

## SPECIAL SALUTE TO

# OCC To Cut \$300,000 -- Good-Bye, Creativity

By KATHY MORAN

While most institutions are fighting to keep their budget projections slightly above their current expenditures, Oakland Community College is fighting to plan a budget that is \$300,000 less than the current budget.

And to make matters worse, an expensive cloud that could cost the college \$1.5 million in state appropriations is floating over head.

Wary after 111 hours in budget study meetings, Orchard Ridge Provost S. James Manilla said the college budget council has pared down the budget to the point where "there's no fat."

The council is made up of four administrators and four faculty members from each of the college's four campuses. Orchard Ridge is the Farmington campus.

THE COUNCIL was confronted with the task of cutting \$2.5 million out of projected budget requests. The college is currently operating on a \$14.9 million budget but anticipates a \$385,000 deficit by the end of the fiscal year.

The new budget must be planned in accordance with the \$11.5 in projected revenues and must absorb both the deficit and \$120,000 in increased salaries that have already been bargained.

Since salaries make up 83 per cent of the budget, Dr. Manilla said the council had to closely examine the college's

operation and recommend "drastic cuts."

"Every aspect of operation within the institution is going to feel the results of the cuts," Dr. Manilla said.

"WE ARE assuming we will get no less state aid this year," he said, explaining that the proposed state appropriations formula would cut \$1.5 million or 28 per cent of the college's \$5.2 million in state aid.

The formula would penalize institutions with more than \$300,000 in assessed valuation behind each student. Since OCC has \$300,000, it could be penalized heavily.

The formula is based on a false premise, Dr. Manilla said, because the only way the college could offset the ratio would be by increasing enrollments. And as it is, the college has dropped in enrollments rather than increased.

The Legislature is currently restudying the proposed formula.

DESPITE ITS financial woes, the college is not planning to increase tuition again next year, Dr. Manilla said. This year in-district tuition went up from \$9 to \$10 per credit, out-district from \$12 to \$20, and out-of-state from \$28 to \$30 by legislative mandate.

Community colleges were created to provide education to students at a lower cost and where it is easily accessible to students, Dr. Manilla said.

Raising tuition would defeat

this purpose by putting the college out of reach of those for whom it was created, he said.

"The principle of it is what bothers me," he said. "When you keep raising tuition, pretty soon the student reaches the position where he can't attend college."

And since the board feels the time is not ripe for a millage campaign, the college has to make adjustments to live within a tight budget and the state is being forced to examine college financing.

A REDIRECTION in financing is needed, Dr. Manilla said, because unless the college closes its "open door policy" or voters approve more millage, the college will be crippled by tight budgeting.

Tight budgeting has an advantage because it "forces us to take a real hard look at our priorities," and to streamline and affect changes for effective and efficient programming, Dr. Manilla said.

But it also "limits creativity on an institutional level and forces us to do it the way everyone does," he added.

Currently the college's creative approaches to teaching are acclaimed by educators across the country who have duplicated all or part of the programs, he said. But the college could become so crippled by budget problems that it would have to wait until other colleges create programs and then copy theirs.



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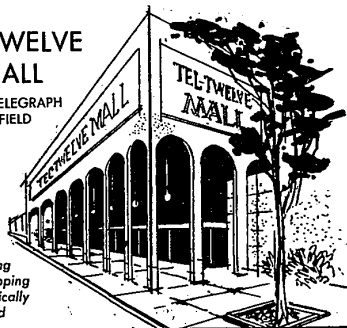
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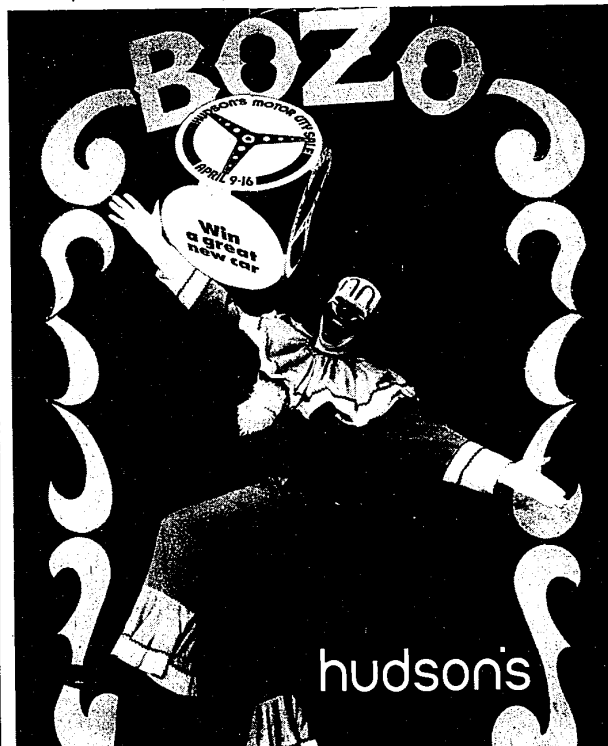
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