

Community college cooling 'grade inflation'

Oakland Community College is holding down "grade inflation" and making progress to improve women's jobs, President Robert F. Roelofs told the board of trustees.

"Grade inflation" is the tendency of some colleges to award a high proportion of A's and B's to make them and their graduates look good. The comparison was made between the 1978-9 academic year and the period from August 1982 through fall of 1983, Roelofs said. The president gave this report card on OCC:

- A's declined from 30 percent of the total to 28. In actual numbers, there was a 6-percent decline.
- B's stayed level at 23 percent.
- C's rose from 13 to 14 percent.
- D's rose from 5 to 9 percent.
- F's rose from 3 to 4 percent.

- Withdrawals dropped from 31 to 17 percent, a sign the college is doing a better job of retaining students.
- Incompletes stayed at 5 percent.

THE COLLEGE has re-evaluated some non-faculty jobs and improved them, Roelofs said.

Of 240 non-faculty women, 128 had their jobs re-evaluated, and 60 of them received higher pay, he said.

Another 55 jobs were evaluated but not upgraded in pay. Jobs for 13 were

upgraded and employees in them were challenged to improve their skills to match.

OCC has 240 women (57 percent) and 181 men in non-faculty jobs. These include clerical, public safety and plant work.

The faculty includes 388 men (53 percent) and 338 women, the president said.

Overall, OCC's workforce is 47 percent female — a better representation than in the nation's overall workforce, Roelofs said.

IN OTHER business, the OCC board last week:

• Awarded a contract for \$30,059 in concrete walk repairs at the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills to L.W. Peters concrete Service of Farmington.

• Approved installation of a tornado warning siren at the Highland Lakes and Orchard Ridge campuses for \$18,000, with Oakland County paying \$6,100 of the price. The county will install, maintain and activate the system.

• Awarded a contract for \$18,995 to

Floor Craft Floor Covering Inc. of Roseville for resurfacing the pool deck at the Orchard Ridge campus. The five-year-old deck, though painted with a "coated" surface, "has become" dangerously smooth, administrators said.

• Awarded a contract for \$10,804 for a fire suppression system at Orchard Ridge to Sparks Fire and Safety Services Inc., Ann Arbor.

• Approved an agreement with Citation Clinical Laboratory Ltd., Southfield, for training medical laboratory technician students.

• Approved two-year contracts for vice presidents Anthony James (business) and James L. Stevenson (labor relations and academic affairs).

• Accepted gifts of a front axle assembly from a retired driver from Chevrolet Division for the Auburn Hills campus; applied technology department; and paint and pallets from United Tech Instrument Division, also for Auburn Hills; clinical laboratory instruments for the Highland Lakes campus from Michael Asmarin of CitiLab Clinical Laboratory; and 650 glass slide mounts for the art department from Xenox works.

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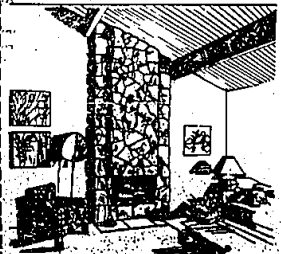
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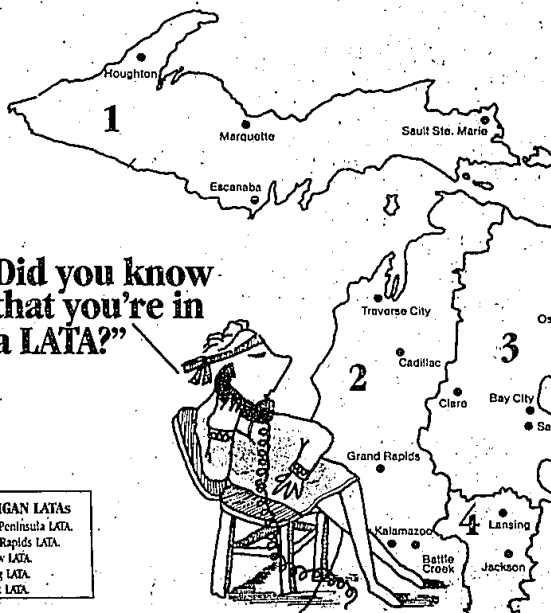
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