

## After six months

# OCC appoints interim president

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI

For the first time in six months, Oakland Community College has a full-time president.

Derek N. Nunney, formerly vice-president for academic affairs under

ailing President Joseph E. Hill, was named to fill the position on an interim basis.

Hill, who had served as the college's president for a decade, suffered a heart attack and a massive stroke last August. Since then, OCC had been

administered by Nunney and Walter H. Nikkel, vice-president for business and financial affairs. The two vice-presidents had been in daily contact with the college's seven-member board of trustees.

"That arrangement worked very well," said Gordon Henderson, chairman of the board. "But it was conceived as a short-term arrangement."

"There has to be a place where the buck stops," he said.

Henderson, other members of the board and the college's administrative staff have raised the possibility that Hill would not be able to return.

"We really have no factual basis to determine the chances of Dr. Hill returning," Henderson said. "We have requested a statement from Dr. Hill's family and doctor. They have declined."

He added, however, "As time goes on, we become more and more convinced that we need a full-time operating president."

Henderson said the board is assuming that Hill will not return and it will set up a search committee for a new, full-time president. The board has not yet determined what structure that special committee will take.

But Henderson added, "If Dr. Hill starts improving rapidly, these preparations could be easily discontinued."

NUNNEY, who had served as vice-president since joining Hill's staff in 1969, avoided saying he was interested in the job on more than an interim basis.

"My immediate concern is to be as effective and efficient as possible," Nunney said.

The English-born interim president said he would do little to steer the college from the road Hill has followed.

"I don't see us cutting any programs out of the institution," Nunney said. "The foundation he established is sound and is something upon which we can build."

He said he would see that OCC "takes Hill's base and expands its scope." He said the college, which has an enrollment of 18,000 students, would continue to expand vocational-technical education and will follow past plans to expand the campus system.

"These are not new features," Nunney said. "They all grew out of Joe Hill's plan. We're going to try to bring to fruition all the things he started."



## Now that's a lot of heart

Ann Marie Kremarik is only 4, but she has her heart in the right place. With Valentine's Day just five days away, she's ready to give a piece of it to all her loved ones. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

## Local pols hit work week bill

Local politicians are fanning the flames of opposition to a legislative bill which would shorten a fireman's work week.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners last week joined the cities of Southfield, Birmingham and Royal Oak in opposing a bill which would reduce the firefighters' work week from 56 hours to 51 hours.

Another bill being considered by the Michigan Senate would require the payment of overtime to firefighters on duty for more than 54 hours in a week.

Southfield officials said the two bills would force it to hire 11 additional firefighters at an annual cost of \$250,000 in wages and benefits. They would also require the city to pay an estimated \$94,000 in overtime.

Robert Kendal, Birmingham personnel director, said, "The effect would be to impose a payroll cost increase on the city of between 10 and 13 per cent, depending on whether additional overtime was paid or additional firefighters were employed."

Bloomfield Township Supervisor

Homer Case said the cost of manpower becomes "fabulous" as firemen approach a 40-hour workweek.

County Commissioner Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield) pointed to another problem with the legislative plan.

"Our state law mandates that collective bargaining should include wages, hours and other terms of employment," she said. The proper forum for resolving these issues is at the collective bargaining table and not in the state legislature.

"If this approach prevails, no labor agreement in the public sector is sacred from the intrusion of our state legislature."

Kendal said, "The length of the workweek is a basic ingredient in the labor contract agreements for firefighters. This basic component should be an item that is subject to negotiation."

Bloomfield Township Attorney Thomas Dillon called the two bills "another interference with home rule by the legislature. It's become increasingly the thing to do."

## February days longer, colder

"The days are steadily growing longer during February, but also colder," says University of Michigan astronomer Hazel Losh.

"During January, we have been losing more heat at night than we have been able to gain during the day, with the resulting tendency for the weather

to grow steadily colder."

Losh explains that "atmosphere acts as a blanket, keeping much of the sun's warmth from the earth in these last days of winter. Fortunately, the days are growing steadily longer, until by the end of February, the day is about 11 hours in length."

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