

## UM advice: Wait to buy computer

University of Michigan officials advise freshmen and other new students who want to buy personal computers to wait until they arrive on campus this fall to make such purchases.

"Wait and see which computers and software are utilized and supported within the program of study they are pursuing. What is suitable for a liberal arts student may differ from what is best for an engineering major," said Gregory A. Marks, special assistant to the provost.

"There may also be financial advantages to waiting, since there are some forms of special pricing available to students," Marks said.

THE UNIVERSITY does not require students to have their own computers. They are provided with adequate access to appropriate computing systems at many locations on the campus, including residence halls, he said.

"Students may want their own computers to facilitate their own work, but that is entirely an individual option."

He offered this advice to those who already own a computer: "If that computer is from Apple or IBM, or is compatible with one of those popular systems, it will probably prove very useful."

"However, students may find it best to wait until they check on their course load, get a sense of their room, and contact their roommates to see if they are bringing their computers and coordinate the use of space in their room."

"Another important step is to make sure the equipment is fully insured, just as should be done with other major personal items."

## Ask curbs on TV vote projections

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes June 21-27.

### HOUSE

**NETWORKS** — By a vote of 352 for and 65 against, the House adopted a resolution (H. Con. Res. 311) asking the television networks to restrain themselves in projecting likely winners and losers before the polls have closed nationwide on election night.

The measure, which was sent to the Senate, is aimed chiefly at influencing TV coverage of the upcoming presidential election. Although the resolution seeks voluntary compliance, debate revealed growing sentiment for a statutory remedy should the networks continue to project winners or strongly suggest who will win.

ABC, CBS and NBC say they are free under the First Amendment to report valid information, while critics say they have no right to discourage voter turnout with early calls based on polling of those who already have voted.

Supporter Timothy Wirth, D-Colo., said "nothing is more fundamental to democracy than people voting in a democratic system."

Opponent Tom Tanke, R-Iowa, called the resolution the first step on "a very slippery road . . . because there are many who will contend that news should be suppressed because it is in the public interest that the public not know (it) yet."

Members voting yes wanted the networks to voluntarily restrain election night coverage. Voting yes: Carl Parnell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

**DOWN PAYMENT** — By a vote of 268 for and 155 against, the House approved the conference report on a tax-hike and spending-cut bill that will be Congress' largest single down payment this year against runaway deficits.

It would trim some \$63 billion from deficits expected to top \$600 billion over the next three years. Still to be considered in 1984 are two bills cutting the growth of social and defense spending by some \$21 billion between fiscal 1985-87.

### roll call report

The Senate later approved the bill (HR 4170) and sent it to the White House.

The bill is to generate about \$20 billion in new tax revenues, mostly by clamping down on loopholes and shelters that benefit corporations and the stock and bond investments of upper-income individuals. On the consumer level, it raises telephone and liquor taxes. Much of the bill's \$13 billion in spending cuts will come from Medicaid changes that hold down doctors' fees and increase patients' contributions.

Supporter Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said "economic havoc will result if Congress fails to soothe Wall Street's fears over mounting deficits."

Opponent Philip Crane, R-Ill., objected to the tax hikes and said the bill fails to adequately address the "massive overspending" that is the root cause of federal deficits.

Members voting yes favored the package of tax hikes and spending cuts. Voting yes: Ford.

Voting no: Parnell, Hertel, Broomfield.

Not voting: Levin.

**ABORTION** — The House rejected, 186 for and 219 against, an amendment to deny federal funds to any institution that performs abortions. The amendment proposed changing the definition of "person" in various civil rights laws to include unborn children. Aborting the fetus was to have been considered a violation of its civil rights.

The vote occurred as the House debated and passed a bill (HR 5490) to prevent federal money from going to an institution that discriminates, even if only one unit of the institution is responsible for the discrimination.

The bill would negate a February Supreme Court ruling, involving Grove City College in Pennsylvania, that federal funds can be denied only for the specific discriminatory program.

"Don't ask taxpayers to pay for the tools that destroy human life," said sponsor Mark Siljander, R-Mich.

Opponent Paul Simon, D-Ill., said the purpose of the bill was "to put some teeth back into the civil rights laws" and not get into side issues such as "abortions, MX missiles or food stamps."

