

Ou eyes more housing for married students

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

The crunch for married student housing at Oakland University will be easing a bit if the school's board of trustees has its way.

The board voted Thursday to apply for a low-interest federal loan of \$3.3 million to build 48 more units on campus for married graduate students.

Currently, there are 48 units, which are filled to capacity, and there is a waiting list of 220, according to university spokesman Jim Llewellyn.

Llewellyn said that the school has no timetable for when the loan will be approved or denied, but he said construction could begin 18 months after approval.

The loan, from the U.S. Department of Education, would be for 40 years at 3 percent interest.

"There isn't a lot of federal money left in the program, so we had to make a move quickly," said Llewellyn. "The board authorized us to go after the dollars."

IN OTHER ACTION at the board meeting, authorization was granted to increase the money being spent on the installation of an air-conditioner

system at the new Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

The Pavilion, which was opened last year without air conditioning, is the site of president's dinners and other large functions.

The previous cost limit for the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of the month, was \$200,000. Current estimates for the installation are \$253,000, with a new board-mandated limit of \$270,000.

Two deans were reappointed to their second five-year terms — Brian Copenhaver of Arts and Sciences and Andrea Lindell of the School of Nursing.

Four department heads were named, as well — Nalin Unaker, biological sciences; Norman Tepley, physics; Jacqueline Scherer, sociology and anthropology; W. David Jaymes, modern languages and literature.

It was also reported that early registration for the fall semester, which closed Thursday, was 10,000, up from last year. Final registration last fall was 12,566, a record for the school.

Officials, who had tightened academic standards for admission, had hoped to hold admission at the same level as last fall or even decrease it by 1 or 2 percent, said Llewellyn.

Small business moves its act to Washington

By Penny Wright
special writer

The needs are basic. The good health (some say survival) of small business depends upon: keeping an advocacy voice in Washington, better access to capital financing and easing the burden of taxation.

But as local delegates prepared to attend the White House Conference on Small Business in Washington, D.C., Aug. 17-21, they questioned who will be listening to their concerns. Congress, which passed legislation for the conference, will be on summer recess. President Reagan, who signed the bill into law, will be vacationing at his California ranch.

"Why hold the conference in August?" asked Pearl Holterter, an accountant and partner with Plante & Moran and part of the Michigan delegation. "We don't know what's behind this. It's questionable whether

the administration is interested in our concerns."

Farmington Hills delegate Daniel Nemes called small business owners "an uncomfortable burr in the President's saddle," noting that the conference is convening two years later than Congress intended.

"We've got problems," Nemes, president of the accounting firm of Nemes Allen & Lefko, Birmingham. "Most of the time our problems fall through the cracks because we don't have the political clout of big business and labor."

THE CONFERENCE is the third White House convention devoted to the problems of the small-business community. President Roosevelt started the practice in 1938. In 1980, President Carter hosted the second conference.

The conference provides a national forum for discussing the problems

of businesses employing fewer than 500 employees. The starting agenda contains more than 300 recommendations. By the end of the conference, the list will be narrowed to 40 items targeted for legislative action.

Livonia resident and owner of JGP Marketing Group International, Jeanne Paluzzi said one of the main problems small business owners face is federal lawmakers' indifference to the impact of small business on the economy. She cited a national survey that indicated small businesses generate 80 percent of the new jobs and account for approximately half of the nation's output of private goods and services.

Paluzzi views the conference as an opportunity to increase awareness. "Our presence in Washington will serve as a reminder, 'We are here, don't ignore us.'"

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"We used to spend our time selling to individuals. Companies didn't provide much coverage, so it was all by way of the individual. Now, we go

the corporate route — benefits, life insurance, pension planning and profit sharing."

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