## OCC ponders a 13.7 percent tuition hike

Students at Oakland Community
College face a 13.7 percent tuition
increase next fall under the adminisration's proposed budget.
Chancellor R. Stephen Nicholson
and vice chancellor Anthony D. Jarson asked'that tuition be hiked \$4 a
credit hour for OCC district residents — from \$29 to 333. Out-of-district residents from Michigan would
pay \$8 more — \$55 a credit hour instead of \$47.

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"We are still below Macomb, Henry Ford and Wayne County community colleges," Jarson told trustees.
"We would be above Schoolcraft College, which has 2.27 mills (property tax, compared to OCCs 1.4 mills)."

The budget will be taken up at the board's June 23 meeting.

"I DON'T LIKE the idea of in-creasing tuition, ever," said veteran trustee David Hackett, asking the administration to explain to students

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why it has to be done.

"We can do a brochure," replied Nicholson.

The glst of OCC's case will be "severe underfunding" by the state, Nicholson said. State appropriations, which had been rising 6 percent a year during the economic recovery that began in 1983, this year will be up 1-2 percent. Meanwhile, the consumer price index has been rising in the 4.5 percent range.

Among community colleges, he said, OCC has been similarly underfunded — \$849 per student vs. a

percent.

OCC insists there is 'severe underfunding' by the state. State aid had been risen 6 percent a year since 1983, but this year will be up 1-2

Microbes gobble up PCBs

state average of \$1,623.

The difference of \$762 times OCC's enrollment of 14,609 full-time equated students amounts to \$11 million a year on a base budget of \$48 million.

THE TUITION was no surprise to trustees, who heard Nicholson a week earlier say it was necessary to hike tuitlon before it would be possible to convince voters to increase

the property tax rate.

Around the state, colleges are hiking tuition rates 10-14 percent for

the fall semester.

Jarson proposed a \$51.7 million budget, up 4 percent from the current level. He said that still is less than the 4.5 percent increase in the consumer price index (CPI).

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THE SPENDING side, said Nicholson, is aimed at five targets.
They are: to continue programs; to continue "leading edge" programs; to add equipment where the college is lagging; to stay close to state

norms, "not too far above or below"; and to stay close to the CFI. "It's hard to hit five targets at once," the chancellor said. Trustee Judith Wiser asked why a dental assistants program was being dropped when her dentist husband and others are in great need of den-tal assistants.

Ned Brodbeck, president of the Highland Lakes Campus, said the courses are offered although the pre-gram isn't. Nicholson added, "Enrollment is a function of students' perceived op-portunities . . . It's a matter of what people in the profession are willing to pay."



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\$302.000 from the EPA based on the previous success of his research.
This is the third year of EPA funding, and be has reported on his work at an international conference in Scattle. Aspects of his new success in gene cloning will be presented at the eighth international conference on Global Impacts of Applied Microbiology and the international Conference on Applied Biology and Biotechnology. Both sessions will be held Aug. 1-5 in Hong Kong. WALIA SAID his research can ald

HE IS CREATING a hybrid microbe that will degrade potentially
toxic PCBs and similar organic compounds quickly and completely.
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Agency is excited about the project, Walia said. The scientist has received a continuation grant of \$302,000 from the EPA based on the

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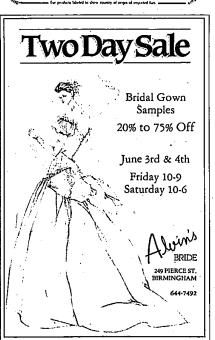
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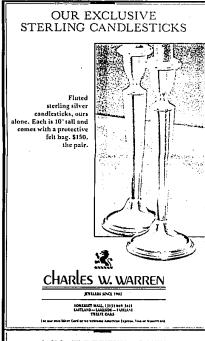
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