

R.L.T.C. Promotes Proposal B

LANSING--Representatives of a wide range of interests have formed a committee to promote Proposal B to protect the state's land trust fund from further raids by the Legislature.

Known as the Recreation Land Trust Committee, the group includes representatives of the Governor's office, industries, Department of Natural Resources, labor unions, Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, environmental and outdoor recreation groups, and associations of municipalities, townships, and counties.

Co-chairmen of the committee are State Representative Jerry C. Bartnik, D-Temperance, and State Senator Paul Henry, R-Grand Rapids, who sponsored legislative resolutions that led to placing Proposal B on the November 6 election ballot.

If the proposal is adopted, it would amend the State Constitution to prevent the Legislature from diverting money from the fund established in 1976 to buy recreational land for the public with royalties

and lease fees from gas, oil, and mineral production on state-owned lands.

Since 1976 the Legislature has dipped into the Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund on four occasions to provide a quick source of cash for fiscal "emergencies." (The fund is named for then-Senator Kerry Kammer, D-Pontiac, who sponsored the enabling legislation.)

Had the Legislature kept hands off the fund, it would have reached its statutory maximum \$150 million by now so that only the interest and earning would be needed for future land purchases while the additional revenues accruing to the state from royalties and lease fees would be turned over to the General Fund. Because of the raids, however, the fund now contains only \$8 million, a loss of \$142 million.

Even so, the fund has made it possible for the state to acquire more than 35,000 acres of choice recreational, scenic and environmentally important land during the eighth

year of its existence.

If voters approve Proposal B, the Kammer Fund would be rolled into a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund with minor changes. The cap for the fund would be raised from \$150 million to \$200 million.

"We are confident that, with the support of citizens concerned with the future of public recreation in Michigan, we will succeed in gaining voter approval of Proposal B," said Thomas L. Washington, executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), which spearheaded the organization of the Proposal B committee.

Washington conceded that the committee will operate with a modest budget totaling only \$100,000, half of which would be footed by MUCC and the remainder by contributions from various groups. But he said he believes the committee will receive a great deal of volunteer help from members of MUCC and other organizations in telling the Proposal B story.

NOTE: The Campus Update is now accepting short stories, poems, as well as any art work that the students and faculty wish to submit for possible publication. If you have a poem, story, or drawing you'd like to see make the paper, just drop it off in the Campus Update mailbox, located just inside the main entrance of the Besser Technical Center.

Poetry Contest Set

By S. Clark

National College Poetry Contest, offering \$200 in cash and book prizes and free printing for all accepted poems in the ACP Anthology, will again be of special interest to all collegiate poets, as it provides for them a source of inspiration and encouragement and a unique, intercollegiate outlet for their literary ambitions. The forthcoming ACP Anthology will be the 19th edition since it was first published in 1975.

The deadline is October 31. For more information, check the bulletin board postings in VLH.

Concrete Club To Hold Frisbee Toss

An unusual event will be held on campus this month. The First Annual Concrete Frisbee Contest will be hosted, October 22, at 1:00 pm on the lawn near the forestry building.

The event was an idea sought by ACC concrete technical instructors, Mr. Bob Eller and Mr. Jim Donajkowski, for all concrete/construction students.

A total of 25 students have signed up for the event to test their creativity and athletic skills.

The students are allowed only two frisbees, which must be at least 8" in diameter. Each frisbee must use Portland Cement as a binder, but any aggregate and reinforcing material is allowed.

Dean Al Reed and Lucas Pfeiffenberger will judge the event in two categories: 1) longest distance; 2) longest distance and ability to withstand impact.

A prize of \$10 per category is offered to the talented winner.

Mr. Eller stated that there is a record set by the University of Illinois for 167 feet. This should prove to be an interesting and exciting event for both participants and observers.

By Jackie Sommerfeld



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