



## CRIME, TAXES TOP ISSUES



By Suzanne Kitts

November seventh elections this year include voting for candidates for 18 different offices, and for 11 ballot proposals.

The eleven proposals are of important consequence to public policy in our state. The following is a brief explanation of each of the proposals.

**A: CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
At Issue: Whether a constitutional convention should be called to draft a new State Constitution.

Explanation: Article XII, Section 3, of our current State Constitution, which was adopted by the electorate in 1963, requires this issue to be put to a vote of the people on the 1978 general election ballot and every 16 years thereafter. Thus, Proposal A was automatically guaranteed a spot on this November's ballot.

**B: RESTRICTED PAROLE**

At Issue: Whether felons convicted of violent crimes should be forced to serve minimum sentences set by the courts.

Explanation: Proposal B is one of six issues which won a spot on the November ballot as the result of petition drives. It would amend state law to require felons convicted of crimes of violence in Michigan to serve at least their minimum sentences before they could become eligible for parole. Crimes of violence would include murder, armed robbery, rape, kidnapping, or any other serious felony where a citizen is injured or the potential for injury existed.

Under current state law, persons convicted of violent criminal activity are given both a minimum and maximum sentence. Minimum sentences may be reduced at the discretion of the parole board. It is based on a formula which allows "time off for good behavior."

**C: INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

At Issue: Whether the state should be allowed to invest and deposit public funds in any type of state or federally chartered financial institution.

Explanation: This issue was placed on the ballot as the result of legislative passage of a joint resolution. Proposal C would amend the State Constitution to permit the investment and deposit of public funds, other than retirement or endowment monies, in state or federally chartered banks, savings and loan institutions, or credit unions. The Constitution currently limits such investments and deposits solely to banks.

**D: THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE**

At Issue: Whether the minimum legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in Michigan should be raised to 21.

Explanation: Proposal D was placed on the November ballot as the result of an initiative petition drive. It would amend the State Constitution to prohibit anyone

below the age of 21 from purchasing, possessing, or consuming alcoholic beverages. It would further make it illegal for anyone to sell or give alcoholic beverages to any person who has not yet turned 21.

Michigan's legal drinking age has been 18 since 1972, the year the Legislature approved the comprehensive Age of Majority Law which granted 18-year-olds the full rights and responsibilities of adults. The legal drinking age is scheduled to go up to 19, however, effective December 3, as a result of legislative passage of a two-bill package earlier this year.

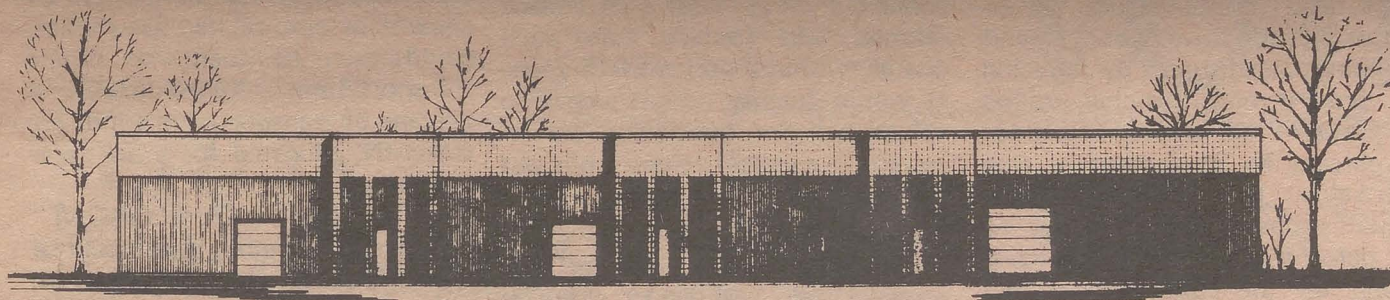
**E: THE HEADLEE PROPOSAL**

At Issue: Whether state revenues and expenditures should be limited.

