

OCC remodels Highland Hall

By TIM RICHARD

Oakland Community College is on the way to putting up a new classroom building and renovating old Highland Hall on the Highland Lakes campus.

The board of trustees awarded a contract for \$3.56 million to Freeman-Darling, Inc., a Livonia construction firm.

Freeman-Darling was second lowest of 12 bidders. The low firm, J.A. Freeman of Pontiac, withdrew because it found errors in its bid.

Highland Lakes campus is on Cooley Lake Road east of Haggerty in Union Lake.

RENOVATION of Highland Hall can be done in six months, said Sooran H. Gozmanian, OCC's director of physical facilities.

A former TB hospital building that was solidly constructed in the 1920s, Highland Hall particularly needs new windows and sashes to keep out winter winds, Gozmanian said. The work to be done also includes air conditioning.

It houses faculty offices, counselors' offices, the bookstore, dental clinic and dental tech laboratory. The dental clinic offers supervised treatment for the public.

THE NEW building will house classrooms, a lab for business science courses, a new learning resources center (library) and laboratory for individualized programmed learning.

Construction is expected to be complete in the fall of 1981, Gozmanian said. Freeman-Darling has performed work for OCC at the Auburn Hills Campus near Pontiac.

Construction money came from a building and site fund, Gozmanian added.

Part of the project calls for paving the main entrance drive from Cooley Lake Road.

The Highland Lakes Campus, located on 160 acres of wooded hills, has an assortment of old and new buildings.

It offers associate degree programs in business, nursing, dental hygiene, a medical laboratory technology and a one-year certificate program in dental assistance.

IN OTHER business, trustees received gifts of:

• Two transmissions for the auto lab

at Auburn Hills, donated by General Motors Corp.

• A magnetic tape/Selectric typewriter for the Highland Lakes secretarial science program from GM's Proving Grounds.

• Scholarship gifts of \$25 to the Jill Robinson memorial fund from Thomas Kegel and \$100 to the Susie Villa memorial fund from Vaughn Hoogasian. Both donors are OCC faculty members.

Lewand announces for county exec



F. THOMAS LEWAND
One voice for Oakland

Declaring Oakland County needs a single voice on metropolitan issues, F. Thomas Lewand announced today he will run for county executive in the August Democratic primary.

Lewand, 34, of Royal Oak is a one-term member of the county board of commissioners. If nominated, he will take on Republican Daniel T. Murphy, who has held the post since voters created it in 1974. Murphy is expected to seek reelection.

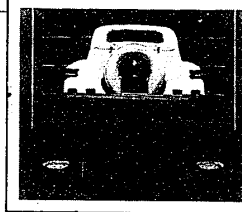
In the same way Mayor Coleman Young speaks for Detroit on all issues, Lewand said Oakland County "has no comparable voice. The drain commissioner speaks on one issue, somebody else on transportation and so on."

On public transportation, Lewand said Oakland should "cut the best deal we can" but not pull out of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, as many north county commissioners have advocated.

Lewand won his seat on the 27-member county board by dumping Republican James Lanni in 1978.

While others — such as Madison Heights Mayor George Suarez — may enter the Democratic primary, Lewand has the support of the county Democratic establishment, including U.S. Rep. James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge.

Lewand is a partner in the Detroit law firm of Jaffe, Snider, Raitt, Garrett and Heuer.



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