Members voting no were opposed to the anti-abortion amendment.

Voting yes: Hertel, Broomfield.

Voting no: Parnell, Ford, Levin.

### SENATE

**RELIGIOUS** — By a vote of 63 for and 11 against, the Senate approved legislation opening the way for voluntary student religious meetings in public high schools. The provision was attached to a bill (HR 1310) upgrading the instruction of science, math, foreign languages and computer technology in U.S. schools.

Federal educational funds would be withheld from any secondary school that denied religious groups the same access that secular organizations have to its facilities. The groups could pray or discuss religion without faculty interference.

Although the House earlier rejected an "equal access" bill, it may get a chance to vote again on the issue when it takes up the House-Senate conference report on HR 1310.

Advocates of returning religion to public schools view the legislation as the best alternative to school prayer constitutional amendment, which lacks the votes it needs to clear Congress.

Senators voting yes wanted religious groups to be able to meet at high schools.

Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

**DEFICIT** — By a vote of 63 for and 11 against, the Senate approved and sent to the White House a package of spending cuts and tax hikes (HR 4170) aimed at slicing \$45 billion from the \$600 billion-plus in new deficits expected between fiscal 1985-87. This followed House approval of the measure. (See House vote above for a description of the bill). House members voting yes favored the deficit-reduction legislation.

Levin and Riegle voted yes.

**LATCHKEY** — By a vote of 51 for and 42 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to create a new federal program to occupy "latchkey" children during before- and after-school hours when neither parent is at home.

About \$15 million was to be authorized for grants to non-profit organizations, which were to run the programs in public school facilities. The amendment was offered to HR 1310 (above).

Opponents, those voting to table the amendment, said it was no time to establish a new federal social program. Supporters of the amendment said Congress should do something for the five million children who often face empty homes because their parents work.

Senators voting no favored creating the latchkey program.

Levin and Riegle voted no.

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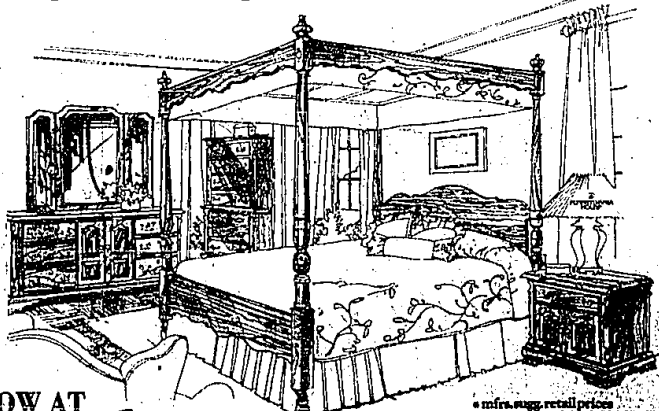
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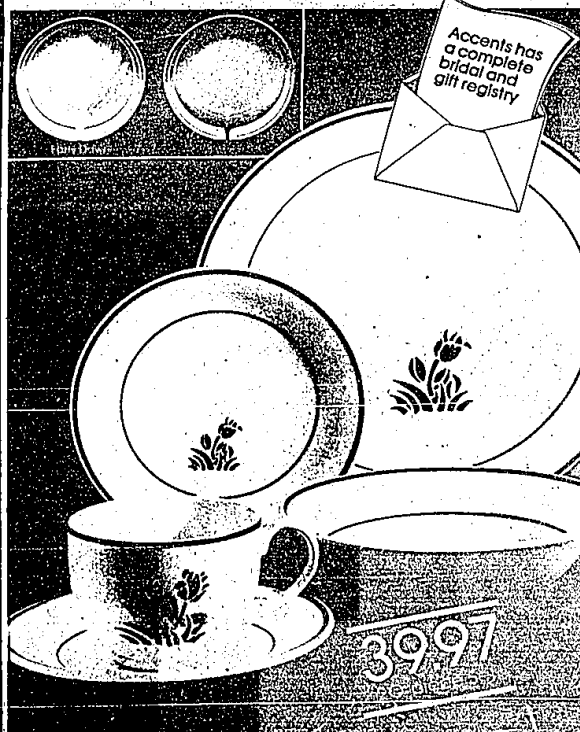
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