receivership. The City Attorney, Bruce Laidlaw, refused, claiming that the properties were in the process of being sold. He argued that the new owners would be able to rehabilitate the properties faster than a non-profit group could. The tenants at the properties were evicted by the new owner.

In July, Legal Services managed to get Laidlaw to admit that the Code requires receivership filings on all houses with 90 day suspended Certificates of Occupancy. Hopefully, it will help some present tenants maintain occupancy and bring their homes up to code.

On Saturday, October 1 the Ann Arbor Tenants Union will lead the above walking tour of downtown development. The tour will leave from Braun Court (the west side of Farmer's Market) at 11 am. For more information about the tour and keeping affordable housing a public issue in Ann Arbor call the Ann Arbor Tenants Union at 763-6876.

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In the September issue of AGENDA, the photo caption on page 3 identifies the man with the walkie-talkie as Robert Pifer. The correct name is Douglas Barbour.



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Student Struggle Bears Fruit

On Oct. 17, the Ella Baker-Nelson Mandela Center for Anti-Racist Education will open its doors to the public. The Center is a project of the United Coalition Against Racism and a direct outgrowth of the anti-racist struggle at U-M.

Over the past few years, there has been a marked upsurge in incidents of racism on college campuses across the country. Racism in education is nothing new, but is rooted in the structure and philosophy of academic institutions.

However, racism does manifest itself differently in different historical periods and demands that we respond accordingly. With Black students in the lead, anti-racist students have responded swiftly and aggressively to the latest round of racist vigilantism with sit-ins, building blockades, demonstrations and rallies. These confrontational actions have been very important in overall efforts to combat racism and should not be minimized.

But, while mass protest is a necessary component of all progressive struggles, it is not the sum total of our struggle. In addition to our obligation to respond to racist incidents as they occur, we must build alternative institutions that can survive over the long haul and provide an arena in which we can dialogize, debate and reformulate the goals and strategies of our movement and the priorities of our communities.

The newly formed Ella Baker-Nelson Mandela Center for Anti-Racist Education provides such an arena.

The Center has a dual purpose. It will provide a gathering place for people of color and anti-racist scholars within the University interested in progressive research and scholarship. It will also pay a debt to communities that made it possible for students and scholars of color to occupy the spaces we now occupy within the academy. It will work to bridge the wide gulf between progressive scholarship and political movements striving to combat racism and realize social change. Moreover, the Center will strive to make new literature accessible to a wider audience, specifically those Black, Third World and activist communities which are the subjects of such scholarship.

Overall, the establishment of the Center represents an important step toward linking campus and community struggles against racism by linking theory and practice.

The philosophy of the Center is inspired, in large part, by the philosophies and examples of the two individuals for whom the Center was named, Ella Baker and Nelson Mandela.

Ella Baker, who died last year, was one of the great unsung heroines of the Civil Rights/Black Liberation movement of the 50s and 60s. As an organizer for the NAACP and YWCA and a founder of the SCLC and SNCC, Baker's life was immersed in the struggle for freedom and human

rights, not only for people of color, but for all oppressed people. An advocate of grass roots struggles and group-centered leadership, Baker helped to inspire the type of organization that allowed working class Black women to emerge as some of the most prominent and effective leaders of organizations such as SNCC and the MFDP, and to influence the direction and politics of the entire movement.

Similarly, Nelson Mandela's personal courage and sacrifice have become symbols of the struggle for freedom in South Africa and around the globe. Imprisoned for more than 25 years for his efforts to combat fascism in South Africa, Mandela has been unwavering in his principled opposition to Apartheid and his uncompromising stance against white minority rule.

We feel that our compassion for our subjects and our commitment to clearly articulated values will enhance rather than impede our research. We are not simply grappling with ideas because they are interesting, but because they make a difference in the lives of real people. We share the views of scholars such as Vincent Harding, Howard Zinn, Pat Collins and Parker Palmer who criticize the "bloodless objectivism" of the academy and advocate that scholars not divorce themselves from the subjects they study or the social implications of their work.

The Center hopes to encourage scholarship which is relevant and accessible to as wide an audience as possible. We want to liberate theoretical work and offer information in a language that non-academics and undergraduate students can readily understand. We want to counter the elitism embedded in the kind of intellectual work that the University rewards and encourages.

In our dream of a more egalitarian, genuinely diverse and racist- and sexist-free university, we envision the creation of not only a different epistemology (theory of knowledge), but a different pedagogy (method of teaching and learning) as well. We do not want the Center to be a "think tank," but in the spirit of the African American tradition we want to make learning practical, relevant, and reciprocal.

In our community, there is no dichotomy between teaching and learning. Often a teacher in one context is a student in another. Many of today's Black youth have grandparents or great-grandparents who are illiterate or semi-literate. Even as teachers, we continue to give them the respect and deference they deserve; we absorb their wisdom. We accept their authority. Teaching should not empower us as experts or preclude our learning from the people we teach.

We have invited several internationally known scholar/activists to serve as special consultants to the Center on our Advisory Board.

They include: A. Sivanandan, director of London's Institute for Race Relations; Prof. Aldon Morris, sociologist and president of the Black Sociologists Association; Prexy Nesbitt, long time anti-Apartheid and anti-racist activist; and Tanaquil Jones, Columbia University student activist and Black community organizer.

The work of the Center will be threefold. We will organize leadership training sessions for new students and others interested in doing anti-racist organizing.

The Center will house a resource library including video and audio cassettes, books, pamphlets, journals and newspaper articles. We have already collected almost 5,000 items.

And we will solicit and publish literature about racism, and Third World culture and concerns. These publications will include fact sheets, bibliographies, position papers, pamphlets, a monthly newsletter and eventually a quarterly journal/magazine as well. Hopefully, these writings will give greater clarity and coherence to our campaigns, provide a forum for internal dialogue, and create a greater basis for principled unity among the sectors of our community and movement.

The Center launched three research/action projects over the summer. These include a research project on institutional racism at U-M to document in careful detail the specific policies, practices and procedures that effectively exclude and marginalize people of color within the University.

The collective experiences of African-American women in the Ann-Arbor/Ypsilanti area are being documented in a Black women's oral history project. Interviews and archival research focus on survival and resistance strategies these women employ.