Explanation: Proposal E was placed on the ballot via an initiative petition drive sponsored by Taxpayers United for Tax Limitation. It, too, would amend the State Constitution.

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## New Addition Saves Dollars



Front view of Technical Lab Building, drawn by R. S. Scott Associates, Engineers

By Connie Roeske

A technical laboratory building is now being built by the Crittenden Construction Co. behind the Besser Tech Center to provide laboratory classrooms for the auto body, construction and industrial training classes. This project is made possible by funding from the Besser Foundation and the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, a federal agency providing economic development in northern Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The building will contain 9,600 square feet of floor space for technical classrooms and was originally estimated to cost \$250,000. An additional \$36,395 has been added to that making a total of approximately \$296,000.

The largest area of the building will be used for the auto body shop, which will contain a spray paint booth. Because of the paint

fumes that will exist there, a special air filtering system will be constructed on the roof above the paint booth. The electricity is wired so that the power to the building will be automatically shut off if a malfunction should occur in the air filtering process. This will prevent use of the spray booth without the ventilation that is required by the fire marshal. Separate septic tank, drywell, and water, and small storage bin for paint thinners and flammable paints must be built outside of the building.

The extra requirements are worth the effort since the Auto Body Shop will no longer have to lease space from Alpena Collision for their painting labs, saving a great deal of college funds.

The second major use will be a construction lab. This is the first year for the construction course at ACC and next year the second-year students will be in need of a laboratory classroom.

The additional classroom area is planned to be used for the apprentice carpenters and electricians who will each use the building for one day per week. The remaining days are open for lab needs in other areas, one possibility being small engine repair. In any event the space will be shared by various departments.

The remaining area of the building will consist of three offices, two tool cribs and storage and supply rooms, plus one men's and one women's restroom.

Heat costs will be minimal for this building because there are few windows to let the heat escape, but the maintenance of the building's three heaters will be difficult, since they will be located on the roof like those above the concrete and auto labs in Besser Tech.

The new addition will fit nicely into the overall design of the college, with the style of brick

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## H Threatens Dean Position

By Arthur Kniep

Voters at the polls November 7 could directly affect a decision to appoint a new dean of students. Administrative sources agree on the requirements for selecting a replacement but when the position will be filled remains speculative due to Proposal H.

The position of dean has remained open since Dean Souden submitted his resignation, effective October 1, to accept a position at Lansing Community College.

According to Dr. Charles Donnelly Alpena Community College President, should the vacancy be filled, a "community college person" would be sought. "I want the most experienced person in community college systems, especially financial aid," said Donnelly. The position requires a great deal of student contact and counseling.

Because the community college student differs in age, background and financial status, Donnelly reasons that a traditional four year college approach would not suffice.

While Donnelly and other administrative officials appear to agree on requirements for the position, realities of filling the vacancy are still up in the air.

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# EDITORIAL

## Ryan designs nameplate

Just before school started this fall, the newspaper staff and the faculty advisor met in the Polemic office to talk about forthcoming issues. The publications board had just approved our proposal to publish every two weeks. Analysis of the newspaper last spring had prompted this request, and now, we discussed the possibility of other changes.

We went through stacks of college papers looking for ideas and decided that the format needed overhauling, four columns instead of three, less white space and composed headlines. The old "heads"

lurched across the paper like befuddled drunks. We also needed more photos, more art work, in other words, a new, updated image, and, ——— a new name.

Because we believe in "by the student, for the student", we approached Ron Hamilton, head of the art department, with the suggestion that the design class help us with the art work for the new nameplate. Hamilton outlined the project to his students and three weeks later we received several excellent designs.

The staff chose Kathy Ryan's trim, contemporary sketch because it embodies the spirit and concept we want the newspaper to present.

We wish to thank Hamilton and the students of Design I and II; Margie Alexander, Michael Budreau, Kim Janci, Dawn Muringer, Christopher Pemberton and Dwayne

Zgorski, for working on the Campus Update project.

