For lawmakers, it was hurry up and wait

AP — For the Michigan Legisla-ture, 1987 was a year of contrasts. Voter-initiated legislation to ban state funding of abortions for poor women moved quickly through the House and Senate, while it took sev-en months for lawmakers and Gov.

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James J. Blanchard to agree on raising the speed limit on 720 miles of rural interstate highways from 55 mph to 65 mph.
Blanchard prised legislators for their work on the 84.65 billion state budget. But then he vetoed parts of it to trim \$130 million, provoking hard criticism from lawmakers. Blanchard later said they were upset because he'd stopped them from "apending like drunken sallors."
Everybody agreed the state should give back some of the \$170 million it will automatically collect because of

A COURT OF Appeals ruling last summer ended the state's two-tier tax system on in-state and out-state insurance companies, leaving Republicans and Democrats at 1870 billion in revenue.

Those disputes delayed the printing of tax forms and booklets, which were scheduled to be mailed out before the end of the year.

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After several years of higher than expected last receipts, collections leveled out in 1987. Some legislators portrayed that as a temporary occurrence, while others warned that was a harbinger of a recession.

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The 1987-88 fiscal year budget will be the last for a while to carry a meaningful increase. Budget director Shelby Solomon warned next year's budget would be 'flat,' meaning no funds for new programs or expansions.

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THE YEAR ALSO will be remem-pered for the resignation of Sen.

land Park Democrat was the senior member of the state Senate. But after pleading guilty to felony dracharges Nov. 30, Brown resigned his seat, effective Jan. 4, the same day as his sentencing.

It also was the year of Lobbygate, as some dubbed the bribery arrest of lobbyist Judy Augenstein.

Rep. Ed Giese, R.Manistee, told state police investigators that Augenstein tried to buy his vote against a ban on radar detectors. During a preliminary hearing har's due to resume some time in 1986, Augenstein countered that Giese asked her for money first.

FINALLY, LIKE most years, the 1987 legislative year will be remem-bered as much for what wasn't ac-complished as what was. Despite a highly publicized report

by a blue-ribbon task force, the Leg-islature didn't get around to revamp-ing the way the state pays for its public schools with legislation that also would provide property tax re-lief.

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health care coste, six months of negotilations between the House and
Scenate paid off with a December
agreement on a 50-bill anti-crime
package that quiekly began to make
its way through the Legislature.
Workers' compensation reform
bills also made it through the Legistature as well as legislation to provide help to Victnam veterans who
might be suffering health problems
because of exposure to Agent
Orange.

OU trains for jobs, exams, retirement

Training for professionals, including programs in the growing personal financial planning and paralegal areas, will be offered beginning Jan. 19 by Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education.

The certificate program in Personal Financial Pinanning prepares for the certificate program in Personal Financial Pinanning prepares for the certificate financial planner exam, an important credential for those counseling in financial services.

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FREE CAREER opportunity seminars for those considering entering the Accounting Assistant and Paralegal programs will be conducted Jan. 5 and 11 in the Oakland Center on campus. Job referral service is maintained for both programs.

The variety of jobs available to accounting assistants will be discussed from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, by program managers Carmen Thomas of Rochester and Gloria Boddy of Rochester Hills.

Basic arithmetical skills and a sense of orderliness are the requirements for entry into the Accounting Assistant program.

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the Oakland University program will be discussed 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the Oakland Center on campus.

Speakers will be OU paralegal program graduates Martha McCann of Sylvan Lake, a courtroom supervisor, Elenora DeBolle of Rochester, a paralegal with a private-law firm; Gloria Boddy, Rochester Hills, program director, and Kathryn LeBland of Rochester, assistant direction.

There is no charge for the seminars. Reservations can be made by calling OU at 370-3120.

AMONG THE PERSONAL Financial Planning certificate program classes is a Saturday hands-on class

in using computer software to develop a comprehensive personal financial plan.

The class will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 27 to March 26

a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 27 to March 26 on campus.
People not in the certificate program who have the required knowledge in financial planning may register for the course. The certificate program is designed to prepare enrollees for the six-part CFP (certified financial planner) exam. Lotus 1:2-3 classes will be offered in several formats: a Saturday seminar from 9 am. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 9 and 16; a weekday class, 6:309-30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 19-28; and a weekday seminar, 9a.m.

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to 4 p.m. on Feb. 2 and 4.
Desktop publishing experience, one enrollee per Macintosh computer, will be offered 9 a.m. to 12:30
p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 to Feb. 13.
A four-session hands-on beginning IBM personal computer course also will be conducted on Saturdays, Jan. 23 to Feb. 13.

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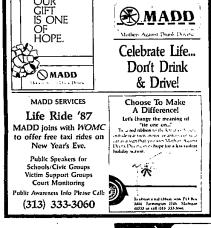
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"Getting Your Money's Worth,"
 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 26 to Feb 9.
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 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 20 to Feb. 10. Tuition ranges from \$5

works on campus and in the commu-nity.

Special festivities are planned in recognition of the group's silver ag-niversary.

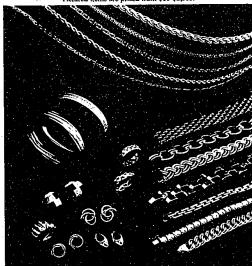
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