We are also doing a video project on campus racism and the anti-racist response at U-M to demonstrate how our local struggles are mirrored in the larger society. At the same time, we will be creating an alternative to some of the biased mainstream media coverage we have been subjected to.

If you are interested in participating in one of these projects or in initiating a similar one, please contact us at the Center at 936-1809. We are especially in need of creative artists to do graphics and illustrations for our publications.

We are also in the midst of a major fundraising drive to support the work of the Center and to help it gain a greater margin of autonomy from the University. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by the end of the year from individual supporters. Please contribute whatever you can. Checks can be made out to the Ella Baker-Nelson Mandela Center and mailed c/o CAAS, University of Michigan, 200 W. Engineering Bldg., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

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The Race for Circuit Court

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The Circuit Court judges of the various counties preside over the highest trial courts in Michigan. The Circuit Court has jurisdiction over divorce and domestic relations matters, felony adjudications (judicial determinations) and civil suits for \$10,000 or more, or civil suits for injunctions (court orders prohibiting actions).

The Circuit Court is also the appellate court for District Courts. An appellate court hears appeals of decisions made in other courts and has the power to reverse those decisions. A district court is a court of general jurisdiction.

The Circuit Court also hears appeals of some juvenile and probate (having to do with wills and estates) judgements, administrative agency decisions and Board of Education rulings. In Michigan, the Circuit Court is the Superior Court, that is, the court which has jurisdiction over novel or innovative actions which have not been previously recognized by statute or common law.



Nancy Francis



Melinda Morris

Nancy Francis

In your opinion, what are the important areas of concern for the Circuit Court?

There is an institutional economic bias in the legal system because presenting the best possible case costs money. Generally, the more money a party has, the better he or she will fare. Those who are in charge of courts must be aware of the existence of this bias and must do whatever they can to alleviate its effects.

The Circuit Court is the sentencing court for felony offenders, the only offenders sent into our already over-crowded prisons. Balancing the safety of the community against rehabilitative or other non-prison sentencing is one of the hardest jobs the community gives to the Circuit judge. We need to identify more programs for alternative sentencing and secure more information on the success/failure rate of the various programs.

The court must continue its improvement of convenient delivery of service to the public. It must adjust its dockets so that people do not have to spend long periods waiting for their motions to be heard, for their cases to come to trial, or for trials to be completed. The court can provide pamphlets for the public which simply explain the Circuit Court process. I also believe that our county should adopt the one-day, one trial term of jury service to replace the present 30-day term.

On Nov. 8, Washtenaw county voters will be deciding whether to fund a new courthouse. If approved, design considerations, such as making all areas of the courtroom handicap accessible, will be of paramount concern for this Circuit.

What in your background and experience qualifies you for Circuit Court judge?

I have been a trial attorney for 14 years and have practiced throughout the state, primarily in south-eastern Michigan in both the state and federal systems. Besides meeting the two legal qualifications

of age and profession, I am qualified to be Circuit Court judge because I have always maintained a practice which includes all areas of Circuit Court jurisdiction: felony, domestic and civil, as well as district, juvenile, probate and administrative agency cases. Therefore, I am knowledgeable in all areas of substantive law that will come before the court.

Having conducted many jury and non-jury trials, I am seasoned in evaluating, preparing, trying and settling legal cases. As a Legal Services attorney for seven years, I have carried a heavy caseload in many areas of the law without jeopardizing clients. Through this experience, I have learned to keep numerous balls in the air at one time without dropping any. A Circuit Court judge's job involves just those skills.

The nature of my practice and my personal involvement in the civil rights movement, legal services and court appointment work, the Peace Corps, and anti-poverty services, have caused me to have meaningful experiences with all kinds of people and all aspects of the human condition. I learn and relearn that every person has the same human worth and deserves courteous, considerate treatment and respect for his or her dignity.

Why should we vote for you rather than your opponent?

I believe I can do this job well and truly serve the public. That is why I am running for this seat. In choosing between my opponent and myself, I ask that you consider the strengths I have spelled out above. Our most observable difference is the difference we have in broad and deep trial experience. I have continuously maintained a heavy practice in all areas of Circuit Court jurisdiction. I believe this difference weighs heavily in favor of my being elected to the Circuit Court judgeship.

Melinda Morris

In your opinion, what are the important areas of concern for the Circuit Court?

The Circuit Court of Washtenaw County is the court of general trial jurisdiction. It handles cases in three major areas of the law: criminal (25% of the caseload); civil (25% of the caseload); and family law (50% of the caseload).

The objective of the Circuit Court and its judges should be to process these cases in an efficient, fair-minded manner so that each case is given the attention required to properly dispose of the issues and fairly hear the litigants.

In our county, the criminal law docket seems to run quite smoothly. There are time deadlines that must be met when people are charged with criminal acts, and these deadlines are uniformly met by the court. As citizens, I am sure we all agree that a person's constitutional rights should be protected, a fair trial should be awarded in a timely fashion and a determination of guilt or innocence made leading to acquittal or swift and appropriate punishment.

However, the civil and family law areas of the Circuit Court do not operate as efficiently or as expeditiously as the criminal area. In many instances, there are long delays and difficulty in obtaining trial dates for final hearings.

Many times a trial will be set, and it will be adjourned because of a pending criminal matter which takes priority.

I think it is very important that the Circuit Court process the cases in all three areas of the law so that people's rights are protected, and they receive a fair hearing in a timely fashion.

Nationwide studies have shown that unnecessary delays in the judicial system result in increased costs to the litigants and the public and diminish the likelihood of a fair result.

Because of the adverse consequences of unnecessary delay, I think it is crucial that as a Circuit Court judge I study the system and determine ways to assure that hearings will be held in a timely fashion and without unnecessary delay.

What in your background and experience qualifies you for Circuit Court judge?

I have been a lawyer for approximately 25 years. For over 20 years, I have practiced in the Circuit Court in the areas of criminal law and, more recently, civil and family law.

In addition to my extensive experience in the Circuit Court, I have been president of the Washtenaw County Bar Association and continue to assume a leadership role in that organization. Recently, I initiated the first Bench/Bar conference for the Washtenaw County Circuit Court. The leaders of the bar association met with the five circuit judges

for a half-day retreat to discuss the major problems facing the Circuit Court and methods to improve the processing of cases and the quality of service provided by the court.