Our special thanks and congratulations to Ryan for her outstanding design. We hope our readers like it too.

## Prohibition

### 1978-style

Proposal D is a proposal to prohibit alcoholic beverages from being sold to, or possessed for purposes of personal consumption by, a person under the age of 21. This proposal, if passed, will certainly effect the colleges' activities with their beverage policies. What was done in the colleges before the 18 year old

person was granted the full rights and responsibilities of adults, in 1972? Apparently, law makers feel they made a mistake when they granted 18 year olds the right to drink. They feel that 18-year-olds are not responsible enough for thier actions. According to the statistics, the lowering of the drinking age has resulted in a considerable increase in the amount of automobile ac- In a sense, prohibiting 18-year-olds to drink alcoholic beverages resembles the Prohibition in the 1920's; citizens were given the taste of the "fire waters" and later were prohibited to consume it legally. The results of the passing of the proposal will not be clear until it is proved that the consumption fo liquor is decreased. Will this issue of the drinking age attract more yōunger voters to the polls?

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Specifically, this proposal would limit state taxes (and thus, spending), excluding federal aid, to the current ratio of total state personal income (approximately 9.4 percent). It would further limit the taxing powers of local units of government by requiring that all new requests for taxes be submitted to the voters for approval. In addition, it would require the state to back up with financial support any state-mandated programs.

Currently, our State Constitution prohibits deficit spending, thus limiting expenditures to the total amount of revenue generated by various state taxes. It contains no link, however, between the personal income of Michigan residents and the state's capability for generating revenue.

#### G: STATE POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

At Issue: Whether State Police troopers should be granted the right to bargain collectively.

Explanation: This proposal won a spot on the ballot through an initiative petition drive spearheaded by the Michigan State Police Troopers Association. It would amend the State Constitution by giving troopers and sergeants collective bargaining rights on compensation, hours, working conditions, retirement, pension, and all other aspects of employment, except promotions and performance. It would further require compulsory arbitration of any disputes not resolved within 30 days after collective bargaining begins. The State Constitution currently prohibits collective bargaining for all state employees and gives the State Civil Service Commission the authority to set conditions of employment.

#### H: THE VOUCHER PLAN

At Issue: Whether public education funds should go directly to parents for the purpose of enrolling their children in the public, private or parochial school of their choice.

Explanation: Proposal H would dramatically change the present system of funding education in Michigan via an amendment to our State Constitution. This plan would

give parents a voucher to pay for their children's enrollment at either a public, private or parochial school anywhere in the state. Property taxes as a means of financing schools would be eliminated. It is not specified in the Proposal exactly how this lost revenue would be replaced, but it is likely that the Legislature would act to raise the state personal income tax, perhaps by about 2.5 percent, and increase the Single Business Tax as well.

#### J: THE TISCH PROPOSAL

At Issue: Whether the ceiling on the state equalized value of property, which is the base of the property tax, should be reduced form 50 to 25 percent.

Explanation: The Tisch Proposal, which also resulted from an initiative petition drive, would amend the State Constitution by reducing the present constitutional ceiling on property tax assessments from 50 percent to 25 percent of true cash value. It would further limit annual property tax increases to 2.5 percent, impose a 5.6 percent ceiling on the state income tax rate, and permit the Legislature to authorize school districts to impose

up to a one percent income tax with approval of the voters. It would also require the state to back up with financial support all state-mandated new or expanded activities or expenditures.

#### K: LIMITED BAIL

At Issue: Whether career criminals should be denied bail.

Explanation: Under this proposal, which was placed on the November ballot by the Legislature, the present constitutional right to bail (currently assured except in the cases of murder and treason) could be revoked for violent and habitual criminals.

Specifically, this proposed constitutional amendment would allow judges to deny bail to anyone convicted of at least two violent felonies, and facing a third such charge, within a period of 15 years. It would further permit judges to refuse bail for those who are arrested for a violent felony while out on bail, probation or parole granted for an earlier arrest or conviction for a violent felony, and to those arrested for first-degree criminal sexual conduct, armed robbery, or kidnapping for extortion, unless a

trial was not underway within 90 days of the bail denial.

