

# Murphy to scale down food service

By Kathy Parrish  
staff writer

Oakland County is scaling down its controversial food-service operation.

But that doesn't satisfy Democrat commissioners, who want outside vendors to run the courthouse cafeteria.

"We're not selling anything but coffee down there — and it's not because people don't want lunch or want to go out to eat," charged commissioner Betty Fortino.

The Pontiac Democrat blames poor-quality food, high prices and unsanitary conditions for low sales.

"It seems to me the proper thing to do is go out for bids before we scale down."

THE CAFETERIA has long been a target by Democrats, who charge its deficits come from mismanagement. Located in the courthouse basement, it serves county employees and the public.

Also prepared there are meals delivered to senior citizens through Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA). Criticism started again in February when the Oakland Press alleged county food was used at political fund-raisers for Oakland

County Executive Daniel Murphy.

Murphy's finance reports do not show food expenditures for pancake breakfasts in 1980, 1981 and 1982 and a spaghetti dinner in 1980. He contends the food was donated, but proper forms were not filled out.

Reacting to the criticism, the executive requested an internal audit which he said showed "no wrongful use of county food."

But two weeks ago he turned the matter over to state police for a full investigation.

"We have done all we could have done to ascertain the truth. I more than anyone else, want this matter resolved," Murphy told the commission's finance committee last week.

MURPHY ALSO recommended ways of reducing food-service staff. The courthouse cafeteria would become a deli-type operation with a "minimal menu" served on paper plates.

After other arrangements are made, OLHSA meals for senior citizens would also be eliminated.

Murphy would close both the Executive Office Building and Social Services Building cafeterias, which would be bid out for outside-vendor-operated vending machines. All county-owned vending machines would be eliminated and bid out.

There would also be monthly food-service audits.

"It is my hope that we can begin anew and learn from the past. It is my belief that if given a chance this new approach will work," Murphy said.

"And I pledge to you that we in the administration — and I'm confident you, the board of commissioners — will scrutinize this operation carefully in the months ahead and that we will continue this new direction only as long as we are mutually satisfied that we are achieving desired results."

BUT DEMOCRATS object to the county running the deficit operation. Instead, they would like to go back to letting outside vendors operate it.

But their suggestion was vetoed 14 to 8 by the commission last week. The board approved an interim food-service budget and asked Murphy to report back in 60 days.

"We are continuing to have our priorities mixed up," objected commissioner Dennis Aaron, D-Oak Park. "Why don't we wake up and smell the coffee? It is time we pull the plug and turn out the lights."

Commissioner Lawrence Pernick, D-Southfield, objected to the county preparing the OLHSA meals. "We are allowing senior citizen meals to be fixed in conditions we wouldn't eat in ourselves," he said.

# Roelofs' performance makes honor roll

By Tim Richard  
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If Oakland Community College is one of "the premier community colleges in the nation," the board of trustees says credit should go to Robert F. Roelofs, president for the past 5½ years.

Six trustees gave Roelofs, 65, "superior" or "good" ratings in achieving college goals when they completed his annual performance evaluation last week.

But the board majority said Roelofs needs to improve his communication with trustees, saying he "does not keep the board of trustees adequately informed about pertinent college matters and does not show sufficient trust or respect for the board."

The board was due to evaluate Roelofs last October but delayed the work in order to revise and expand the procedure. The board credited trustee Edward Pappas, a Farmington Hills attorney, for much of the drafting and tallying work.

The board last fall voted Roelofs a 4 percent raise to \$69,011 a year, indicating in advance their evaluation would be a positive one. Roelofs had no comment on the report.

USING 1982-3 college goals, trustees rated Roelofs as superior or good in these areas:

- Updating existing academic programs and establishing new ones in both career and liberal arts fields.

- Completing construction and startup of new facilities.

- Maintaining "budget viability" despite interruptions and cuts in state aid.

- Establishing continuing education units for nursing professionals. The college also began work on continuing education credits for dental hygiene and other health professionals.

- Moving ahead with a robotics addition to the vocational building on the Auburn Hills campus.

- Expanding in-service training for counselors and improving accommodations for handicapped students.

- Centralizing the security system. The college has an administrative center in Bloomfield Hills and campuses in Farmington Hills, Auburn Hills, Royal Oak-Southfield and Union Lake.

# Labor center opens at OU

Top-ranking labor leaders will give their views on "The Future of Work" at a Friday-Saturday conference at Oakland University, near Rochester.

UAW International Union President Owen Bieber will give the keynote address at the conference to dedicate the university's new Ken Morris Labor Studies Center.

Other lectures will be given by Leon Lynch, vice president of the United Steelworkers of America; Howard Samuel, president of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department; state Rep. Juanita Watkins, D-Detroit, chair of the Michigan House Labor Committee; Bob Lent, director of Region 1B, UAW; Sam Fishman, president of the Michigan State AFL-CIO, and Dan Luria, representative of the UAW Research Department.

Other Michigan leaders include Ken Morris, retired director of UAW Region 1B, chair of the OU Board of Trustees, for whom the center is named; Tom Turner, president of the Detroit Metropolitan AFL-CIO, and James Glass, president of AFSCME Council 25.

Cost of the conference is \$10 with students and retirees admitted for \$5. Unemployed people will be admitted free.

For registration information, contact Carroll M. Hutton, director of the Ken Morris Labor Studies Center.



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SIX TRUSTEES took part in the evaluation. Trustee David Preston, a Birmingham attorney, abstained because he had served only since last fall.

Three trustees asked for improvement in providing special instruction for minorities and the unemployed.

Nevertheless, trustees gave Roelofs superior or good marks for advancing current plans to renovate High Oaks Hall on the Highland Lakes campus, improving warehousing and book store controls, providing a better library control system, and successfully negotiating seven collective bargaining contracts.

Half the trustees asked for improvement in use of campus facilities at non-peak hours and promotion of the college's affirmative action policy.

ALL PARTICIPATING trustees ranked Roelofs' relationship with the faculty as superior or good, and the majority said his community relations as good.

Pappas said, "The written comments of the trustees indicate that President Roelofs' greatest asset is his administrative ability."

While some trustees ranked his administrative ability or reliability as below expectations, Pappas said, there were no written explanations.

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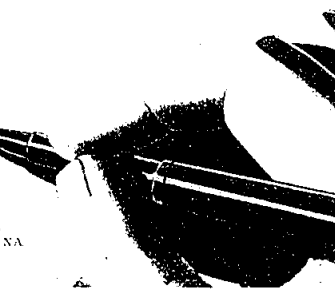
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