I believe that in order for the Circuit Court to function effectively and in a quality manner in the coming decades, co-operation between the bar association and the bench is critical. My experience in the organization of the bar, as well as in the courtroom, provides me with the tools to implement this cooperation.

Why should we vote for you rather than your opponent?

I have lived in Ann Arbor for more than 25 years. After graduating from the University of Michigan Law School with honors, I practiced law and participated actively in the community in a number of different areas.

I have served on the Washtenaw County Legal Aid Board, the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Board, Ann Arbor Schools Committee on Excellence, the Ann Arbor Pioneer Band Association, Ann Arbor Schools PTO boards and fundraising committees for Huron Valley Ambulance and Washtenaw Community College.

My husband, Bob, and I have two children: Molly, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, and Melissa, a senior at the University of Michigan.

Because my family obligations have now diminished, I believe I have the time and energy to commit to the important task of the Circuit judge.

I believe I have the temperament, energy and commitment to hear each case that comes before the court on an individual basis, allowing it sufficient time to reach a fair and timely decision, and, secondly, I have the organizational skills to handle the sizeable court docket that a Circuit judge must manage.

The Bar Association of Washtenaw County recently polled their membership with regard to the four candidates who were in the primary election in August on the important qualifications for a judgeship: technical qualifications, work capacity, interpersonal skills, character traits and an overall category of general qualifications for judicial office.

I was given the highest rating for general qualifications for judicial office, and they rated me higher than my opponent in each of the other four categories.

The importance of this poll is that the people responding to the poll are attorneys who practice in the courts and recognize what qualities a judge must have.

sponsibilities during the interim, but denied that he would nominate his interim successor. That job, he said, would belong to the Board of Regents. Nevertheless, on Sept. 20, Porter named Wilbanks as his choice for interim executive, to be ratified by the Regents. If the Regents approve, Wilbanks will be taking over human resources, special projects, institutional advancement, legal affairs, computing and university planning, whose personnel directly report to Porter at present.

Once again, Guastello was the lone voice at EMU's uppermost levels criticizing the reported plan. Noting that Wilbanks has no doctoral degree, the former state senator questioned his credentials. Wilbanks, a high school golf and wrestling coach went on to become principal of the Regional Career Technical Center, a vocational high school serving several school districts, before being appointed secretary to EMU's Board of Regents in 1983.

Student and faculty leaders have been subdued in their reaction to the Wilbanks as interim president rumor. Their public rationale is that they prefer to concentrate their attention on the main prize, the permanent presidency. Privately, it is widely perceived that there is no person at the top levels of the university who is in a position to serve as interim president and who isn't tainted by the political patronage which pervades EMU's administration.

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PRESIDENT (from page 1)

Board of Regent's criteria for judging a potential new president's qualifications included no academic requirements. Guastello's motion to include a Ph.D. requirement died for lack of a second at the Regents' August meeting. The guidelines require "A record of professional success and an appreciation for and understanding of higher education."

The University, through Board of Regents Chairperson Geneva Titsworth (wife of State Representative Richard A. Young, D-Deerborn Heights), denied the rumors, insisting that the search would follow "the letter of the law." However, the search would largely be conducted in secret. Appointed to serve on the presidential search committee with Titsworth were regents John Burton (former mayor of Ypsilanti), Donald Shelton (former mayor of Saline) and William Simmons, along with three faculty members, one student, one alumnus and one community representative. The non-regents were to be chosen by Titsworth and the community representative would be nominated by Wilbanks.

Following the initial flap over the alleged plan to rig the presidential search in favor of Hawks, rumors circulated that Roy Wilbanks would be the Interim President between Jan. 1, 1989 and the installation of Porter's permanent replacement. In response to such reports in The Ann Arbor News and The Eastern Echo, Dr. Porter acknowledged that he would recommend that Wilbanks be given additional re-

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Speaking for the Voiceless

by Arlin Wasserman and Lisa Danto

On October 10, 1986 an earthquake devastated San Salvador, El Salvador's capital and the country's most densely populated area. Fifteen hundred people died; another 300,000 people became homeless. Most of those who lost their homes were already squeezed out of the economic mainstream by economic and military forces within the country. They lived in the slums because their former homes in the countryside had been destroyed by bombs or because they had been forced to flee from the army. A few came to San Salvador because it was the only place in the country where one could find a job.

After the earthquake, people built small communities from paper boxes and bits of wood and metal. Many of these communities were established on the edges of ravines so that water would be only a few hundred feet away, albeit straight down. Help hardly ever arrives.

The greatest hope for aid came from the United States which gave \$24 million for earthquake relief to the Salvadoran government in 1986. That is a small amount in contrast to the approximately \$2 billion in military aid the United States has given El Salvador in the past seven years, including \$400 million in military aid during 1987.

However, notoriously corrupt government officials have squandered almost all earthquake relief through padding of salaries and patronage fees. More blatant uses of aid monies have included contracts awarded to nonexistent Salvadoran corporations, "theft" of earthquake relief materials by the military, and sales of earthquake relief goods on the open market.

Michigan is one of several dozen states participating in the Union Nacional de Damnificados de El Salvador/Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador campaign (UNADES). UNADES was conceived by Salvadoran refugees in Washington, D.C. last April. The campaign was born out of the realization that U. S. government aid was not reaching those whom it was meant to reach.

In order to minimize the risk of the military pocketing the relief, UNADES-sponsored delegations of North Americans will bring money necessary for specific medical, nutritional and shelter needs of sister communities to El Salvador on a monthly basis. (The first delegation went down Sept. 15.) Each month UNADES will report on successes and problems, incorporating the best methods into its continued work. Delegations of Salvadorans will also come to Michigan to facilitate an exchange of information and culture.

The problems of corruption, and economic violence upon the majority of Salvadorans by the government and various corporations have led to a state of civil war which has existed for over eight years.

In this period, 20% of all Salvadorans have left the country. Of this group more than 500,000 have fled to the United States.

El Salvador is a country where seven in ten people are unemployed and one in four people is without food or shelter. The average per capita income is \$250 per year, which is a 38% decline in real wages since 1979.

600,000 people in El Salvador are without homes. About one million Salvadorans cannot afford both food and shelter and must choose between the two if they have any choice at all.

Additionally, El Salvador has the highest infant

mortality rate in Central America, with over 9% of children dying before reaching their first birthday. Life expectancy is 45 years.