#### M: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

At Issue: Whether a formula for allocating transportation funds should be prescribed in the State Constitution.

Explanation: This proposal is another which was placed on the ballot by legislative action. It would amend the State Constitution by establishing a formula for allocating transportation funds on roads and mass transportation needs in Michigan. Under this formula, no less than 90 percent of all monies collected through gas and weight taxes could go for road construction and improvements. The remaining 10 percent of gas and weight taxes, combined with no more than 25 percent of auto-related sales taxes, could then be spent on public transportation. Approximately 4 percent of transportation funds are currently allocated for mass transportation.

#### R: RAILROAD REDEVELOPMENT

At Issue: Whether loans should be made available for upgrading of railroad services in Michigan.

Explanation: Proposal R also reached the ballot as the result of leglative action. It, too, would amend the State Constitution by creating a Railroad Redevelopment Authority which could sell up to \$175 million in bonds and make loans to railroads. The railroads could then use these funds to upgrade track, buy equipment, or make other capital improvement.

The names of the offices and the candidates running for them are on the ballots that you will vote from. If you want to pick out your candidates ahead of time, you can go to the County Clerk's office at the Court House on Chisholm Street and look at the instruction ballot

Resident voters in the County of Alpena must be a registered voter before being allowed to perform the act of voting. Out-of-town voters who registered in Alpena can vote in Alpena using an absentee ballot.

Questions concerning the location of the nearest voting precinct should be directed to the township's clerk or the Alpena Court House.

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# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

## Team Six Blasts Turkeys

By Len Gabrysiak

In the past couple of weeks the intramural football league has had its share of exciting games. Besides a couple of exciting upsets, there was also the first 70-point game of the season. The Tawas Turkeys entered the winning column by squeaking past the Chargers by a score of 7-to 6. But Team Number Six then blasted those same Tawas Turkeys convincingly by a 38 to 6 count. The Good Old Buds whipped the Vets 43 to 20 as they took sole possession of first place.

The Good Old Buds team broke the 70-point barrier as they crunched the Chargers by a 72 to 7 score. Team Number Six was handed a setback by the vastly improved Chargers,

## T.B. Classic Lumberjacks rev-up

By Rene' Johnson

If you visit the East Campus gym you will find Coach Steve Schray along with the Lumberjacks preparing for the 9th Annual Thunder Bay Classic in November.

The eight-team tournament, starting November 17 with Kalamazoo Community College playing Washtenaw Community College at 3:00 p.m., and later on that evening our Lumberjacks playing Lakeland Community College at 9:00 p.m., will continue through Sunday, November 19, ending with the first and second place teams playing for the championship.

Although the Lumberjacks have won the tournament five times out of its nine-year existence, Coach Schray along with Athletic Director Dick Miles will be

27 to 26. Team Six was leading in the game with a little less than 2 minutes left, when the Chargers scored on a long bomb to pull the game out. The following day saw Team Number Six take charge early in the game and hang on to defeat Good Old Buds 22-15, for the Buds' first loss of the season.

With only one more week of play left before the playoffs begin, it appears that every team is going to have to be sharp, because every team is showing improvement as the season draws to an end. The favorites seem to be Good Old Buds and Team Six, but everyone knows that once playoffs roll around, things can change quickly and anyone has a chance to win.

watching and talking about Oakland Community College's All-State 6'7" forward Ossie Cobb, 7'2" center Rod Twiggs and All-American forward Walker D. Russell (brother Casey Russell, N'Y' Knicks).

Under the influence of former ACC Coach Tom McPhillips, Oakland Community College in the last 9 years has become one of the top ten jr. colleges in basketball.

This year, Oakland Community College is one of the top choices to go to the national championships in March. This depends on what Oakland does at the Thunder Bay Classic Friday night at 7:00 p.m. when they go up against one of the top teams in our region, Southern State College.

