### OCC votes against renovation

# Wrecker's ball for RO school

Oakland Community College will renovate one old building and, with heavy heart, tear down another.

On the Highland Lakes campus, High Oaks Hall — "old but structurally sound," according to vice president Anthony Jarson — will get a new lease on life. "It would be a shame to tear it down," added President Robert F. Roelofs.

But Royal Oak's former Washington School, which Jarson said would cost \$2.1 million to renovate, is due to face the wrecker's ball.

The board of trustees gave 6-0 approval last week to both actions.

HIGH OAKS Hall will be renovated, at a cost yet to be estimated, with money left in a 1978 bond issue for the campus at Union Lake, trustees decided.

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"It's not mentioned in the bond issue,"
Tile sort mentioned in the bond issue provides for new construction but had to be amended by the college to allow renovation.

Among courses to be housed there are data processing, secretarial science and publication production. Jarson noted they are "interrelated and require student use of equipment that must be supervised by our paraprofessionals."

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Other programs to be offered there include art, aviation and photography.

"PROPER DESIGN of the facility will provide correct lighting for art; a darkroom

with adjacent facilities that can be used in hotography, art and publications production technology; and a simulator room that is properly heated, cooled and lighted," according to Jarson.
"The additional classrooms will provide space for theory classes related to the programs and will make available classrooms in other buildings to accommodate the enrollment, which has increased 38.4 percent in the last three years."

Jarson said High Oaks needs repairs to make it more energy efficient and moisture resistant, as well as unterior redesigning to meet course needs.

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Board Chairwoman Suzanne Reynolds suggested the administration also consider High Oaks for housing OCC's archives.

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THE COLLEGE acquired Washington School when it bought land for its new southeastern campus classroom building but found it unfit for renovation. The space will be used for parking.

The board approved a contract with J. Yates Excavating of Oxford, lowest of five bidders at \$85,800, to demolish the school and two residences on Center Street.

Trustee Earl Anderson urged the administration to save some things in the building, and trustees voted to award anything sale vageable to the OCC Foundation for an auction.

"There's a lot of beautiful stone and wood in that building," Anderson said. "A clock and bookcase were supposed to go into the new campus. It would be a shame to let

ROELOFS SAID both Beaumont Hospital and the city of Royal Oak and looked over the building, but found it obsolete, with only sentimental value.

"There are major problems with the roo, lumbing, electrical, fire safety standards, handleap requirements and healing system," Jarson said.

"The building does not have an air-conditioning system and is extremely inefficient from an energy conservation standpoint. This shandoned building is often a target of vandalism and forced entry."

IN OTHER matters affecting the college's four campuses, the board:

• Approved purchase of 38 doors for the Orchard Ridge campus. Pontiac Glass was lowest of five valid bidders at \$42.05. Wooden doors in use since 1988 will be re-nlaced.

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Awarded a contract for 338,465 to Tim
Groh Interiors for replacement furniture in
the Rathskeller on the Orchard Ridge campus. Existing tables and chairs, 16 years old
and often repaired, will be replaced with
tables, chairs and booths to accommodate
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275 persons.

Purchased two gamefield logging
courses for \$10,810 for the Auburn Hills and
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Bank is donating \$5,000 toward the 20-station course.

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## Driving deaths fall in Oakland

Traffic fatalities in Oakland County were the lowest in more than 16 years during the first half of 1983, the Traffic Improvement Association reported.

"We're convinced most of this reduction is due to the countywide drunk driving program," said TIA managing director Bruce Massen. "Compared to last year, our alco-bol-related fatalities are down 32 percent." The number of persons killed in traffic fell 20 percent from the same period last year — to 49 persons vs. 61 in the first half of 1982.

"OF THESE fatalities, 23, or 47 percent, were alcohol-related. Last year 34, or 56 percent, were alcohol-related," said Mad-

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sen. Maland's 20 percent reduction in traffic deaths compares favorably to a statewide reduction of 4 percent in the first half of 1983.

"Oakland County's reduction is all the more remarkable when one considers that, for the past three years, traffic fatalities here have been much lower than at any time in the last two decades.

"For example, in 1969 Oakland County recorded 109 traffic fatalities for the first six months of the year," said Madsen.

OTHER FACTORS contributing to the decline in traffic deaths, according to TIA, included improvements in vehicle safety engineering, emergency medical services, street and highway safety engineering and increased use of seat belts.

Throughout Michigan, 570 traffic deaths were reported for the first half of the year compared to 586 for the same period last year.

### SW Oakland mental health clinic opened

Oakland County Tuesday opened a men-tal health counseling clinic to serve the southern portion of the county. The new clinic is at 27979 Orchard Lake Road, just north of 12 Mille in Farmington Hills. Phone number for appointments is 859-2238.

"We selected Farmington Hills because of its easy access to the expressways." County Executive Daniel T. Murphy said. "We have a satellite office in Royal Oak, but we needed a place in the southwestern portion of the county."

The public mental health clinic-is open to





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