As a result of military activity, since 1980 about 70,000 Salvadoran civilians have died and another 12,000 have been seriously wounded or permanently handicapped.

The U.S. government foots the bill for the bombings of agricultural lands by the Salvadoran Air Force and the subsequent displacement of campesino populations. This past year, the U.S. gave \$608 million dollars in aid to the Salvadoran government, 105% of the amount El Salvador contributed to its own budget. Two-thirds of this was direct military aid, making El Salvador the third largest recipient of U. S. military aid in the world. Keep in mind that this massive amount of aid goes to a country that has no hostile borders and supposedly is not engaged in any military conflicts.

It is too late to deny that there is a civil war in El Salvador. Yet that is what the mainstream U.S. media is trying to do. There are no stories of revolution in El Salvador across front pages or on television. The media labels the civilian resistance Marxist-Leninist; there have been stories attempting to tie the FMLN, an opposition front, to Mohammad Qaddafi. And, while the Reagan administration's support of President Duarte and the military-backed ruling ARENA party has gone unreported, so has Michael Dukakis's meeting with members of the conservative Christian Democratic Movement a few weeks before the Democratic National Convention.

Within the United States, the FBI has investigated numerous organizations supportive of Salvadoran self-determination. Former FBI agents reported that information was shared with Salvadoran death squads. In an attempt to silence the sanctuary movement, death squads have entered the United States, carrying out acts of sexual assault, kidnapping, and physical and psychological torture against Salvadorans in sanctuary or political asylum in the United States.

In El Salvador, illiteracy, hunger and homelessness are on the rise. There is no indication of compliance with the Arias plan, which calls for a basic guarantee of human rights and recognition of political opposition by the government. Since the election earlier this year brought the right-wing ARENA party into control, death-squad activity in El Salvador has increased.

The Going Home campaign is organizing financial and technical assistance so that displaced Salvadorans may return to their homeland and live independently of the government, thereby challenging its legitimacy. Going Home is also sponsoring campaigns to help food reach malnourished communities throughout El Salvador. They may be contacted at: Going Home/Share Foundation Box 24 Cardinal Station Washington DC 20064 or at (202) 635-5540.

On the local level, Michigan is participating in the UNADES/Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador campaign which works with the earthquake victims in San Salvador. The three communities of displaced people with which Michigan will have a sister relationship with are: Las Rosas, Trujillo and Plan del Pito. UNADES can be contacted at Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador, 1000 East State Fair, Detroit MI, 48203.

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FORMAT—Date, event, sponsor, time, and place. One or two sentence description, (fee), phone number.

Unless otherwise noted, all events listed in the CALENDAR are free and open to the public (including all committee meetings). Also, all locations are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.

1 Saturday

"The John Watkins Blues Band": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

2 Sunday

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Homeless Action Committee 6 pm, Mich. Union (ask at CIC desk for location). 662-4975 or 930-2959

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. 996-8555

3 Monday

Meeting: World Hunger Education Action Committee (WHE/AC) 6 pm, 4202 Michigan Union. 663-4301

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 665-0606

"Michael Johnson and the Killer Bees": Blind Pig 208 S. First. Reggae from Austin. 996-8555

4 Tuesday

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show 6 pm on 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501

Carla Bley & Steve Swallow: Eclipse Jazz 8 pm and 10 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. Keyboardist Carla Bley performs duets with bassist Steve Swallow. Bley and Swallow's work is characterized by swinging melodies infused with raucous energy. \$10.50. 763-0046

Ann Arbor Poetry Slam #3 8 to 11 pm, Old Heidelberg, 215 N. Main. The first hour is an open mike, the second hour is a performance by Detroit poet Ron Allen, and the last hour is the "poetry slam," a contest where poets compete for a cash prize. 667-1910 or 764-0410

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Organizing Committee (LAGROC) 8:30 pm, 3100 Michigan Union. 763-4186

"Michael Johnson and the Killer Bees": Blind Pig (see 3 Mon)

5 Wednesday

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

CALENDAR



Luis Enrique Mejia Godoy and MANCOTAL, Nicaragua's premier band, play a combination of salsa, folk, rock and jazz. Named for Mancotal, the mountain peak where Sandinista hero "El Danto" was killed, the group has become representative of the spirit of the new Nicaragua to the world (with Billy Bragg and Michele Shocked, Power Center, see 17 Mon)

"In Vain": The Beat 215 N. Main. \$3. 663-7758

"Bim Skala Bim": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

6 Thursday

"Patterson" Panel Discussion: National Lawyers Guild Topic: Patterson v. McLean Credit Union case. Black Law Students Association, Lesbian and Gay Law Students, and Asian American Law Students Association. Call 763-2300 or 747-1596 for time and location.

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 8 pm, The Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Edward Albee's gut wrenching dramatic classic. \$8/\$6 students & seniors. 663-0681

"NUHU": Blind Pig 208 S. First. Reggae from Jamaica. 996-8555

"Big Box of Nines": The Beat Rock-n-roll night club at 215 N. Main. \$3. 663-7758

7 Friday

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 5:30 to 7 pm, 306 N. Division. 761-9475

Grads and Professionals Veggie Shabbat Potluck Dinner: Hillel 7:30 pm, Lawyer's Club, Law School. 769-0500

B.B. King: Prism Productions 7:30 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. The Legendary "King of the Blues." \$16.50, \$12.50 reserved seating. 423-6666 or 665-4755

Square Dance Class: Scoot'n Annies 7:30 pm, Dixboro Methodist Church, Plymouth Rd., Dixboro). No experience or partner needed. \$3. 764-7978 or 764-0028

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 8 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 8 pm (see 6 Thur)

"Second Self": Blind Pig 208 S. First. Record release party. 996-8555

8 Saturday

First Annual Blind Pig Blues Festival 8 pm, 208 S. First. Robert Penn Blues Band, Zoom & the Paybacks, Butler Twins, Eddie Burns, Johnny Jones. 996-8555

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 8 pm (see 6 Thur)

"To Kill a Mockinbird": Hill Street Cinema 8:30 pm, Aud. A, Angell Hall. 1963 screen adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel with Gregory Peck as the southern lawyer confronting the hatred and prejudice in his community. 769-0500

9 Sunday

News/Feature DEADLINE: AGENDA November issue news/feature first drafts due, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 996-8018.

