

# OCC training future teachers

Representatives of Oakland Community College and Saginaw Valley State University have completed an agreement that enables OCC students to apply up to 70 hours of their community college credits toward a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education at SVSU.

"Oakland Community College has had a long and excellent relationship with Saginaw Valley State University," said OCC

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Carol Brown. Universities usually limit community college transfer students to 62 credit hours, the total required for graduation in most associate degree programs.

Under the agreement, however, Saginaw Valley will allow OCC 62 community college credits upon transfer, and up to eight additional OCC credits upon acceptance into SVSU's college of education. Students must com-

plete 140 semester hours to earn their degree in elementary education.

About 80 students have transferred from OCC to SVSU in the past five years. With the signing of this agreement and rising demand projected for elementary education graduates the number of transfers is expected to increase.

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# Term limits precedent seen

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U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan said at least one precedent to follow when he decides the validity of Michigan's state term limits.

A U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in San Francisco decided Dec. 19 that California's even tougher term limits don't violate the U.S. Constitution.

The 9th circuit, sitting en banc, rejected 9-2 the claim of Assemblyman Tom Bates that term limits violated his constitutional rights and were unfair to voters who wanted to choose their own leaders.

Bates had won at the federal district court level. On Oct. 7 he won a 2-1 decision before a three-member panel in the 9th Circuit. But the full bench decided to re-hear the case and ruled against Bates.

Bates said he will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. He contends voters didn't understand that California Proposition 130 of 1990 contained lifetime bans.

## Cases similar

California's and Michigan's term limit rules rank Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in harshness, says Bill Ballenger, proprietor of Inside Michigan Politics newsletter. The differences:

■ California allows an eligible to serve three Assembly terms or two Senate terms (total six years) or two Senate terms of four years each.

■ Michigan's rule is three House terms and two Senate terms, a total of 14 years.

Both contain lifetime bans on further service in the Legislature.

Duggan, a federal judge for 11 years and Livonia resident, on Oct. 29 denied the plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction to block term limits until the court case is finally settled.

Plaintiffs are Wayne State University law professors John Mogk and Robert Sedler. "We would have preferred to have the 9th Circuit see it our way as a severe limitation on the right to

vote," said Mogk. "But it is not the final word. I'm sure this case will go to the (U.S.) Supreme Court."

Arguing for the state is assistant attorney general Gary Gordon.

The case has political overtones. Term limits generally have been favored by conservatives. They contend a turnover in office is necessary to keep a fresh, citizen-oriented outlook among lawmakers.

Patrick Anderson, conservative economist and former chair of the 11th Congressional District GOP organization, heads the Term Limits Defense Committee. He said the California decision "dramatically strengthens our case because now there's a court in the country that is holding term limits unconstitutional."

"It makes it completely unlikely that Judge Duggan could find a reason to throw out term limits," Anderson said.

Patrick Anderson's briefs were to have been submitted to Duggan by Dec. 29. Court clerk Marilyn Oren said it's up to Duggan to decide if there will be oral arguments.

Judicial canons of ethics require a judge to obtain from public comment about a pending proceeding. A judge may, however, explain procedures for public information.

Duggan was an appointee of President Ronald Reagan and, as such, is pictured as a judicial conservative. Actually, Duggan is a former local and state Jaycees president who comes from the moderate wing of the GOP, where he was a strong supporter of U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell (1976-90).

A clue to his thinking may come from a 1988 Livonia Observer interview in which Duggan was quoted as saying:

"I believe in judicial restraint. You shouldn't be too quick to issue injunctions."

"Courts should move slowly and cautiously in getting involved with matters. There are

many problems that exist that should be resolved in forums other than the courts."

As written, Michigan's term limits amendment applies in 1998 to state representatives elected in 1992. The clock didn't begin running on Gov. John Engler, Secretary of State Candice Miller, Attorney General Frank Kelley and the 38 state senators until 1994. Their official second terms don't expire until 2002.

## Who's affected

So term limits will affect 29 Democrats and 36 Republicans in the state House. It starts at the top with Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, and minority leader Ken Sikkeema, R-Grandville, and covers Appropriations Committee veterans Morris Hood, D-Flint, and Don Gilmer, R-Augusta.

Here is a rundown of area seats:

45th — Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, third term.

39th — Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, fourth term; no plans announced.

34th — John Freeman, D-Madison Heights, third term; interested in higher office.

44th — Dave Galloway, R-White Lake, third term; no plans announced.

35th — David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, seventh term; no plans announced.

41st — Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, ninth term; no plans announced.

42nd — Greg Kazan, R-Rochester Hills, third term; ruled out run for Democratic Congressman Dale Kildee's seat.

46th — Tom Middleton, R-Orionville, fourth term; no plans announced.

Unaffected: freshmen Nancy Cassia, R-Novi, Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Patricia (Pam) Godchaux, R-Birmingham.

Voters in 1992 approved the term limits amendment to the constitution 2.3 million to 1.6 million.

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pared for any experience and this material can do anything," she said of the neoprene seating. She helped to develop the water theme used on this year's vehicle, a renovated Dodge Dakota, extended cab pickup truck.

Working on this project convinced Rattner that she can best make her mark in the automotive market. She had intended to work in a non-automotive industry, but has changed her mind after working on the Tekqua project and is now excited about the potential for change in the automotive industry, as well as the opportunities for a woman in the automotive design field, she said.

Another student team member, Walker, helped design the rear deck head rests which house two speakers each. The best part about a project like this is that it "drives new thoughts and thinking," said Walker. "And then you come back down and (are) more realistic but you take some of the new concept with you so that the new product is different from the old one," he added. Walker aspires to work for an automotive company and/or supplier in the Detroit area when he graduates. His contributions to this project as well as his two internships should help him land a great job, he said.

Alexander, a transportation major at CCS, worked on the Tekqua's color and trim design. She focused on the interior and exterior, helping to translate the idea of a waterproof vehicle into

the water-splashed graphics pattern of the paint of the body that appears as if it splashed onto the brightly colored teal, purple, yellow, magenta, blue and jade colored seats of the interior of the vehicle.

"There were no limits with this project," said Alexander, "it was like a dream...and it sets in my mind that I want to work in this field (Designing Interiors) when I graduate."

Students worked closely with automotive sponsors to meet production deadlines. Sparks, an industrial/transportation design major enjoyed seeing what goes on behind the scenes when he got the chance to visit a manufacturer. Working on this project was thrilling to him, "we did what professionals in the field are doing," he said.

The intent of this exercise was to combine advance technology, the best in color and trim and product design and a 21st century perspective of a youthful lifestyle — extreme aquatic sports. The student designers were able to identify with this goal.


"I call this a California car because it doesn't have a roof, so you can't drive it in Michigan," said Walker with a laugh, "but, I'd buy it." Rattner added that she thinks "neoprene is hip, it's in all the surfing magazines." Who else but young students would think to combine outside sporting interests with automotive trends vividly? This project wasn't purely academic, according to CCS Assis-

tant Professor Mollie Fletcher. "Students can create ideas that the industry doesn't," she said, "and maybe someday they'll help push the automotive industry out of the grey velvet mentality." According to Olsen, auto show feedback has been positive so far — "the younger the person, the more excited they appeared about the car," he said.

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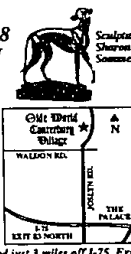
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