Recovery barely started — OCC chief

Don't get excited about an infusion of new state money, advises Oakland Community College President Robert F. Roelofs.

"Even though the income tax increase was passed, it won't get the state out of trouble because the economy is so poor," Roelofs told the board of trustees last week.

"Economists count a recession from the top of the peak to the bottom of the valley, and the recovery from the valley to the peak. The recovery may have started, but we're still way below the mid-line," said Roelofs.

The board met Thursday as the state Senate was passing Gov. James Blanchard's proposed 38 percent income tax increase.

The OCC president reported that the state treasury deferred the March state aid payment but said OCC has enough cash on hand to meet expenses.

A bright spot in the otherwise dismal picture has been enrollment, which generates tuition revenue. "Our spring semester enrollment is up 15 percent compared to last year," Roelofs said. In spring of 1982, some 13,800 full-time equated students enrolled in OCC's one- and two-year programs. This year, nearly 15,000 are anticipated.

IN OTHER business, the board of trustees:

- Received a revised general fund budget of $34.3 million for the current fiscal year — an increase of $535,000. Roelofs said the administration anticipated state aid cuts and deferrals with economy measures. Tuition revenue accounts for the increase.
- Aawarded a $188,200 engineering contract to low bidder Denver National Contracting Co., Detroit, for installation of a new underground electrical distribution system at the Highland Lakes Campus. Trustees said they wanted to replace the 50-year-old above-ground system because of power failures caused during storms.
- Awarded a $10,415 contract to low bidder Wilkie Turf Co. of Pontiac for a rotary mower. The new mower will replace a 12-year-old one which will be traded in. It will be used for groundskeeping at the Highland Lakes Campus. The equipment includes a sweeping broom for cleaning parking lots and roadways.

THE COLLEGE accepted the following gifts:

- Auburn Hills Campus:

Some 20,000 pounds of aluminum tryout blanks for the Applied Technology Department from General Motors Corp.

A General Electric furnace valve and a 12,000 BTU window A/C unit valve for the Climate Control Program from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sichwenzer.

Ms. Magazine issues from August 1982 through February 1983 from Trustee David Hackett.

Computer software from CADAM Inc.

- Highland Lakes:

Six books from Jeme Marinch; 11 psychology books from Dr. Edward Valsi; and $500 to the OCC Golf Team from Michigan Publinx Golf Association.

- Royal Oak:

Thirty-seven books from Shirley Evoe; five books from Joan Stanfel; and 36 books from Charles Wiseman.

- Scholarships: $10 each to the Southeast Scholarship Fund from Amy Scavone, Edward and Rita MacKool and Edward Sadie Kruse.

TV tape class at OU April 9

Hands-on training for beginners in the production of a videotape will be conducted by the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education on Saturday, April 9.

Class will be conducted in the university studios from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an hour break for lunch. Tuition is $70. Enrollment is limited. For registration information, call the Continuing Education office, 377-3120, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays.

Production techniques suitable for educational and business training videotapes, for cable television and for home use will be presented by George A. Preisinger of Clarkston, manager of the Instructional Technology Center at Oakland University.

Participants will film in small groups and together electronically edit a final tape. Video cameras will be furnished. Emphasis will be on the use of the portable video camera, the video recorder and remote lighting and audio.