Crop Walk: World Hunger Education Action Committee (WHE/AC) All are encouraged to walk or sponsor walkers. Call WHE/AC for details. 663-4301

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 2 pm (see 6 Thur)

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 2 Sun)

Regular Monthly Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) Doors open at 7 pm, meeting begins at 7:30 pm, St. Aidan's/ Northside Church, 1679 Broadway (near Bursley-Baits on the U-M North Campus). Newcomers are always welcome. Sheila Tobias, educator, dynamic speaker and co-author of "The People's Guide to National Defense," will give a slide show and talk that is an objective, unflinching examination of the superabundance of bombs, missiles, etc. Child care is available. For more information, please call 761-1718.

The Church: Prism Productions 7:30 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Arista recording artists from Australia with special guests "Wire," and Tom Verlaine (formerly of Television). \$16.50 665-4755

Bible Interpretation: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Topic: "Book of Revelations." 482-9600

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

10 Monday

Meeting: WHE/AC 6 pm (see 3 Mon)

Meeting: Parents-FLAG/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm, First Methodist Church. 763-4186

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 3 Mon)

"The Hamblin Fanucci Band": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

11 Tuesday

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show 6 pm (see 4 Tue)

Meeting: Amnesty International Group 61 7:30 pm, Mich. Union (ask at CIC desk for location). Letter writing and other activities to free prisoners of conscience and protect human rights around the world. 761-3639

"From Marjorie Morningstar to Dirty Dancing: Jewish Women in American Film": B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation 7:30 pm, Angell Hall. Women in Judaism Series features discussion of Jewish women

in American film with Letty Cottin Pogrebin, an editor of Ms. magazine. 769-0500

"The Oppression of Women of Color": Solidarity 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. A talk by Susan Andrade. 665-2709

School of Metaphysics: New Class in Applied Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. \$8 minimum weekly donation. 482-9600.

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Organizing Committee (LAGROC) 8:30 pm (see 4 Tue)

"Patterson" Candlelight Vigil: Patterson Coalition of Law Student Organizations Part of nationwide vigil on eve of oral arguments before the U. S. Supreme Court on the Patterson v. McLean Credit Union case. Call 763-2300 or 747-1596 for time and location.

"The Busboys": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

12 Wednesday

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

"Social Fabric": The Beat 215 N. Main. \$3. 663-7758

The Taxi Gang: Prism Productions 10 pm, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. A night of Reggae featuring Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare, with special guests Maxi Priest and Freddie MacGregor. \$14.50. 665-4755

"The New Adventures": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

13 Thursday

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 8 pm (see 6 Thur)

"The Sanctum": The Beat 215 N. Main. \$3. 663-7758

"The Difference": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

14 Friday

Teach-in on Homelessness: Ann Arbor Homeless Action Committee Videos on the problem of homelessness, followed by discussion. Call for time and place. 662-4973 or 930-2959

Women's Tea: (WCC) 5:30 to 7 pm (see 7 Fri)

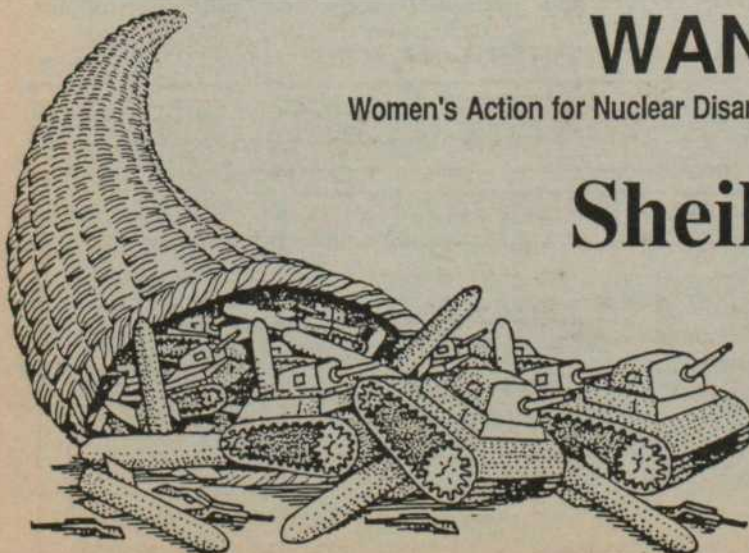
Square Dance Class: Scoot'n Annies 7:30 pm (see 7 Fri)

Metaphysical "Rap" Session: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Mich. Ave., Ypsi. 482-9600

Gay Men's Coffee House 8 pm (see 7 Fri)

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 8 pm (see 6 Thur)

"Firehose": Blind Pig 208 S. First. Plus "Screaming Trees." 996-8555



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15 Saturday

Teach-in on Homelessness:
Ann Arbor Homeless Action Committee 10 am, Pendleton Rm., Mich. Union. Panels, workshops and entertainment. 662-4973 or 930-2959

Calendar & Community Resource Directory Deadline:
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"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 8 pm (see 6 Thur)

"The Scott Morgan Band": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

16 Sunday

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?": West End Productions 2 pm (see 6 Thur)

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 2 Sun)

Poetry Reading: Falling Water Books & Collectables 7 pm, 318 S. Ashley. The first public reading from Ann Arbor writers Sandy Farmer and Deborah Brown. 747-9810

Bible Interpretation: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm (see 9 Sun)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

17 Monday

Meeting: WHE/AC 6 pm (see 3 Mon)

Opening Ceremony of the Ella Baker/Nelson Mandela Center for Anti-Racist Education: UCAR 7 pm, room 3, East Engineering. The Center is a project of the United Coalition Against Racism (UCAR) to promote anti-racist scholarship, educational resources, and anti-racist organizing. 936-1809

Billy Bragg, Michelle Shocked, MANCOTAL: Prism Productions/U-M's Office of Major Events 7:30 pm, Power Center, 121 Fletcher. No band, no experimental haircut, no bullshit Billy Bragg headlines this musical, cultural, and political summit. With Polygram recording artist Michelle Shocked, and special guests from Nicaragua, MANCOTAL. \$14.50 reserved seating. 665-4755

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 3 Mon)

