

around Oakland

OCC registration starts Jan. 6

Regular registration for Oakland Community College's winter, 1992 semester is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 6, and Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Students may register at any one of the campuses listed below. The first day of instruction for the winter semester is Wednesday, Jan. 8.

- Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherston Road, Auburn Hills, 310-4572.
- Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 471-7628.
- Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake, 360-3069.
- Royal Oak and Southfield Campus, 759 S. Washington, Royal Oak, 544-5574.

Applications for the winter are now being accepted. New students should contact the admissions office at the campus of their choice for a schedule of classes and more information on admission procedures.

County sets parenting classes

The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six expectant Parent Classes from 7-9 p.m. beginning on Jan. 15 in the Avondale School District Administration Building, 260 S. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326.

Classes will be taught by public health nurses. Cost is \$10 and you are enrolled as pre-register as enrollment is limited.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting.

To register by Jan. 10, please call 424-7042.

The Health Division advises that you enroll as early in your pregnancy as possible.

Roll Call Report

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area lawmakers were recorded on major roll call votes as Congress approached the end of its 1991 session

HOUSE

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM: By a vote of 273 for and 156 against, members passed a bill (HR 3750) that lessens the effect of special interest PAC money on House campaigns and sets a voluntary \$500,000 spending limit for incumbents and challengers in a two-year election cycle.

Candidates accepting the limit and other discipline would receive up to \$200,000 in dollar-for-dollar matching funds from the Treasury. Later legislation would determine how to raise that money, estimated at more than \$50 million annually. The bill House candidates and lowers postage costs for those accepting spending limits, among other provisions.

The bill was sent to conference with a Senate measure that also sets spending limits, but which outlaws PAC contributions and omits public financing of congressional campaigns.

A yes vote supported the Democratic-drafted campaign finance reform bill.

Michigan congressmen voting yes were: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-15, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no were: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

TO REJECT GOP PLAN: By a vote of 165 for and 265 against, the House rejected the GOP campaign finance reform bill. The measure omitted spending limits, which Republicans believe would hamper their bid to regain control of the House. It required House candidates to raise at least half of their campaign funds from within their district, and lowered the maximum PAC contribution from \$5,000 to \$1,000 per candidate.

Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Illinois, said the GOP plan would "return elections back to our constituents and away from Washington's special interests."

Opponent Charlie Rose, D-N.C., called the GOP bill flawed because "it fails to cut the cost of campaigns. It increased the power of the almighty dollar."

A yes vote supported the GOP campaign finance bill. Local legislators voting yes were: Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no were: Hertel, William Ford, and Levin.

BUDGET ISSUE: By a vote of 148 for and 276 against, the House refused to remove "forward funding" from a health and education appropriations bill (HR 3839) for fiscal 1992. The controversial practice evades fiscal discipline set by Congress and the White House in the five-year deficit-reduction law. With appropriations for fiscal 1992, this bill would push release of the money into fiscal 1993, thus escaping the law's 1992 limits.

Sponsor Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., said "we ought to at least have the honesty to stick by" the five-year budget deal.

Opponent William Natcher, D-Ky., said "I am not in favor of taking one dollar" out of the spending bill.

A yes vote opposed the "forward funding" budget maneuver.

Area legislators voting yes were: Pursell.

Voting no were Hertel, William Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

OCTOBER SURPRISE: By a vote of 51 for and 43 against, the Senate failed to achieve the three-fifths majority needed to block a GOP filibuster against the Democrats' "October surprise" probe. This killed a proposed \$500,000 committee investigation into whether Iran delayed freeing U.S. hostages until Ronald Reagan was sworn into office 1981, in return for American arms.

"The only October surprise envisioned by this investigation is an October 1992 surprise" undercutting President Bush's re-election bid, said Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

A yes vote supported the probe. Michigan Democratic Senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

TO HELP RUSSIANS: By a vote of 87 for and seven against, the Senate approved an amendment to use \$200 million in Pentagon funds for an emergency food and medical airlift to help residents of the former USSR through the winter. The vote occurred as the Senate passed a bill (HR 3708) implementing a post-Cold War treaty that redefines the U.S.-Soviet relationship.

No opponent spoke against the amendment.

A yes vote was to use defense dollars to help the Soviets.

Senators Levin and Reigle both voted yes.

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