

High scores

OCC nursing grads lead on state RN exam

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Nursing graduates of Oakland Community College are passing their state exams in record proportions and with good scores, program director Nadia E. Boulos said.

"The OCC nursing program graduated 96 students in April 1988. Of the 96 who took the (state) exam, 92 passed — a 96 percent rate," best class score in the state, Boulos said.

"This is significantly higher than the average national rate of 83.6 percent."

"Moreover, the highest score in the state (3,193) at the July 1988 exam was obtained by a graduate of the new OCC curriculum."

BOULOS TOLD college trustees

that OCC's percentage of those passing the National Council of License Examiners for Registered Nurses exam had risen from 93 percent in 1985 to the current 96.

With 232 students, the department of nursing is on the Highland Lakes Campus at Union Lake.

OCC nursing graduates earn an associate's degree. Those passing the NCLEX test earn the "registered nurse" designation. Many go on to earn bachelor's degrees in nursing at a university.

To a question from trustee Judith Wiser, Boulos replied that RNs with associate's degrees can earn \$24,000 to \$25,000 a year. Both agreed pay is low. The RN with a bachelor's degree can advance faster, Boulos added.

Chancellor R. Stephen Nicholson

praised Boulos' grasp of nursing theory and revision of the OCC curriculum.

He reported OCC had signed a nursing articulation agreement with Oakland University. It means OCC credits are fully transferable and the two institutions' curricula are fully integrated.

IN BOULOS' outline, the nursing program works this way:

First semester — historical development of the nursing process, theoretical basis and basic components.

Second semester — theory and clinical practice, applied to clients with common, well-defined health problems.

Third semester — emphasis on the process in complex illnesses.

Fourth semester — health care

management with a group of patients.

She reported a good student retention rate of 84 percent. Of 100 who enrolled in fall of 1985, 106 were graduated two years later.

IN OTHER Highland Lakes Campus matters, the board of trustees approved five affiliation agreements with hospitals to provide clinical training for students in the exercise science and technology program.

The program trains students for work in operating physical fitness establishments.

Under the affiliation agreements, Henry Ford Hospital will take three OCC students; Huron Valley Hospital, one; Pontiac General Hospital, two; St. John Hospital, one to two; and U-M Med Sport, one to two.

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Each YR group says it's official

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Two rival Oakland County Young Republicans groups are battling for official recognition from the state YR board.

Joe Johns, last year's chairman of the executive board, says a "re-election" will be held Feb. 13 in Jameson's restaurant in Royal Oak.

David Lambert of Farmington Hills says he was elected president Dec. 12. He added the issue will be settled Feb. 10 when the board of the Michigan Federation of Young Republicans recognizes his group.

"There's a conflict over direction," said Lambert, a program development specialist for the Michigan Credit Union League. He said he won on a platform of bringing the group

more heavily into political activities.

JOHNS GAVE this account of the events:

The YRs on Dec. 12 held an election for the executive board. "That night Dave Lambert was elected chairman of the executive board and president of the Oakland County YRs. He was to be sworn in to the position, along with the rest of the elected 1989 board, at a later date."

On Dec. 20, the current 1988 board, which is responsible for hold-

ing and running elections, met and had a board meeting. They voted to officially contest the election. Mediator committees were formed to come to a conclusion.

"On Jan. 23 the current 1988 board held a board meeting and voted to hold a re-election of the 1989 executive board..."

LAMBERT SAID the Johns group "is trying to take back what they lost in December."

He announced his own election in

December, using YR stationery.

Christy Haradean, a member of the 1988 board, said Lambert shouldn't have used club stationery.

Carol Morian, staff person for the Republican Committee of Oakland County, said she has always worked with Lambert, but added, "They'll have to work this out among themselves. We're willing to work with any YRs."

County GOP chairman James Alexander said the dispute will be settled by the state YR federation.

Volunteers are needed

Individuals and families with spare bedrooms are needed to board young women ages 16-17 for five to six months as they make the transition from Camp Oakland to independent living.

David Ballenberger, executive director of the camp, near Oxford, said hosts will be compensated through a Skillman Foundation grant. Further information and a flyer explaining home requirements are available by calling him at 628-2561.

Art contest theme: Lincoln

Thursday, Feb. 2, is the deadline for a high school art scholarship contest sponsored by the Oakland County Lincoln Republican Club.

All 11th- and 12th-grade students in Oakland County are eligible to compete for the \$500 award. Theme is "Lincoln: the Humanitarian."

Entry information is available from Dr. Royann Hassinger at 471-1538.

Fran Blass, president of the 100-year-old Lincoln Republican Club, said the winner will be announced Feb. 25 at the club's Lincoln Day dinner in Roma's of Bloomfield.

District judges pick Sheehy

Judge James P. Sheehy of Rochester Hills has been elected president of the Oakland County District Judges Association.

A judge for eight years, Sheehy serves the 52nd District-3rd division.

Judge Susan Moisevic of Southfield was elected vice president, and Judge Douglas J.M. Voss of Ferndale is secretary-treasurer.

Blood pressure classes open

A series of six blood pressure control classes are open free to Oakland residents at the county health division's Southfield office, 27735 Greenfield Road.

Classes will run 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Feb. 23 and running through March.

Classes are free, but you must pre-register at 424-7043.

Topics will include an overview of blood pressure, medications, diet and cholesterol.

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