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Stewart Oimsted, director of personnel says the decision hinges on the possible adoption of Proposal H, the so called "voucher plan".

If adopted this proposal would make three major changes in financing public and nonpublic elementary and secondary education in Michigan:

1. Prohibit the use of property taxes for school operating expenses;
2. Require the legislature to establish a program of general state taxation for support of schools;
3. Require the legislature to provide for the issuance of an educational voucher to be applied toward financing a student's education at a public or nonpublic school of the parent's or guardian's choice.

Passage of the proposal could shake up current methods of financing education and administrators are unsure of effects. One alternative measure, according to Olmsted would be application for state or federal funds to finance the position.

Because of this, applicants are being screened "within the college system" according to Olmsted, but no effort has been made to advertise the vacancy.

Terry Meeder, Superintendent of Schools, declined comment on the matter at this time, except to say that he would "leave the matter up to Dr. Donnelly".

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matching the Natural Resources Center and the colors corresponding with Besser Tech and Van Lare Hall. The front of the building is designed to face Besser Tech.

Anticipated completion date is September, 1979. The contractors hope to have the bricklaying finished by November 15, 1978.



## Attention Spooks

By Margaret Boyea

The dorm is haunted!

A haunted house is planned for Pied Piper students this year. October 31, they will visit the dorm where a Halloween party is being organized for them. Activities include visiting a haunted house, sharing donuts and cider and playing records and dancing. They will visit from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Later on that night, a Halloween dance will be held from 9:00 to 12:00. The band "Shay" will provide music for dancing. There will be no admission for the dance.

# VOTE DORM NEWS

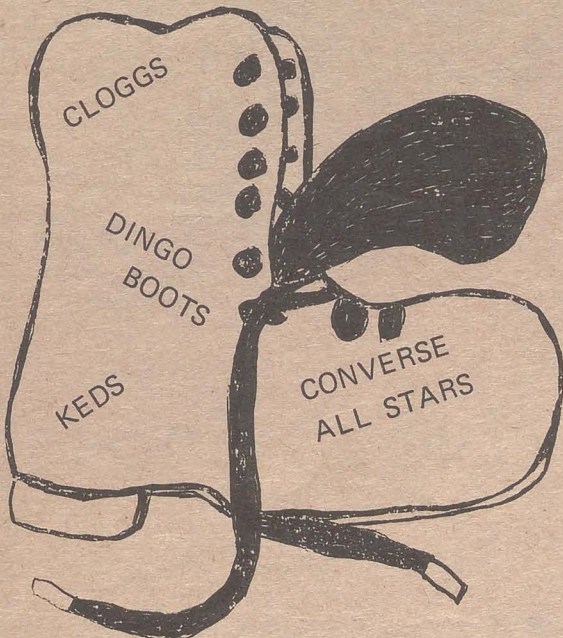
By Margaret Boyea

Residence Hall Association (RHA) will sponsor a foose ball tournament November 14 at 7:00 pm. Sign up's for the tournament are at the dorm. A turkey shoot is also coming up.

Wednesday, October 25, a guest speaker, Ernie Nethercut, will be at the 7:00 pm RHA meeting.

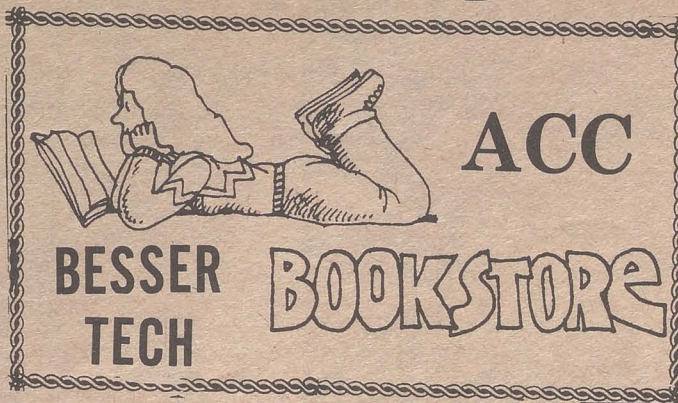
The powder puff football game that was played Oct. 12 was won by the sophomore women by a score of 26-18. As some may recall, the sophomore women, as freshmen last year, defeated last year's sophomore women 14-0. After 2 years their record is 2-0

# TROY FAMILY SHOES



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On the front page of the last issue, the headline "ACC Presents Nightwatch" should have been "ACT Presents Nightwatch." Sorry ACT.



