

Armenian struggle honored Saturday

Music and speakers bring to life the struggle of Armenia at a special presentation of "The Continuing Genocide" at 8 p.m. Saturday at Groves High School in Beverly Hills.

Sponsored by the United Armenian Committee of Metropolitan Detroit, there is no admission charge. The school is at the intersection of 13 Mile and Evergreen roads.

"This is a program for Armenians as well as for people who are interested in the Armenian culture and a struggle for independence," explained Dickran Toumanian, an officer with the Armenian committee.

"The history and current story of Armenia is very interesting. For a two year period (1918-1920) Armenia was independent until the Sovietization of that area. And now since 1990 Armenia is experiencing a second chance at independence and is facing difficulties both economically and politically."

Performers include the Southfield Madrigal Chorus with conductor Robert Martin singing both the American and Armenian national anthems, plus "Sardarabad" a heroic song detailing a 1918 Ottoman Turk invasion; comedy writer/actor Harry Berberian reciting "The Dance" by Siamanto and students of the AGBU Alex Manoogian and ARS Evening schools presenting the song "Zartir Lao."

"The Dance" is one poem from a series of poetry entitled "Red News from My Friend."

"It's a very fascinating poem," Toumanian said. "The poet heard an eyewitness representation of the atrocities from the massacre in 1905 in the Adnan area of

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Turkey. It's quite moving."

Main speakers will be Aram Harutunian, a poet born in Karabagh and professor of literature at Yerevan State University in Armenia, and Vahé Yacoubian, former director of the Armenian National Committee in Washington, D.C.

The program marks the anniversary of the massacres of 1915 that are commemorated each April 24.

Although Armenia is located halfway around the world, Toumanian said that the issues there are of local importance.

"Detroit has one of the largest populations of Armenians in the world outside of Armenia. When you take a look, you'll find a community of worried souls and fragile hearts," Toumanian said.

The Armenian struggle is not only historic. There has been an ongoing unrest between Armenians and neighboring Azerbaijan.

Inside the latter, there is an autonomous Armenian territory called Nagorno Karabagh that is of continuing territorial dispute.

CCC snares state aid for expansion

By RALPH R. ECCHINAW
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With a newly approved \$4.5 million state grant, Oakland Community College plans to build a \$9 million addition at its Auburn Hills campus that would add 22 classrooms.

The other half of the money will come from CCC's plant fund, land sales and major gifts, according to Dorothy Buchan, Auburn Hills dean of instructional services.

The state grant was approved by Gov. John Engler along with

\$39 million reported earlier for an Oakland University science building and more than \$200 million in other higher education construction projects in Michigan.

"I commend the Legislature for moving so swiftly to enact my capital outlay recommendations," Engler said. "As a result, these projects will get a head start in the spring construction season."

The CCC project will be an expansion of 7 buildings which is a big round edifice containing

four roomy lecture halls.

Each auditorium will be converted for a specific use. One will be for teleconferences, where people at CCC can have a meeting via satellite TV hookup with people in Timbuktu, or wherever. One will be a science lecture hall with room for experiments. One will be a computer-equipped classroom for remedial English, math and writing. And the fourth will be a regular lecture hall.

The 22 additional classrooms will be built in a circle around

the existing building. Also, the walkway leading from F to D building will be enclosed.

It's unknown when construction will begin, Buchan said, and the addition hasn't even been designed yet.

CCC spokesman George Car-

Environmental fair planned with families in mind

The Birmingham-based East Michigan Environmental Action Council is having an event for the whole family.

It's called "Eco-Logical Energy for the Future, an Environmental Fair" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1 at the Franklin Community Church.

The registration fee is \$5 for those 12 and older, \$3 for everyone else, and must be paid by Wednesday. Small children with their parents will be admitted free. Call 258-5558.

Organizers have planned six 30-minute workshops for adults as well as events to keep the kids occupied.

Children's programs begin at 10 a.m. with games, displays and videos. Hawks and owls will be brought in from the Howell Nature Center, and a puppet show will be staged. Another activity,

environmental benefits.

The workshops begin at 1:15 p.m. and end at 3 p.m. They are: "Renewable Energy is Ready" by Hauser, "Efficient Use of Household Energy" by Kurt Martin of the EMEAC staff, "Human Health Impacts of Air Pollution"

by Eugene Perrin of Wayne State University, "Farmland Loss, Energy Use and Global Warming" by Carol Misseldine of the Michigan Environmental Council, "Mining Environmental Effects of the EMEAC staff" by Jim Bush, EMEAC board member.

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