

## OCC tax rate 1.4 mills again

Property owners will pay 1.4 mills for Oakland Community College again this year.

The board of trustees last week levied its full voter-authorized 1 mill for operating — expected to yield nearly \$17 million toward the \$44 million budget. And it will levy .4 mill for \$6.8 million of debt retirement.

A 1.4 mill rate amounts to \$1.40 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, or \$56 on a house with a market value of \$80,000 and an SEV of \$40,000.

CLASSIFIED employees, holding mainly technical jobs, complained publicly again that they are still without a contract. The previous pact expired last June.

"We're tired of being treated like second class citizens," said Jean Thorin, photo lab technician at Orchard Ridge Campus, speaking for the 200-plus members of the AFSCME unit.

Betty Weaver of the records office said the classified unit is 87 percent female, but the value of its work is

established by an administration that is 84 percent male.

After the public meeting, the board of trustees went into its usual closed session to discuss negotiations.

THE BOARD approved the appointment of George E. Miller as director of administrative services, a \$45,000-a-year post, on the Highland Lakes Campus.

A counselor by background, Miller had been dean of student services

at Auburn Hills.

Among gifts accepted by the board were:

• Auburn Hills Campus — 84 books from William F. Frey; a GM 350 Diesel engine assembly from Roger Zapinski for the applied technology department.

• Orchard Ridge — 350 books from Renee R. Rothchild; \$300 for the art gallery from Masco Corp.; and \$100 for the Womencenter from Margaret A. Rhodes.

• Southeast Campus — a print dryer for the photo lab from Kim Booth of Martin Booth Photography.

## Seasonal jobless rate up in state

Seasonal job losses across Michigan caused unemployment rates to climb in all 12 of the state's major labor market areas from December to February.

Statewide unemployment rate rose from 7.6 percent in December to 8.1 percent in January and 8.9 percent in February, according to Richard Simmons Jr., director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC).

The number of jobless workers grew by 52,000 during the three-month period — from 341,000 in December to 393,000 in February. At the same time, employment

dropped by 98,000 to 4,038,000 in February.

"POST-HOLIDAY job losses in the retail trade and seasonal job losses in the state's construction and food processing industries accounted, in large part, for the decline in employment and the increase in unemployment," Simmons said.

In addition, there were non-seasonal employment declines due to production adjustments in the fabricated metals and auto industries.

The Ann Arbor area had the lowest February unemployment rate — 4.6 percent.

## Googasian's run aids youth camp

Attorney George Googasian will run for more than fitness and glory in the 26-mile Boston Marathon Monday, April 20.

Googasian, president of the Oak-

land County Parks Foundation, has committed to raise \$10,000 in per-mile pledges to fund a sports camp scholarship for financially disadvantaged youth in Oakland County.

The sports camp is for youth 8-14 years old. It offers such activities as swimming, fishing, biking, tennis, team sports, nature activities and field trips.

The Oakland Parks Foundation, which Googasian has headed for four years, is committed to preserving and enhancing parks and recreation in Oakland County.

THE CAMP, sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, offers one-week sessions from July 6 to Aug. 14.

It is held in cooperation with community recreation agencies. An estimated 180 youngsters will benefit from the scholarship program.

Googasian is a senior partner in the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Googasian, Hopkins, Rogers, Carlson and Hohauser and former president of the Oakland County Bar Association.

FOUNDATION executive director Fran Greenbaum said, "Pledges are coming in by the dozens from all over the county. The initial response is very positive."

"I'm going to run with the big boys," Googasian says or realizing his long-time dream to run the Boston Marathon.

"I can help youth take advantage of the fine recreational facilities Oakland County has to offer." Googasian runs some 50-60 miles per week.

## Translator to read poems by Chinese

A reading of Chinese poetry in English translation will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, on the Oakland University campus.

Edward Morin, poet, translator and reviewer from Ann Arbor, will do the reading in 172 South Foundation Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Co-sponsors are the Asian Poets Program, department of English,

Center for International Programs and China Club.

Morin says few American readers are aware of the literary modernism and experimentation that have occurred in China in the last decade. The modern, western trend resumed after 1976 when party chairman Mao Tse-tung died and the "cultural revolution" ended.

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