

Drought victim: flat roofs

The drought of 1988 may harm more than trees and shrubs at Oakland Community College.

"We have a lot of flat roofs. Extended heat tends to crack them," Chancellor R. Stephen Nicholson told the board of trustees. "We can expect some significant roof repairs," he added.

Southeastern Michigan broke a decades-old record of 37 days with 90-plus temperatures this year.

Vice chancellor Anthony Janson said the plant total may be 50 trees and 75 to 100 shrubs on the college's 600 acres at five campuses and a central office.

"We won't know for sure until spring. Then we will present you a plan to replenish them," Janson told the board.

THE FIRST class of corrections guards — 21 — will graduate Wednesday, said Christine Gram, president of the Auburn Hills Campus.

"It appears all will find placement," she said.

After prison guards were killed

and injured several years ago at Jackson, the state adopted a list of specific courses which all candidates for corrections officer guards must complete effective next March. OCC began its institute in June and uses the guidelines.

Observer & Eccentric area graduates include: Donald Barbara of Farmington, Gary Carey and Jeffrey Chase, both of Rochester Hills.

Oakland County currently is hiring more than 60 people for its jail addition, due to open in fall. The state is planning a prison somewhere in the county, although the site continues to be the center of controversy.

OCC's second class of corrections guards will start classes Sept. 26 in Avondale High School. Classes meet Monday through Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. for 10 weeks. The institute offers 15 credit hours.

Interested persons may contact the career education of the Auburn Hills Campus at 853-4313.

COMMUNITY college graduates — particularly from OCC — do better at Wayne State University than

"native" students who start at WSU. That report came from Richard Thompson, vice chancellor for academic affairs in the central office.

"Community college graduates tend to take fewer credit hours than 'natives' but earn higher grade point averages," Thompson said.

WSU students who do best are those who transferred there from other four-year colleges; second are community college transfers; third are native students.

Of OCC students who transfer, Thompson said, 95 percent complete their degrees.

Emergency funds coming

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will soon announce that Oakland County will receive funding from the \$114 million national Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

The funding is supposed to expand the capacity of food and shelter services in high-need areas around the country.

The local Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board determines

how the funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs operated by local human service organizations.

The local board consists of representatives from the American Red Cross, the Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic Charities, United Way of North Oakland, United Foundation, Christian Communications Council, Jewish Welfare Fed-

eration, United Automobile Workers, the Salvation Army, local government leaders and representatives of the community served by the funding.

Organizations or individuals needing additional information should contact United Community Services at 228-9413, or the divisional office in Oakland County at 29508 Southfield Road, Southfield.

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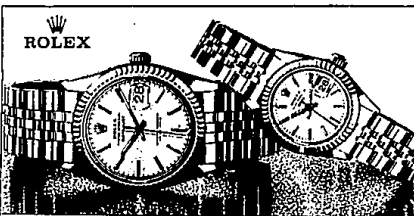


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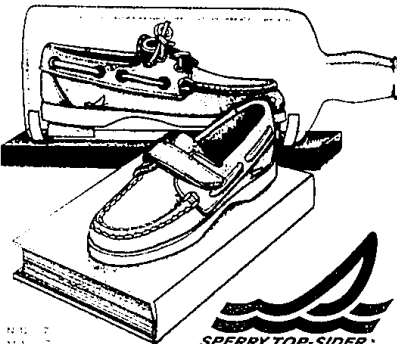


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