18 Tuesday

Israel-Diaspora Relations: Hillel 7:30 pm (place to be announced). A discussion with Jay Shapiro, author of "From Both Sides Now: A Survey of Israel-Diaspora Relations." 769-0500

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show 6 pm (see 4 Tue)

Rigoberta Menchu: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm, Nat. Sci. Aud. Menchu, a Guatemalan Indian leader known internationally for her human rights work, will report on her recent visit to Guatemala. 663-0655

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Organizing Committee (LAGROC) 8:30 pm (see 4 Tue)

"The Incredible Casuals": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

19 Wednesday

Mercedes Sosa: Office of Major Events 8 pm, Power Center. Argentinian Sosa has recorded more than 20 albums, including one dedicated to the works of Chilean composer Violeta Parra. 763-TKTS

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

"Ash Can Van Gogh": The Beat Rock-n-roll night club at 215 N. Main, \$3. 663-7758

"Idyll Roomers": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

20 Thursday

"13 Engines": The Beat Rock-n-roll night club at 215 N. Main, \$3. 663-7758

"Barrence Whitfield and the Savages": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

21 Friday

"The Inherent Radicalism of Law School and Other Unlikely Stories": U-M National Lawyers Guild 3:30 pm, room 100, Hutchins Hall. NLG Critical Legal Studies Lecture Series features James Boyle, Associate Prof at Washington College of Law and author of numerous articles. 763-2300

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 5:30 to 7 pm (see 7 Fri)

Folk Art Exhibit from the New World: Orchid Lane 6 to 8 pm, 330 S. State. An exhibit of textiles, jewelry, daily objects, etc. as well as live Southern French Flamenco Music and refreshments. 662-1998

Square Dance Class: Scoot'n Annies 7:30 pm (see 7 Fri)

"Dreams—The Journey Within": School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. 482-9600

Gil Scott-Heron: Eclipse Jazz 8 pm, Mendelssohn Theater, 911 N. University. Poet, singer, songwriter, bluesologist, and master of polemical rap, Scott-Heron combines blues, funk, jazz, poetry, commentary and satire in classic songs like "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised," "We Almost Lost Detroit," and "B-Movie." \$10.50. 763-0046

"Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555



Melody Maker calls Gil Scott-Heron the "most dangerous musician alive." Soul Magazine calls him The Minister of Information." Don't miss the master of polemical rap! (Mendelssohn Theater, see 21 Fri)

22 Saturday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 5:30 pm (see 21 Fri)

Yorum Boker Mime Troupe: Hill Street Forum/Celebration of Jewish Arts 8 pm, Mendelssohn Theater. 769-0500

Annual Harvest Dance: Huron Valley Community Church 8 pm to 1 am, 1001 Green Rd. The primary mission of the church is to serve the gay and lesbian community, their friends and family. This event will feature DJ music, dancing, autumn decorations, and snack food. No drugs or alcohol please. \$3 donation. 763-4186

"Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band": Blind Pig (see 21 Fri)

23 Sunday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 12 noon to 4:30 pm (see 21 Fri)

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 2 Sun)

Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry Symposium: B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation 7 pm, Rackham. 769-0500

Bible Interpretation: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm (see 9 Sun)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

24 Monday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 5:30 pm (see 21 Fri)

Meeting: World Hunger Education/Action Committee (WHE/AC) 6 pm (see 3 Mon)

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 3 Mon)

"A Flock of Seagulls": Blind Pig Plus "New Marines." 208 S. First. 996-8555

25 Tuesday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 5:30 pm (see 21 Fri)

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show 6 pm (see 4 Tue)

Meeting: Bread for the World 7:30 pm, Memorial Christian Church, 730 Tappan. Discussion of domestic and international hunger issues along with legislative updates. 487-9058

"The Paradox of Social Democracy in the U.S.": Solidarity 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. A talk by Justin Schwartz, Prof. at Kalamazoo College. 665-2709

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Organizing Committee (LAGROC) 8:30 pm (see 4 Tue)

"Game Theory": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

26 Wednesday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 5:30 pm (see 21 Fri)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

"Walk the Dogma": The Beat Rock-n-roll night club at 215 N. Main, \$3. 663-7758

"Dog Soldier": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

27 Thursday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 8 pm (see 21 Fri)

"The Difference": The Beat Rock-n-roll night club at 215 N. Main, \$3. 663-7758

"Iodine Raincoats": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

28 Friday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 8 pm (see 21 Fri)

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 5:30 to 7 pm (see 7 Fri)

Square Dance Class: The Scoot'n Annies 7:30 pm (see 7 Fri)

"Tracy Lee & the Leonards": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

29 Saturday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 5:30 pm (see 21 Fri)

"Wizard of Oz" Metaphysical Interpretation: School of Metaphysics 1 to 6 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. \$5 minimum donation. 482-9600

"Blood Simple": Hill Street Cinema 8:30 pm, MLB 4. Highly acclaimed thriller. 769-0500

"Tracy Lee & the Leonards": Blind Pig 208 S. First. 996-8555

30 Sunday

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 2 Sun)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 2 Sun)

New World Art: Orchid Lane 12 noon to 4:30 pm (see 21 Fri)


31 Monday

New World Art: Orchid Lane 10 am to 5:30 pm (see 21 Fri)

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 3 Mon)

"The Del-Rays": Blind Pig 208 S. First. Halloween party. 996-8555

JUST-IN: 18 Tuesday
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COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY (CRD): CRD listings should contain your group's current activities and news. Include your meeting times and places which will be automatically inserted in the Calendar. For a minimum fee, your organization can greatly increase its public visibility through the CRD. CRD entries for October are due September 15. Call for more information.

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DEADLINES for November issue: October 9: News/feature first drafts. **October 15:** Calendar & Community Resource Directory listings.

AGENDA, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 996-8018.

Sheila Tobias to Address WAND

At WAND's October meeting, WAND and Physicians for Social Responsibility will present Sheila Tobias, educator, dynamic speaker and co-author of "The People's Guide to National Defense." Tobias will give a slide show and talk that is an objective, unflinching examination of the super-abundance of bombs, missiles, etc. Her book has been called "lucid, instructive, and riveting—the book that tells you everything you always wanted to know about the military-industrial complex but were afraid to ask." Tobias is also known for establishing one of the first women's studies courses in the country at Cornell in the late 60's, for her formulation of math anxiety and avoidance as feminist issues, and for winning the lawsuit brought against her by High Frontier—the right-wing organization—for her videotape rebutting a High Frontier film that promotes Star Wars. She is a Visiting Scholar in Political Science at the University of Arizona.

