

OCC growth rate double state's

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staff writer

New technical programs are helping Oakland Community College become one of the fastest growing two-year schools in Michigan.

"We have grown twice as rapidly as all the others," OCC President Robert F. Roelofs told the board of trustees last week. His numbers:

While the other 28 community colleges have grown from 15,300 full-time equivalent students in 1978-9 to a current 116,160, or 21 percent, OCC has leaped in the same time from 10,500 to a current 14,678, or about 40 percent.

"Bigger is not important in itself," said Roelofs, "but it is confirmation that our students think they're getting a good education. Students can't be fooled. They believe they're getting their money's worth."

IN THE SAME four years, he said, the college has added 27 new programs, mostly in the technical areas.

In the curriculum committee planning stages, Roelofs added, are eight more — cardiovascular technology, computer aided design (CAD), computer-based photographic technology, exercise leadership, numerical control (related to machine tool technology), physical therapy assistant, telecommunications technology, and TV field production technician.

The board, by voice vote, approved agreements with nine health care facilities for training dietetic technicians and dietetic assistants.

The facilities are: Avondale Convalescent Home of Rochester, Bedford Villa Nursing Center, Inc. of Southfield, Cambridge Nursing Center in Clawson, Birmingham and Redford, Farmington Hills Inn, Farmington Nursing

Home, Inc., Oakland County Medical Care Facility in Pontiac and Westland Convalescent Center, Inc.

IN A MOVE to bring "computer literacy" to increasing numbers of people buying home computers, the college began purchasing 20 microcomputers and accessories for each of the four campuses.

Computer Mart of Troy and Ann Arbor was low bidder at \$46,458 for 19 IBM PC computers and one IBM PC computer for the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Roelofs also received board approval to apply for matching federal funds to purchase the other 60 computers for the Auburn Hills, Highland Lakes and Southeast campuses.

"The committee also recommends that an employee-purchase be made available," said academic dean Wil-

lam J. O'Mahoney in a memo. "We are recommending that OCC be a buying agent for employees who are interested in purchasing a microcomputer."

ON ANOTHER matter, however, Roelofs succeeded only in ruffling the feathers of two veteran board members.

The president announced he had assigned an intern, a graduate student at the University of Michigan, to reorganize the board's policies and procedures book. "Some 'policies' were actually procedures," he said, promising to submit the work as soon as it's completed.

Trustee Earl Anderson objected that "the president should not start that without checking with the board or chairman. What I'm against is all the jobs the board is supposed to do being shifted to the administration."

OCC solar energy roundtable March 8

Donald Hodel, the new U.S. Energy secretary, is a backer of solar. See Penny Wright's interview on the op-ed page.

Individuals interested in learning about the application of solar energy in Michigan may attend a free Solar Energy Roundtable at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College (OCC).

Cosponsored by OCC and the Alternative Energy Industries Association, the program will consist of presentations by various local solar energy distributors, manufacturers and builders. Displays also will be on hand.

Topics for discussion include solar electric systems, domestic water heating systems, hot air systems, and solar home construction. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentations.

REGISTRATION for the solar energy roundtable will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, call OCC at 348-0999. The Auburn Hills Campus is at 2800 Featherstone Road, east of Pontiac.

The first roundtable, held in early February at Schoolcraft College, drew 300 during a snowstorm, according to Roger Locke, a photovoltaics distributor at Emcon in Livonia who will speak at the upcoming roundtable.

Other speakers will include: Joe Durr, a passive solar home builder for Energyverat Homes in Drayton Plains; Reynold Hendrickson, a comprehensive solar energy systems manufacturer for StarPak Solar in Novi; and Tom McMurtry, a modular solar air heating systems manufacturer for ERI in Novi.

OCC alternate energies instructor Debra Rowe will act as the roundtable moderator.

outdoors

Salmon seminar, dog classes coming

More things to do when it's too soon to fish trout and too warm for snowmobiles and cross country skis:

Mark April 4 on your calendar if your dog has never been to obedience school. Beginners classes start at 7 p.m. that Monday, according to the Detroit German Shepherd Dog Obedience Training Club.

Classroom is the American Legion Hall at 31775 Grand River, Farmington.

Leave Fido home the first night and bring a health certificate showing shots and worm check.

Advanced, open and utility classes start at 7 p.m. the following Wednesday with dogs. Bring the health certificate, too.

For other registration details, contact Thelma Guthan at 935-4225.

YOU DON'T have to go to the far north to fish for salmon, and you can learn how to do it near home.

The Four Seasons Fishing Club will hear Ed Tinsley, skipper of the "Wendy K" out of Port Huron, when it meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9. Gathering spot is the Fr. Lord Knights of Columbus Hall at 38050 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh, Livonia.

Tinsley is a Budweiser Salmon Tournament winner. Club publicist Tony Brethler says new prospects are always welcome to this family-oriented club.

THE 12TH Huron-Clinton Metropark has been launched. It's a nine-hole golf course and other facilities to be known as Huron Meadows Metropark south of Brighton in Green Oaks Township of Livingston County.

Huron River canoeists who have seen

that funny green spot on the river west of US-23 now have the answer.

The HCMA board recently awarded a \$359,000 contract to the Jack B. Anglin Co. of Novi for the golf course, irrigation system, service drive and parking lot of 120 cars. Development will take several years.

KENSINGTON Metropark near New Hudson has these nature programs brewing for the forthcoming week:

"Plants and People" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 6 — a slide program on

the involvement of people and plants. Naturalist Pat Carlson will lead the 90-minute program in the nature center.

"Woodland Wisdom Walk" at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6 — a 90-minute stroll with naturalist Mark Szabo starting at the nature center.

"Nature's Night Life" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. Mark Szabo starts with an indoor talk and then leads a jaunt along night trails.

All programs are free. There is a vehicle entry fee. Better yet, get a season pass for \$7.

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Thursday, March 24, all day

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