

OCC growth spurs changes

New provosts have been named to two of Oakland Community College's four campuses — Auburn Hills and Orchard Ridge — and a change in a vice presidency.

The promotions give Auburn Hills its second female provost. Known for its "high tech" offerings, the Auburn Heights campus is the only one ever led by a woman.

Auburn Hills will be headed by Christine Gram of Farmington Hills. She was previously academic dean of the Highland Lakes campus, Union Lake.

Gram replaces Marion Rice, now chancellor of Florida Institute of Technology's Jensen Beach campus. Rice became OCC's first female provost in September 1974.

NEW PROVOST at the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills is James L. Stevenson, previously vice president for employee relations. The Utica resident replaces Richard T. Thompson.

Thompson of Milford was promoted to the newly re-established position of vice president of student and academic affairs.

The changes had been contemplated for months by OCC President Robert F. Roelofs. He noted that many administrators had been in their jobs five years or more. He saw the Stevenson-Thompson change as broadening the experiences of both men, although they had been performing well in their previous posts.

BOTH APPOINTMENTS were ap-



Christine Gram
Auburn Hills provost



James Stevenson
to Orchard Ridge



Richard Thompson
new vice president

proved by OCC's Board of Trustees following submission of candidates' names by selection committees from each campus. Three names were submitted by the Auburn Hills committee and two by Orchard Ridge.

The staff realignments were credited to the college's increased enrollment. In the past five years, enrollment has grown 50 percent and the number of college programs has doubled.

In his new post as vice president of student and academic affairs, Thompson will assess the college's educational delivery systems, develop strategies to better meet student needs, and participate in cooperative projects with

the public sector and other educational institutions.

THE VACANT Auburn Hills provostship will be assumed by Gram, academic dean of the Highland Lakes campus since 1979. A former OCC faculty member and department head, she also served as president of the Oakland Community College Faculty Association before joining the administrative staff.

Offerings at the 265-acre campus which emphasizes career programs include robotics, computer aided design, criminal justice, allied health and secretarial science. There are 8,528 students enrolled there this term.

3rd party candidate campaigns at OCC

Sonia Johnson, who was excommunicated from the Mormon Church because of her stand favoring the Equal Rights Amendment, will visit Oakland Community College this month in her campaign for president of the U.S.

Running on the Citizen's Party slate, Johnson will talk at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 in Room 305, Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road south of I-96.

She is backed by NOW (National Organization for Women).

"She is running because there are issues so important to the American people that they must be kept in the forefront of this election," a spokesperson for the North Oakland County and Oakland University NOW Chapter said.

Johnson wants a freeze on the manufacture and sale of arms, unilateral disarmament, cuts in the military budget, an end to violence against women, genuine human rights for all groups, democratization of the economy and a healthful environment for all species.

"I continue to run to raise them and to make clear that they are part of the feminist world view; that demilitarization, increased democracy, spirituality, cooperation, nurturance of

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life are feminist values; that they are the values most desperately needed at this time in history, and that it is therefore time for the world to listen to women," Johnson said.

She views the race not so much as getting votes, but as changing people's perceptions of what is necessary in preparing for a new world culture.

Johnson has a doctorate from Rutgers University and is the mother of four. She supports herself and her family by speaking nationally on the women's movement and its relationship to global peace.

She is the author of "From Housewife to Heretic," which tells of her Mormon upbringing and the factors in her life that led to her excommunication from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



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