The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 9, at St. Aidan's/ Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor (near Bursley-Baits on the U-M North Campus). Newcomers are always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting

begins at 7:30 pm. Child care is available. For more information, please call 761-1718.

PURPOSE: WAND's goals are to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of continued nuclear arms buildup, to influence our congressional representatives by informed lobbying, and to empower people, especially women, personally and politically.

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP: Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday night of every month at St. Aidan's/Northside Church (note new location), 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor. Child care is available. Call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 for a message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and upcoming events. Our Speaker's Bureau provides trained speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums and rallies on a variety of issues. Contact Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869.

Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Inc. (WAND), P.O. Box 1815, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 761-1718.

Solidarity Calls for a Left Turn

The first issue of Solidarity's student magazine "Left Turn" has just been published and is available in Ann Arbor. It features interviews with Ray Davis, executive director of the D.C. Student Coalition Against Racism, and with a Korean student on the current state of student politics in Korea; a debate on feminist politics; four perspectives on the shape of the U.S. student movement following the Rutgers Conference; and pieces on student struggles in El Salvador, the Western Civilization debate, and union organizing on east coast campuses. A one year sub—four issues—runs a ridiculously cheap \$2. If you would like to purchase a copy of the first issue or take out a subscription, call 665-2709.

Or pick up a copy at a Solidarity Discussion

series meeting. On October 11, Susan Andrade of the U-M Comp. Lit. Dept. will speak on "The Oppression of Women of Color". On Oct. 25, Justin Schwartz, Philosophy and Political Science professor from Kalamazoo College, will do some Duke bashing as he speaks on "The Paradox of Social Democracy in the U.S." Both events get under way at the Guild House (802 Monroe) at 7:30 pm and are free. All are welcome.

Solidarity is an organization committed to building a non-sectarian socialist movement in the U.S. We are socialist activists who participate in the struggles against racism and sexism, as well as the struggles for lesbian and gay rights. We firmly

(see SOLIDARITY, page 10)

"Speakout" Against Police Discrimination

On Tuesday, July 27, as we reported in last month's issue, a woman was beaten outside the Nectarine Ballroom because she was a lesbian. On Tues., Aug. 9, 300 people rallied to protest the mishandling of the incident by the police. Many other incidents of police discrimination have occurred. An Anti-Violence-and-Discrimination Task Force has been formed to bring about change in the City police department so that the police will be accountable to citizens and do not discriminate against lesbians, gay men, people of color, women, the poor, and other minorities.

The Task Force met with the Chief of Police and other City officials on Sept. 26. We and the Human Rights Commission will be sponsoring a "speakout" on cases of discrimination. We need you to help out. We need people to provide us with accounts of police discrimination against minorities. We need to know of any cases in which you or someone you know has been discriminated against because you are a minority. We need people to give us information on police procedures and training, affirmative action, and anti-discrimination measures that have been taken in other cities. We need your time, your ideas, and any others resources you may have (contacts, money, free photocopying, etc.), so that you and we may effect positive social change in Ann Arbor. Please call us: Linda (747-6848); Brian (994-5403).

Events this month (for local events, see Calendar): N.O.W. is sponsoring a Lesbian Rights Conference to be held October 7-10 in San Diego. For information: NOW Nat. Action Ctr., 1401 New York Ave., N.W., Suite 800, Washington DC 20005, or Renee McCoy at 537-0484. The AIDS quilt (Names Project) will be lovingly displayed on the Mall in Washington on October 8 and 9. "National Coming-Out Day" is October 11. Information: 763-4186.

Gay Liberation's Purpose is to provide information, counseling, and related social services for people concerned about sexual orientation: (1) maintain Hotline for crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral; (2) help provide factual information to offset prejudice and misinformation about lesbians and gay men; (3) work to obtain human and civil rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation; (4) help lesbian and gay men's groups organize; (5) link to other community groups.

Community Services include a Hotline: crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral. **Education:** workshops and conferences on lesbian and gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how people in the "helping professions" and "teaching professions" can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, students. **Speakers Bureau:** phone for information. **Human & Civil Rights:** information and referral to help people under discrimination because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation or because of their presumed "cross-gender" characteristics; lobbying for human and civil rights. **Community Organizing:** information and assistance in organizing groups, setting goals, addressing conflict, linking with other groups and resources.

Gay Liberation Meetings vary according to purpose; we do most of our work in sub-committees (counseling, groupwork, education, civil rights). Call for time and place. Gay Liberation includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community.

Gay Liberation, c/o 4117 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 763-4186; hotline: 662-1977.

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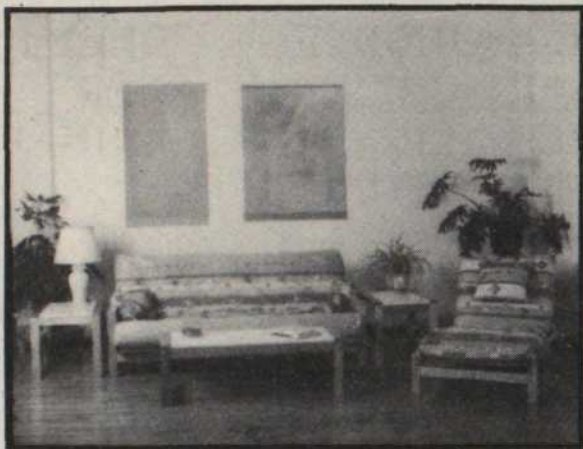
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SOLIDARITY (from page 9)

believe that any socialist movement worthy of the name must join in these struggles now rather than perpetuate the illusion that they can either be separated from or take a back seat to the class struggle.

We oppose the growing U.S. drive toward war, whether that be in the Middle East or Central America. We support the PLO in its struggle against Israeli oppression. We see the need for international soli-

darity among working people and the oppressed in a period of concessions, deindustrialization, unemployment and the growing debt crisis. We believe in a creative rethinking of socialism for the 90's in which an open environment and a variety of views is more important than presenting a monolithic face to the world or engaging in pretenses of being "the vanguard."

