

OCC hope: Don't cut instruction

By TIM RICHARD

budget of \$27.6 million — about 4.5 percent.

Oakland Community College is studying how to cut non-teaching staff and extracurricular activities in the wake of Gov. William G. Milliken's state budget cuts.

"We hope not to discontinue any classes," said OCC President Robert F. Roelofs the day after Milliken's message. "We want to hold to our instructional program."

"We have been studying these things (economic woes) all along. Hopefully, we're done with them."

Altogether this fiscal year, OCC will have cut \$1.25 million from a total

MILLIKEN last week ordered the state appropriation for Michigan's 29 community colleges cut by \$15 million, bringing that budget item down by \$23 million for the year. That will bring the total community-colleges appropriation down to about \$122.4 million.

The state constitution requires the governor to cut expenses when revenue estimates are down during a recession. Community colleges typically receive income from three main sources: state appropriations, local property taxes and student tuitions. Federal aid

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and private gifts are only minor sources.

THE FIRST budget cut cost OCC nearly \$500,000, Roelofs said. "We effectuated cost reductions for half of that... mostly by not filling positions and eliminating out-of-state travel."

"The other half we picked up because of revenue increases from property taxes and more tuition due to higher enrollment," he said.

Community colleges are a "countercyclical industry," in economist's jargon. That is, when the economy is bad, enrollments go up.

Last week's budget cuts will cost OCC \$750,000 for the fiscal year that began July 1, Roelofs estimated. This group of cuts will be tougher because there is no more out-of-state travel to eliminate.

That is why he and other administrative officials are looking at non-teaching jobs and extracurricular activities for cuts. Their job is complicated by the fact that the biggest round of cuts must be made when the college year is half over.

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"It is quite likely that the vote represents rejection of the ruthlessness of Proposal D and the reliability of its perpetrators, rather than a ringing endorsement of the way education and government are constructed and conducted. Many sizable numbers of people who favored or were tempted by Proposal D have genuine concerns and face severe hardships."

Roelofs said college administrators are studying cut, not because they expect a property-tax cut, "but simply because efficiency of operations and the integrity of our profession demand it."

He added: "Upon their completion, we will seek the viewpoints of the college community as to whether there is a degree of affluency which we could sacrifice without injury to our basic mission."



ROBERT F. ROELOFS

Sexuality:

Disabled have feelings

Physically disabled persons, even those who are completely paralyzed, have a need to express their sexuality and to maintain their identity as men and women.

The first national conference for physicians teaching them to deal with this problem and other medical aspects of sexuality of the physically disabled will be held at The University of Michigan Medical Center, Nov. 18-19.

The meeting will be unique in the scope and variety of presentations, according to Sandra S. Cole, health education specialist at the U-M and member of the course planning committee.

"Although it is essential to build attitudes which allow sex to be brought up and dealt with in the same manner as other health issues, it is equally essential to put up-to-date medical information into the hands of physicians and other professionals who need it in order to help their patients and clients," Cole said.

During the two days of lectures and workshops, 27 experts around the United States will present latest research findings and share their experiences in counseling the disabled. Topics will include discussion of experiences in counseling the disabled. Topics will include discussion of sexuality problems resulting from: heart disease, drug effects, diabetes, impotence, sexual prostheses, arthritis, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, stroke, kidney failure and gynecological surgery.

Keynote speaker for Nov. 18 will be Mary S. Calderone, M.D., M.P.H., president of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS), who will speak on "Sex and the Disabled Child: The Double Bind."

Presenting the second keynote address on Nov. 19 will be Theodore M. Cole, M.D., chairman of the U-M department of physical medicine and rehabilitation, and a pioneer in dealing with the sexuality of the disabled.

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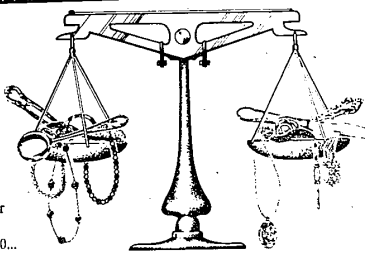
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