

## OCC writes dental teaching contract

In a flurry of activity, the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees June 16 approved a number of recommendations before moving into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with four unions representing OCC employees.

The board approved two agreements between the college and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for educational assistance for dental hygiene students and dental assistant students.

The agreements had been slated to go into effect April 15, but the hospital refused to accept the college's standard contract, attorneys representing

OCC said. They said the hospital preferred to write its own contract, which then had to be reviewed.

The agreement ends April 15, 1978 but is renewable from year to year.

The board also approved a change order to cover unforeseen expenses in the construction of the Auburn Hills Learning Resources Center. Matthew Lalewicz, Inc., the general contractor, asked that the contract be increased by \$1,850 to \$3,638,836.

OCC officials said the increase covered the cost of additional identification and directional signs, additional concrete work on the plaza deck

and service garage as well as providing an access door to an air shaft, enclosing a roof conductor and additional waterproofing to an exterior wall.

The board voted to accept a number of donations to the Auburn Hills, Highland Lakes and Orchard Ridge campuses.

The Auburn Hills Automotive Tech Lab received a 1977 Pontiac Sunbird from the Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors. Four Highland Lakes instructors donated more than 100 books for the learning resources center.

The Orchard Ridge campus report-

ed that it had received several pieces of audio-visual equipment from Rockwell International.

The college scholarship committee reported Kimberly Kopko, a graduate of Harrison High School in Farmington, became the first straight-A high-schooler to accept one of the college's academic awards.

Woldemar H. Nikket, vice president for business and financial affairs, speaking for the committee, said, "It's the first time we can boast of student coming to one of our campuses with that kind of average."

## Rent subsidy started for county's working poor

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the Michigan Department of Social Services (DSS) have begun operating a new rent allowance program that will be available to 220 families in Oakland county through the county DSS office.

The program is designed to assist the "working poor" families with incomes at or below public assistance levels who are not receiving any public assistance. The upper income limit for eligible families will be 80 percent of the median income in Oakland county.

The rent allowance program will allow a participating family to pay a pre-determined percentage of its monthly income for rent, with the remainder of its shelter costs being paid directly to the landlord by MSHDA. The program is structured so that the family pays a maximum of 25 percent of its income for rent and utilities.

A family accepted for the program may remain in its present home or seek new housing, but to meet the program requirements the housing unit must be inspected by DSS and found

to be decent, safe and sanitary, and the total cost of rent and utilities must fall within limits prescribed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The program is totally funded by HUD, which will provide \$6.3 million in subsidies to the housing authority for the first year of operation. This will allow 3,000 families to participate statewide.

Under the program, a family of four with a monthly income of \$300 will pay its landlord \$75 per month for rent. The landlord will receive the dif-

ference between \$75 and the actual cost of rent and utilities from MSHDA.

The rent allowance program will be administered in this area through the Oakland County Department of Social Services, at 196 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac.

Eligible tenants will be selected on a first-come first-served basis, with priority being given to those families who have been forced to move by governmental action, families who currently live in substandard housing, and families who do not already receive shelter assistance from other state or federal programs.

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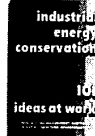
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