

OCC enrollment soars; Students turned away

Oakland Community College's record enrollment for fall 1989 has a down side.

"We are very pleased that our enrollment has reached this unprecedented level during our Silver Anniversary year," said OCC Chancellor R. Stephen Nicholson, "but the downside of the story is that our records show 3,000 students who were unable to enroll in their class choices."

"We simply cannot offer enough classes in certain subjects because of space constraints."

For the first time in its 25-year history OCC passed the 200,000 stu-

dent credit hour mark at the close of fall registration.

Credit hours are the basic units for measuring classes at OCC and other educational institutions. Most OCC courses are for three credits — 92 credits being the minimum requirement for most degrees at the two-year community college.

The student credit hour total for a particular semester consists of the aggregate number of credits for all the classes in which students have enrolled. OCC offered more than 2,500 separate sections this fall.

Although OCC students had regis-

tered for 201,829 credit hours by the end of registration, canceled classes and withdrawals eroded the total somewhat to 200,138.

THE FALL TERM also saw an all-time record headcount of 28,221 credit class students at OCC's five campuses. This figure is expected to swell by another 1,500 registrants when non-credit course enrollment is completed later in the semester.

OCC is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding in 1969-70. Although established by countywide vote in 1964, the college did not begin classes until the fall of 1965 after it acquired the first two of its present five campus sites, Auburn Hills and Highland Lakes. At the time OCC set a national community college opening enrollment record of 3,860 students.

The college now ranks among the nation's 10 largest multi-campus community colleges, according to figures published last March in the "College Times," a national publication covering higher education.

Trash Tally Rouge River cleanup results

More than 2,700 volunteers removed more than 3,000 yards of debris from the heavily polluted Rouge River this year.

The clean-up occurred June 3 at sites throughout Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Local sites included:
• Birmingham — Almost 70 volunteers cleared five log jams and 70 bags of trash from the work site.

• Farmington Hills — Nearly

200 volunteers showed up at the first-time work site, removing eight log jams and 180 cubic yards of debris.

In a clean-up occurring May 21, members of the Lexington Alarm Society removed 10 bags of trash from the river.

• Oakland Community College — In a clean-up occurring three weeks after the Rouge Rescue, volunteers cleared three log jams and two bales of hay from a site near

the college's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

• Southfield — Despite rain, 225 volunteers worked both Saturday and Sunday, clearing 24 log jams and 1,000 cubic yards of debris. Most debris was produced naturally, a sign the Southfield portion of the river isn't being used as a dump site.

• Walled Lake — Volunteers cleared a beach area near the Rouge.

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