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# Student Feature



**Kathy Ryan**

By Elizabeth Littler

Kathy Ryan is the enterprising young woman whose sleek design was selected by the news staff for the paper's new nameplate.

Originally from Flint, Ryan graduated from Flushing Senior High School in 1977. This fall she enrolled at Alpena Community College to study design, jewelry and ceramics, as well as, English and sociology.

Ryan lives with her grandparents in Hubbard Lake. In the year between high school and college, she lived in Florida. It was during this time, working in photography, freelancing in art and bartending that she decided her career in art was going nowhere. She felt she needed more training and wanted to establish more connections in the advertising community.

Ryan plans to attend the well-known Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. She will apply for scholarships, grants and any financial aid available to help her achieve her goal of furthering her education.

Like many students, Ryan finds money hard to come by, so, she makes her own clothes and bartends at the Hubbard Lake Tavern 40 to 45 hours a week. The money pays for art supplies.

Ryan can't remember deciding to be an artist. "It's the only thing I've ever done," she states. The branch of art she prefers is advertising design, with photography and silver jewelry work coming next. She enjoys the creative and expressive release of working with her hands. "I like to make a subtle statement. Not everyone will understand, but if a few do..."

Ryan appreciates the outdoors while riding her 10-speed bike. She also has a good time just being with friends and talking, but not in a bar, that's too much like work.

# Faculty Feature



**Karen Riegler**

By Suzanne Kitts

Karen Riegler, director of the Learning Skills Center, located in the Natural Resources Center, has resided in Alpena since December, 1976.

Riegler and her husband Tim, DNR park ranger, have been married for two years and are expecting their first child in April.

Riegler attended Michigan State University and received a B.A. and M.A. in English, and an M.A. in English, and an M.S. in reading. After graduating, she went on to work at Lansing Community College for 2½ years, teaching in the same area of work she is currently engaged in.

Active in the Educational Specialist Program at MSU, Riegler would eventually like to have a job planning out and setting up similar programs at the state level.

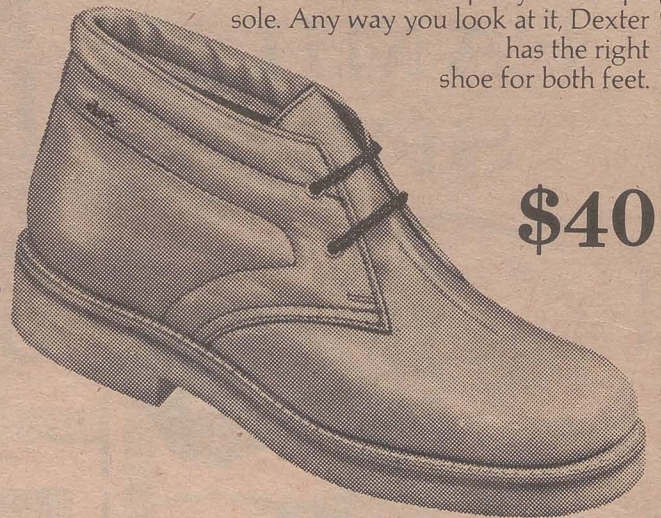
Riegler enjoys working at the L.S.C., but said she gets frustrated when people think it's only for "Dummies." "It's for all people that aren't as efficient in one subject as they are in others."

Hobbies that she enjoys in her leisure time are collecting books, cross-country skiing, playing board games, quilting, and sewing, (including making stuffed animals).

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