

# 8 at OCC get sabbaticals for study, travel

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Eight faculty members at Oakland Community College will get sabbatical leaves in the year ahead for academic pursuits.

"The benefits are immeasurable," Chancellor R. Stephen Nicholson said as he won 6-0 board of trustees approval. "This is not a year off, but a most significant year in the life of the institution."

Trustee David Hackett of Rochester Hills said the list "reads like a Who's Who" of the two-year college.

**FACULTY** members and their assignments, years of seniority and sabbatical plans are:

Robert Montgomery, Business-Health Department of Highland Lakes Campus, 21 years — will work at the University of Michigan Dental School "preparing a learning self-study module in head and neck anatomy which is intended for use by dental hygiene students at OCC." He will be on full salary for the current spring semester.

Debra Rowe, applied technology at Auburn Hills Campus, four years — to complete work on the master of business administration degree at

U-M and start work on a Ph.D. by completing a teaching requirement at U-M. She will be on half-pay from OCC for the fall-winter semesters.

Tamas Szankid, science-health at Auburn Hills, 22 years — to accept fellowship at Eastern Michigan University to work on prototype issues of a new type of publication to be called "Electronic Journal of Chemical Education." She will be on full pay for the winter semester.

William Frever, social sciences, Orchard Ridge Campus, 19 years — to review instructional approaches of other colleges toward marriage and family parenting classes, to attend parenting workshops and visit the Kinsey Institute. Result: to update marriage and family course. He will be on half-pay for the fall, winter and spring semesters.

Michael Tracel, social science, Auburn Hills, 21 years — to study Sweden's social and educational systems. He will be on full pay for the fall, winter and spring semesters.

Richard Trembley, English and philosophy, Orchard Ridge, 21 years — to complete specialist degree in humanistic and clinical psychology at the Center for Humanistic Studies in Detroit and begin doctoral work at Union Graduate School in Ohio.

He will be on full pay for the fall, winter and spring semesters.

William Whitson, business at Highland Lakes, 19 years — to work on certificate in personal financial planning at Oakland University and possibly develop financial planning

program at OCC. He will be on full pay for the fall, winter and spring semesters.

Janet Young, humanities at Auburn Hills, 18 years — to begin work toward a master's degree in art history at Wayne State University in order

to upgrade her teaching skills. She will be on full pay for the fall, winter and spring semesters.

**THE TERM** "sabbatical" comes from the centuries-old custom of granting a scholar one year away from traditional duties for study,

travel or rest.

The custom, though long observed at universities, is relatively new at community colleges.

Among ancient Jews, the land and vineyards were to lie fallow every seventh year, under Mosaic law.

## Petitioners ask special elections

Backers of petition drives for the death penalty and a part-time Legislature were to hold a news conference today to announce their court-room plans.

"We're asking special elections," said John Lauve, spokesman for the groups.

The groups, represented by Ann Arbor attorney David Raaflaub, will ask Oakland Circuit Judge Alice L. Gilbert to call special statewide elections on the proposed constitutional amendments.

"We filed in plenty of time for the November 1986 election," said Lauve, best known for his unsuccessful petition drive to recall Gov. James J. Blanchard because of the 1985 income tax increase.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL** Frank Kelley is expected to argue that a circuit judge lacks authority to call a statewide election.

Gilbert ruled April 30 that the state Legislature unconstitutionally passed two "state signature" laws limiting petition drives to 180 days.

She said the changes occurred too swiftly and that they involved amendments to earlier bills that entirely changed their substance.

The Legislature in 1973 tacked a 180-day amendment onto a voter registration bill and rushed it through both houses in a single day.

Her opinion did not, however, specify any remedy. Raaflaub will announce that today in a news conference in front of the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac.

tiffs outlined several possible remedies in addition to setting special elections:

- Pay damages of \$20 per signature on those petitions rejected by Secretary of State Richard Austin, the defendant.

- Order Austin to forfeit a \$25,000 bond.

- Require the state to review all its public laws to determine if others had been unconstitutionally passed.

- Allow petition circulators "to supplement any shortfall in signatures as compensation for the chilling of their petitioning efforts."

**OAKLAND COUNTY** Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson led the drive for the death penalty amendment to the state constitution, and Brighton businessman Richard Chrysler led the part-time Legislature effort. Gilbert

said both had been improperly denied a place on the ballot.

But she upheld the state's rejection of Lauve's petitions to recall the governor, saying the law limiting that drive to 90 days wasn't passed unconstitutionally.

The Michigan Citizens Lobby's drive to seek public votes on utility plants also could be affected, Lauve said.

Lauve, a General Motors engineer from Grosse Pointe, said legal fees and transcripts cost him a handful of friends some \$40,000. Official plaintiff in the suit was Dean Fitzpatrick, a self-employed Troy tool salesman.

Lauve said they had talked of holding a fund-raiser to help defray expenses, but hadn't made plans yet. "Anything we can get would help," he added.

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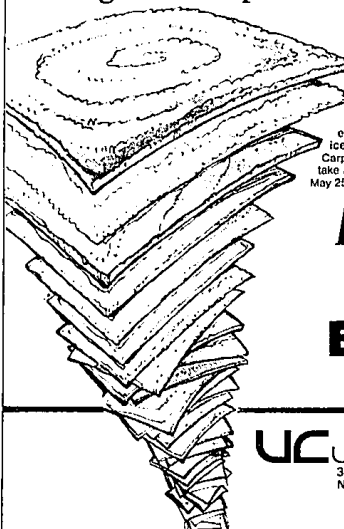
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