

OCC dean will participate in policymakers conference

The Annenberg Foundation in Washington, D.C., has selected Dr. Don Nichols to participate in a weeklong conference on public policy issues and opportunities created by new communications technologies. A Farmington resident and former academic dean of arts and sciences at Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College, Nichols is currently dean for special projects at the college's central office.

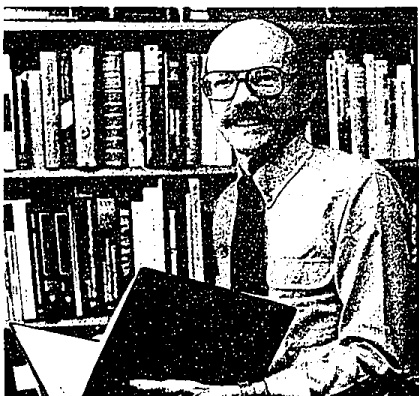
During the second week of January Nichols will be attending seminars and hearings led by congressional leaders and members of the Federal Communications Commission. He is one of only 20 leaders from the nation's colleges and universities who have been invited to participate.

"Traditionally, this gathering is dominated by representatives from universities with very few community college persons involved. It will be an opportunity for me to give the two-year institution's perspective," he said.

The Annenberg Program addresses key information needs of communications professionals and policymakers by providing a neutral forum for the study and debate of national and international issues. The overall goal of the program is to increase understanding and participation at all levels of the policymaking process.

NICHOLS WILL be involved in numerous joint activities with private and public organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Society for Public Administration and the U.S. Department of Justice. Officials from the Federal Communications Commission will be present to address the topics of cable TV and the First Amendment, libel and industry regulation.

Nichols expects these interactions to be somewhat heated in



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light of the FCC's recent ruling on what can be broadcast during the wee hours of midnight to 6 a.m.

"Many parents across the country have been put on notice that the FCC expects them to supervise what their children watch and listen to. In effect, the commission gave broadcasters permission to include indecent material in their programming during these early morning hours. Also, it is left up to broadcasters to draw the line between indecent and obscene material. We need to remember that obscenity is outlawed on the public airways but there is hardly any consensus on what is ob-

scene," he said.

Regarding the new ruling, Diane Killory, the FCC's general counsel, has been quoted as saying "The broadcasters should make a judgment and exercise discretion. That's what we would recommend."

OF PARTICULAR interest to the educators involved in the workshop will be the input of members of Congress who are responsible for writing laws that govern much of the nation's communication networks. A seminar on the "View from Capitol Hill" will provide participants with an opportunity to quiz senators and representatives on their individual views.

As dean of special projects at OCC Nichols has worked with college staff in developing the radio station WORR, student activities policies, and the college's involvement with the county cable TV hookup.

During the past two years he has produced cable programming for various physical education and athletics activities.

As a professor in social and behavioral sciences, Nichols teaches units on the role of media in forming public opinion and as an element of social control. The Annenberg Workshop will give him an opportunity to update his lecture notes on issues related to the media.

Questions about the workshop may be directed to Nichols at the college, 540-1808.

around Farmington

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party sponsored by Groves-Walker Post 346 begins at 7 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River. Advance tickets at \$35 per couple includes dinner, beer, mix, door prizes, dancing and buffet after midnight, purchased by calling the post, 478-9174. 2-8 p.m. weekdays. Tickets are \$40 at the door.

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

Monday, Jan. 4: Registrations taken for free high school completion classes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, 7-9 Monday through Thursday, in Highmeadow Community School, 30175 Highmeadow, through Jan. 28. Inquiries taken by calling the school, 626-3692.

FRUIT SALE

Monday to Friday, Jan. 4-8: Sale of oranges and grapefruit sold by the case or half-case sponsored by Farmington Hills Seventh Day Adventist School. Orders taken by calling the church office, 474-6028. Pick up date is Jan. 17.

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Highmeadow Community School, 30175 Highmeadow, Farmington Hills. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Inquiries taken by calling the school, 626-3692.

INFANT-CHILD CPR

Friday, Jan. 4: Infant and Child CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) taught at 7 p.m. in Boisdorf Hospital. Fee is \$5. Pre-registration is necessary, made by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

DIABETES MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, Jan. 6: "Diabetes Management," six-session class, begins at 7 p.m. in Boisdorf Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Registration information given

by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

HEART SAVER

Thursday, Jan. 7: CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) Heart Saver Course 7-10 p.m. in Boisdorf Hospital's Education Center, Grand River east of Eight Mile. Fee is \$5. Registration is requested by calling the hospital, 471-8090. Course is repeated the first Thursday of every month.

FORGET FORGETTING

Friday, Jan. 8: "Forget Forgetting" continues Table Topics Series after lunch at noon in Boisdorf Hospital, Grand River west of Eight Mile. Fee is \$3. Reservations are requested by calling 471-8709. Transportation provided for \$1.

Life membership is gift to gardener

Greta Tipping has been enrolled as a Life Member in the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. The membership is a gift from her fellow gardeners in Hill and Dale Garden Club that not only pays tribute to one of its own but makes it possible for university scholarships to continue indefinitely.

The Farmington Hills resident joined Hill and Dale in 1970 and for a long while headed up committees for planning and planting gardens in Farmington Community Center. The gardens there reflect her love for horticulture, as well as her own garden, many times open for tours. Last summer the landscape design of her garden won her the Gold Medal in a contest sponsored by Farmington Garden Club in cooperation with Farmington Beautification Commission.

Tipping has served as horticulture chairperson for numerous flower shows. She lectures on house plants, is happy to offer tips for happy growing results and readily shares cuttings.

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The Arts Foundation of Michigan is sponsoring its first poster competition to all artists who live in Michigan. The winner will be awarded a \$1,000 prize and be recognized at the foundation's annual Michigan Arts Awards ceremony in May in Detroit Institute of Arts.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 29. The winners will be announced March 14.

Entries will be judged on effectiveness of design and their suitability for reproduction. The subject-matter of the work should celebrate the artistic spirit that is evident in all the arts and should incorporate each of the arts foundation's funding disciplines: music, dance, visual arts, drama, literature and architecture.

AFM is a tax-exempt foundation created 22 years ago to support financially and encourage, through public recognition, excellence of artistic achievement. The foundation is an important force through grants and awards programs furthering the goals of artistic opportunity, fostering awareness across artistic mediums and enriching the quality of life in the state.

To receive an entry form for AFM's poster competition, write or call the Arts Foundation of Michigan, 542 New Center Building, 7430 Second Ave., Detroit 48202. The telephone number is 871-0559.

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