

OCC adds 7 classrooms, equipment

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After learning it has a record enrollment, the Oakland Community College board is adding seven classrooms to its Southfield building and more than \$110,000 worth of word-processing equipment to three campuses.

President Robert F. Roelofs last week reported fall enrollment at a record 26,500 head count and more than 14,000 full-time equated students compared to 1981's record 24,000 head count and 13,800 full-time equated students.

The Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will get two IBM displaywriters with printers, trading in an existing printer, two dual disk drives and three single-disk drives with printers.

Auburn Hills Campus east of Pontiac will buy two IBM displaywriters with printers and dual diskettes which previously had been leased.

Highland Lakes Campus at Union Lake will get a NBI system with five work stations and printer.

Federal vocational funds will pick up 47 percent of the cost, according to purchasing director David Sturges.

William O'Mahoney, dean of applied sciences, said the college sought "a variety of three types of units (for) each campus, and that each campus would have 12 or 13 pieces of equipment in order to accommodate a full class of students."

The board of trustees last week concurred, awarding a contract of \$114,844 to Construction Management Inc. of Southfield, lowest of six bidders.

The board agreed to purchase \$30,740 in word-processing equipment from International Business Machines, \$74,749 from National Business Institute and \$27,358 from A.B. Dick.

IN OTHER business, the board of trustees, meeting on the Orchard Ridge campus,

- Adopted a resolution opposing the mandatory balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. By a 7-0 vote, the board said, "The Constitution of the United States is not the proper medium for legislative mandates" and "The federal administration and Congress already have it within their power to enact a balanced budget when they have the determination to do so."
- Acknowledged gifts of 21,000 pounds of obsolete steel from John Berney of Pontiac Motor Division and 1,000 pounds of scrap steel from the central foundry division of General Motors, both for welding classes on the Auburn Hills campus.
- Received 118 books, mostly classics, from OCC librarian James J. Weisenborn for the Orchard Ridge campus Learning Resource Center.
- Received \$518 in donations for the Orchard Ridge golf team.
- Acknowledged gifts totaling \$185 for various scholarship funds.

Noting that three of the gifts came from OCC faculty members, board Chairperson Suzanne Reynolds said the faculty displays "a tremendous amount of support. I keep saying we have the best community college in the state."

THE NEW classrooms will go into space in the Southfield building, at 22322 Rutland, vacated by offices that moved to the new Royal Oak campus.

"We have designed seven classrooms to be constructed by using vacated offices," said Sooren Gormanian, director of physical facilities. "Upon completion of the Royal Oak Campus, certain ad-

ministrative offices, the business office and library functions were transferred from the Southfield campus to Royal Oak.

"These classrooms would allow us to offer a minimum of four sections (in each) per week in the fall and winter terms and two per week during the spring term in each of the seven classrooms.

"These 60 sections will accommodate approximately 1,800 students and generate over \$140,000 in tuition revenue, thus paying back the cost of construction in less than one year."

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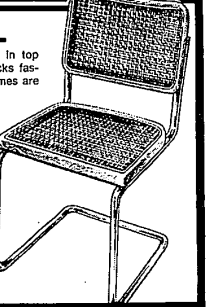
Highlights of the program were discussions of the future of the oil and gas industry, the various products used by the industry, methods of becoming a supplier, and implementation of a successful marketing program.

World affairs lecture series starts at OCC

The first of eight seminars on "Great Decisions '82" will be given at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Oakland Community College's Southfield campus. Al Saperstein, professor of physics at Wayne State University, will speak on "America's Defense: What Price Security?"

Fee for eight lectures is \$48 for non-members and \$40 for members. Registration information is available from the Detroit Council for World Affairs at 577-3453.

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