

Are OCC grads satisfied?

75 percent are, but college studies dropouts

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Some 24,000 students enroll at Oakland Community College in a semester. About 11,000 don't show up for a second semester.

Did they go away disappointed? Or did they get what they wanted in a course or two and depart satisfied? Did a counselor steer them toward a course beyond their skill? Or did they have "home" trouble that forced them to drop out?

"It's imperative to learn why they don't come back," Chancellor R. Stephen Nicholson told the board of trustees last week.

LAST WEEK Nicholson and Vice Chancellor Richard Thompson reported on a survey of graduates that showed strong degrees of satisfaction — three-fourths or more.

Nicholson said the survey is a guide for 1) assessing students, 2) placing them where they can be successful and 3) steering those who need it toward "developmental" courses.

"Shouldn't the college ask them immediately why they don't return?" asked Trustee Earl Anderson.

"We're doing more of that," Nicholson replied.

The survey covered 1,800 students from the classes of 1983-4 and was done by mail two years after graduation. Some 668 replied — an excellent response for a mail survey, Thompson said.

THE SURVEY SHOWED, with percentages in parentheses: • The primary objectives were job preparation (41), credit transfers to a university (33), for a total of 74. Others were jobholders who wanted to improve their skills (9) or were following a personal interest (8).

• Nearly half (46) were still in school somewhere.

• The bulk (77) had jobs, and few (6) were unemployed and looking for work; 16 weren't in the labor force.

• They rated instruction highly, 39 percent calling it "very good" (top rating) and 48 percent calling it "good" for a total of 78 percent in the top two categories. Other ratings were average (19), poor (3) and very poor (negligible).

• Instructor interest got similar marks: very good (30) and good (43) for a total of 73 in the top two categories. Others rated it average (24)

and poor or no response (5).

• Best marks went to the libraries: very good (35) and good (46), for a total of 81 in the top two categories. Average drew a 16, poor 3.

• Scores dropped when they were asked how their college training related in usefulness to their jobs. Very good, said 22; good, said 37, for a total of 59 percent. Average drew a 22; poor or very poor, 4. No response came from 15, about equal to the number not in the work force.

IN A SEPARATE report, Nicholson found OCC's racial composition highly similar to most neighboring community colleges and state universities. The enrollment data:

• Black — OCC, 6.6; University of Michigan, 4.7; Michigan State, 5.8; Macomb Community College, 1.9; Schoolcraft College, 1.6.

• White — OCC 90.2, U-M 82.8, MSU 87.1, Macomb 96, Schoolcraft 97.

• Hispanic — OCC 1.4, U-M 1.6, MSU 1.1, Macomb 0.8, Schoolcraft, 0.2.

• Asian — OCC 0.7, U-M 3.7, MSU, 1.2, Macomb 0.9, Schoolcraft 0.9.

• American Indian — all less than 1 percent.

Wayne County Community College, serving mainly Detroit, had a different pattern, with 61 percent black and 33 percent white.

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TABLE B STUDENTS REPORTED BY FOUR-YEAR SCHOOLS	
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY	(1,391)
WAYNE STATE	(977)
EASTERN MICHIGAN	(335)
FERRIS STATE	(144)
WESTERN MICHIGAN	(139)
MICHIGAN TECH.	(124)
MERCY COLLEGE	(120)

Source: OCC Office of Institutional Research
After Oakland Community College students move on, 74 percent who go on to four-year colleges pick southeastern Michigan institutions.

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Earwig bug won't bite, but is pest

Twenty Oakland County residents a day are finding out the truth about a bug called "earwig" — it doesn't bite, and it doesn't crawl into the ears of sleeping humans and bore into their brains.

"Earwigs are ugly, creepy insects and can be a nuisance," said county extension horticulture agent Greg Patchan, who fields the calls. "But there is no reason to panic if one is spotted in a kitchen cupboard or dark corner."

Sometimes mistaken for cockroaches, earwigs are a medium-sized insect 1/4 to 1 1/4 inches long, reddish-brown in color with short wings, long antennae and forcep-like pincers.

"It won't bite, but it may pinch in self-defense," said Patchan. Non-flyers and unable to crawl

far, earwigs frequently hitchhike on newspapers, pant cuffs, children's toys, cut flowers, produce, luggage and even the mail. They associate with humans.

Earwigs feed mostly on plant materials — algae, fungi, mosses, pollen, but also insects, spiders and mites. Thus, they can damage flowers, shrubs, vegetables and foliage of ornamental trees.

They can be controlled by insecticides that work on crawling insects, Patchan said. If you have outdoor lights, use yellow bulbs which are less attractive.

If you have a garden area infested with earwigs, try setting up rolls of newspaper in shrubs, mulch or tree crotches. Earwigs will congregate in them. Burn the newspaper roll the next day.

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