Solidarity, 507 W. Huron St., Apt. #1, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 665-2709.

Women's Crisis Center Offers Training

The Women's Crisis Center (WCC) is offering a new training for women who are committed to social change, but who haven't had experience as activists. The training will be participatory, and the group will gain hands-on experience through organizing an event. Women will learn nuts-and-bolts information about community organizing, and participate in discussions and exercises about why and how we want to organize. A special emphasis will be placed on economic issues and housing rights. After the training, women can get involved at the Women's Crisis Center or other groups to do organizing work. Trainings will be Tuesday evenings from Nov. 15 through December 6. There is a sliding-scale training fee. Child care is available. For more information, or to sign up for an interview, call 761-9475 between Oct. 11 and Nov. 11.

Other WCC events include a lesbian coffee-house in Nov., Women's Teas every Friday from 5:30 to 7 pm, and our annual phone-a-thon in late October. Women interested in volunteering can call to sign up for volunteer orientations. WCC needs to move and is asking for community support to find an affordable, accessible location.

The Women's Crisis Center continues to offer free peer counseling and referrals to any woman who calls. Our crisis line number is 994-9100. Counseling hours are usually 10 am to 10 pm. WCC is located at 306 N. Division, Ann Arbor MI, 48104.

The Women's Crisis Center, 306 N. Division, Ann Arbor MI, 48104 Crisis line: 994-9100, Business: 761-9475

WHE-AC Hosts Ravi Khanna Lecture

Fall is here and the World Hunger Education Action Committee (WHE-AC) is continuing its commitment to further understand the complex social, environmental, economic and political forces that both create and promote world hunger.

WHE-AC is already preparing for the Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest which will take place in mid-November. Our goal is to raise awareness of local and global hunger issues and to raise funds for Oxfam America, an international grassroots development organization. Last year we were able to raise \$8,000. Fifty percent of those funds went to Oxfam America for development projects; the other fifty percent went to local hunger organizations. In late October of this year the co-director of Oxfam America's Fast for a World Harvest, Ravi Khanna, will be in Ann Arbor to present a lecture on the purpose of fasting and the implication of a national fast. Fliers, advertising this event, will be posted in the third week of October.

WHE-AC is also helping organize the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 9, 1988. We encourage people

to walk or sponsor walkers (see Calendar for more information).

The farmers training project in the Philippines which WHE-AC adopted through Overseas Development Network is now fully funded thanks to donations from the community and a benefit concert which was held in August.

WHE-AC is a campus based organization whose focus is the education of the community about the causes of and the solutions to world hunger. We recognize that true development can only be achieved by the empowerment of people on a grassroots level. With this in mind, we work closely with Oxfam America, Overseas Development Network, and the Institute for Food and Development Policy. WHE-AC is interested in your ideas and concerns about hunger issues and development. We meet every Monday night at 6 pm in 4202 Michigan Union.

The World Hunger Education Action Committee, 4202 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 663-4301.

PATRONAGE (from page 1)

This year University Relations handled the job. Kirk Profit and a number of Ypsilanti Township candidates had ads in the program. Also included were a number of township businesses and professionals, notably ones which have contracts with the township. Rutledge and less well-connected candidates were not approached and thus not given the opportunity to advertise in that forum. Also excluded from participation in the program were all businesses in Depot Town.

As election day drew closer, Profit held a number of very successful fund raising events. One of these, directed at the EMU faculty, administration and staff, was held at the home of Roy Wilbanks.

Faculty members got invitations to this event on stationery bearing the EMU logo. The invitations listed Wilbanks and several other Eastern administrators and staff as co-sponsors of the event.

The invitations had every appearance of being printed on EMU's regular stationery. However, sources with the Profit campaign denied that EMU provided the stationery when questioned.

EMU officials admitted, however, that the invitations were printed by the University. Wilbanks said that EMU routinely accepts outside printing jobs, and that Profit's campaign would be billed. On the other hand, EMU spokesperson Kathleen Tinney contradicted Wilbanks's statement by saying that, "University employees are always eligible to use the

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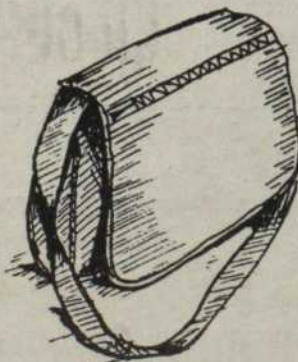
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university printing facilities at cost...We offer to university employees the opportunity to use EMU printing facilities. They pay cash for the service and are charged a sales tax" (The Ann Arbor News, 7/20/88). Kirk Profit has never been an employee of EMU.

Meanwhile, as part of a non-partisan effort to increase student participation in the August primary, EMU student government sought a list of the summer addresses of dormitory students who are registered to vote in Ypsilanti. The plan was to send absentee ballot applications to these 200 to 300 voters. EMU Student Body President Jerry Raymond made this request in the spring, shortly after the end of the winter semester. He was told that the list would be forthcoming, and later that it had been prepared by the university. Yet despite many requests, the list was never given to the student government. The absentee ballot applications were not sent out. Student participation in the primary was amazingly low, even by usual poor standards of student voter turnout.

As it turned out, Profit lost the City of Ypsilanti by a small margin, trounced Rutledge in Ypsilanti Township, and carried the district by around one thousand votes.

EMU's institutional support for the Kirk Profit campaign has continued beyond the primary election. Doris Komblevitz, the University's liaison with the state government, made calls from her EMU office during working hours to solicit volunteers for the Profit campaign, according to Raymond. Raymond, who also chairs the Ypsilanti Democratic Party, was the recipient of such solicitations. While not disputing anybody's right to work for a political candidate, Raymond characterized the use of university offices for partisan campaigning "improper."

As a result of EMU's partisan tilt toward Profit, the public is starting to wonder about the extent of political patronage at EMU. There is also an increased willingness on the part of faculty and student leaders to openly discuss it. Previously, many who privately deplored EMU's patronage games nevertheless recognized that Gary Owen did bring a lot of money to EMU.

Since Owen announced that he would not seek re-election, EMU's budget appropriations have been smaller than in recent years.

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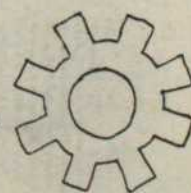
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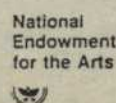
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