

S. JAMES MANILLA is the new provost at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.
(Evert photo)

## At Orchard Ridge, Students Are People

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lege's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington may well lie in the hands of S. James Manilla, recently appointed provost at the school. The disyear-old father of four became the new college administrator Oct. 1, succeeding Dr. Donald Godbold who resigned to assume a position at Denver Community College. Top choice of 25 candidates interviewed by the college selection committee and a charter member of Oakland Community College since July 5, 1965, Manilla envisions cultural expansion, full academic accreditation before the school year ends, and greater involvement between community and college.

SOFT SPOKEN, blue-eyed Manilla says his door is "open to anyone, student, faculty or businessman who wishes to establish open communication through discussion."

Student demonstrations and violence—high on the list or priorities of concern for many college administrators across the country—have less significance to Manilla.

"Oh we've had the usual share of demonstrations and orderly protests, especially dur-

THOMAS L. HARRIS, president of the R.B. & G.R. Harris Homes, which have locations in Livonia and Garden City, was the installation speaker at the Preferred Funeral Directors International Convention held in Minneapolis, Minn. Harris, was the varionest

Harris was the youngest man to hold office as presi-

dent of the association and has been selected twice as the group's installation

"Accounting: Quills to Computers to -?" will be subject of a speech by Robert M. Reames, a partner in an accounting firm, before the Oakland County Chapter of National Association of Accountants

tants.

The session will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Devon Gables. Bloomfield

Devon Gables, Bloomfield Hills.
Rearnes, a CPA, has held top posts in local, state and national accountant groups.
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after the Kent State killings last spring. But our students are older daily commuters and really not the typical four-year students (who live in dorms on campus) just by the very nature of the school," he explained.

He said campus officials were aware of radicals on campus, but that they comprised a small minority and so far had caused no major disturbances.

"I WOULD NEVER discourage open dialog on local or national issues or debate of any kind that would present both sides of an issue." Manilla promised.

"But," he warned, "if those who star leaders, if the demonstrations resort to violence, we'd have no recourse but to identify student leaders, if y to convince them peacefully to disband and, if that fails, use the help of out-side agencies to restore order."

Manilla's hardline philosophy of using outside force "only as a last resort" may never be tested if Orchard Ridge students continue to perform as in the past.

"The problem of many college administrators has been that they treat students as 'students' and not as 'people.' Our kids today have a more humanistic approach to life and are concerned with society's emphasis on the economic order and the military hierarchy."

Manilla said he was "encouraged by stu-dent attitudes of "helping mankind" and said it was "unfortunate" that so many people attached a "stigma" to don plair, blue jeans and sandals, identifying that appearance with violence. "only a small minority — probably 1-3 per cent of students — is actively in-volved in violence," he said.

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MORE CULTURAL expansion at the campus is one of Manilla's pet projects. He said he would like to meet with civic groups to find out where OCC could best serve their

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"We encourage people in the community to make use of our amphitheater and hold their meetings in any of a number of meeting rooms here," he said.

The college has no single large convoca-tion area, something "sorely missed," he added. Manilla said he hopes to see construc-tion begin as soon as possible on a large meet-ing area at the \$19 million campus.

Manilla seems pleased with his new posi-tion at the prize-winning Orchard Ridge cam-pus and boasts of "how many people have commented on the beauty" of the grounds

The 147-acre site south of I-696 at Or-chard Lake Rd. in Farmington Township earned an award citation and was exhibited at earned an award citation and was exhibited at the annual convention of the American Asso-ciation of School Administrators in 1966. If the was one of 28 college designs to receive cita-tions from 400 such projects entered in the competition.

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Academic accreditation for OCC from
the North Central Association (NCA) "may
come before the end of the school year, he
predicts. Accreditation was denied this summer and is being appealed.

Manilla said representatives of the NCA
have agreed to extend the college's candidacy
for membership another three years and will
reconsider their previous decision.

"WE ATTEMPTED to achieve accreditation in five years instead of the usual six to eight years normally required," he explained. "Their decision in no way affected any transfer of credits, though."

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The NCA plans to send in three separate teams to the three campuses of OCC in December, investigating each one for educational achievement, Manilla said. "If accreditation is denied again, it may be difficult to obtain certain local, state and federal grand transfer of credits may be in jeopardy."

Manilla, a Royal Oak resident and native of New York, is a dectoral candidate in higher education at Wayne State University and a member of the American Association for Higher Education, and the American Personnel and Guidance Association.

"Many people throughout the country are watching OCC," he said. "We are a traditional and instructional systems model of individualized and personalized education. There is enough empirical evidence and feedback from our graduates to show that we are a success."

OCC's enrollment has jumped from 3,860 in 1965 to over 15,000 students on three campuses this year, he added, and for the first time ever more freshmen enrolled in two-

time ever more tresmmen enrolled in two-year institutions than four-year ones.

He said he-is "proud" to be part of an institution "that is having such a significant impact on education as a whole in this coun-

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