

Patterson runs again: He'll face Kelley

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Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson will join the Headlee camp as its attorney general nominee. Patterson, 43, who finished third in his bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, was nominated to Headlee's slate at the state GOP convention Saturday in Grand Rapids. He most likely will face Democrat Attorney General Frank Kelley in the Nov. 2 election. Kelley, 57, will seek his seventh four-year term. He is expected to be nominated at the Democratic convention in Flint, Aug. 29-29. Patterson has said he's concerned

about going into another campaign with a \$132,000 debt from his governor's race. Headlee backers on Saturday agreed to assist Patterson with his financial needs. Patterson said he battled with the idea of accepting the attorney general nomination until late Friday night because he wanted to be sure he had the financial backing to win. "I've got to raise a lot of money to win a race against a 21-year candidate. I want to be a viable candidate. I want to see if we had the machinery and the money behind me," he added. Headlee has been reported as saying that he would like to help Patterson and Lt. Gov. James Brickley, who finished second in the GOP race, raise

money to erase their campaign debts, but he didn't know how long it would take. Patterson said he is ready to face Kelley. While Kelley vowed to continue his well-publicized efforts in consumer protection, welfare fraud and the environment, Patterson said he wants to become a state leader. "I think there has been an unfortunate void in the leadership role of the attorney general. I want to see changes and reforms in the parole system," Patterson said. "Frank Kelley has done nothing to reform it. I had to lead the petition drive to put the capital punishment question on the ballot. That should have

been Kelley's job, because he is the chief law enforcement officer of this state," he added. Patterson has been Oakland County prosecutor since 1972. He has always campaigned on a law-and-order platform. If he should be elected to the attorney general's post, the Oakland County Circuit Court judges would name his replacement as county prosecutor, to serve out the remainder of his term until 1984. As attorney general, Patterson said his greatest accomplishments included, dispelling the myth that courts have to have plea bargaining in order to keep the system.

Fall term sign-up at OCC

Regular registration for the 1982 fall semester at Oakland Community College will be held from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1, according to an alphabetical schedule. Classes officially begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 2. Students may register at any one of the following OCC campuses: Auburn Hills in Auburn Heights (832-1000); Highland Lakes in Union Lake (863-7191); Orchard Ridge in Farmington Hills (476-9400) and Royal Oak (542-1290). Applications for fall are currently being accepted. New students should contact an admissions counselor at the campus of their choice for information on admission procedures.

SEMFA elects new officers

Dewitt Henry, executive director of the Downriver Community Conference was elected chairman of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority board of directors. Also elected for fiscal year 1983 were Michael Einbeuser, a Detroit attorney, as first vice-chairman and

Thomas J. Fegan, director of the Washtenaw County Planning Commission, second vice-chairman. Henry is a former supervisor of Grosse Ile Township and chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Coastal Zone Management Task Force.

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