

# County may have its first law college on OU campus

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The lawyers are coming! The lawyers are coming!

Well, maybe. The Detroit College of Law has approached Oakland University about moving the college to the Rochester Hills campus, which would give Oakland County its first law school.

A committee of the OU board of trustees has been formed to discuss the plan with DCL officials.

"Should these initial conversations prove fruitful, subcommittees representing constituent groups, on and off both campuses, will be formed to develop specific details of a possible collaboration," said OU board Chairman James Sharp Jr. in a press release.

Sharp and trustee Rex Schleybaugh Jr. are the only members of the exploratory committee.

Schleybaugh said DCL officials definitely want to move the college's entire operation to OU. "They're looking to become part of the Oakland University campus," he said. "But they want to maintain their separate legal identity."

DCL Dean Dave Favre was worried aloud that a new Tiger Stadium built near DCL's campus in downtown Detroit could make it difficult for night students to attend classes.

In business since 1859, DCL is a private college with 745 students, 300 of them taking night classes.

Furthermore, 39 percent of DCL students reside in Oakland County. Thirty percent live in Wayne County and 11 percent in Macomb County.

Schleybaugh called the proposed collaboration a "tremendously promising project," but said it's too early to say if anything will come of it.

Perhaps the largest hurdle the schools face is finding a building on the OU campus for DCL. Because OU is currently filling all its classrooms day and night, a new edifice would have to go up, Schleybaugh said. No discussions have occurred as to who would pay for the building.

Oakland Community College had a similar plan fall through a year ago when it talked with the Farmington Community Library district about sharing a new library on OCC's Farmington Hills campus.

After believing for more than a year that the Farmington library district would pay for the building's construction, OCC officials learned that library officials expected OCC to pay half the construction cost. That's when OCC backed out.

Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson said he has mixed feelings about the OU-DCL deal if it means DCL will leave Detroit.

However, "From Oakland University's point of view it would be a major addition to our educational opportunities," said Patterson, a former OU trustee. "I don't think we should in any way make it difficult for them to move out here."

Patterson also points out that Detroit would still have law schools at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University if DCL should leave.

County commissioner Larry Pernick, D-Southfield, likewise finds himself torn between getting a prestigious law school for Oakland University and stripping Detroit of one of its educational assets.

"It seems like a nice logical thing to do in terms of Oakland University," he said. "But I hate to see institutions leave the city of Detroit."

OU President Sandra Packard did not return phone calls by press time.

## OCC hosts series of speakers

Oakland Community College has announced its lineup for the latest "Distinguished Speaker Series."

All speeches occur at the Farmington Hills campus' Smith Theatre. The campus is located on Orchard Lake Road just south of I-696. Admission is free.

Health care consultant Franklin Elias will speak on "Health Care in America" 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Senate candidate William Brodhead will speak on "Guns, Drugs and Jobs. How Do They Connect?" 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16.

Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Chairman Richard Headlee will speak on "Management Success" 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29.

For more information, call Harvey Bronstein at 471-7744.

## Students need homes

High school students from Germany, France, Spain, Holland, Brazil, Poland, Hungary, Russia and Hong Kong will arrive in Michigan in August to spend five to 10 months studying in area high schools.

Plymouth resident Lynne Levenbach is seeking host families for these boys and girls, 15-18 years old. Call 453-8562, or 453-6851.

The kids have studied English for at least four years, have medical insurance and spending money.

Host families may have children of their own or no children at all. Host families don't get paid, but may qualify for a tax deduction. Host families also receive a scholarship for foreign travel from the American Institute for Foreign Studies.

## OU teaches assertiveness

An Oakland University Continuing Education Center class called "Making Assertive Choices" meets 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 22, March 1, 8 and 15.

Communication skills specialist Kristie McKenzie will show how assertive skills can move individuals from confusion to decision, from being "stuck" to "in action," from anger to resolution.

Fee is \$119. Call 370-3033.

## Workshops planned for SAT

Oakland University is registering for Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation workshops, Feb. 26, March 5 and 12, which prepare students for the next exam on March 19.

The three-session workshop meets on campus near Rochester, directly off I-75. First session is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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