

## 2 Years At Each OCC, OU In Credit Deal

By KATHY MORAN  
Oakland Community College students may eventually have assurance that they can begin their education at the community college and finish it at Oakland University.

An assurance that the university would automatically accept community college students may be a by-product of attempts to establish harmonious relationships between the institutions, according to Orchard Ridge Provost S. James Manilla.

Orchard Ridge is the Farmington campus of OCC.

MANILLA SAID that a cooperative relationship between the institutions could produce numerous benefits. One example: students could take credit courses at one institution while still enrolled at the other.

The "two plus two" arrangement (two years at OCC and two years at OU) may be the product of discussions currently under way between the institutions, Manilla said.

One advantage would be to allow a student to take a course for credit which isn't offered on the campus where he is enrolled.

A major step toward the relationship was made when the university appointed an assistant to the president for college relations.

The appointee, William Jones, has already proved his value to OCC.

JONES LEAPED to OCC's defense when the university announced preliminary plans for opening a school of community services and human development.

The school would have seriously infringed on OCC's offering and taken students away from the college, Jones argued.

Jones spoke against the plan because it would have led to unnecessary duplication, Manilla said.



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"He felt Oakland University didn't have to be all things to all people and said there was a place for each institution in serving the community," Manilla said.

The school would have offered programs in law enforcement, community mental health, child care and development, drug abuse and alcoholism and community services.

OCC offers some of the programs including the popular law enforcement curriculum and has a center on alcoholism.

ONE DISTINCTION between universities and community colleges is that colleges offer community-oriented programs and many of their students are adults taking just one or two courses.

The OU school could have taken these students away from OCC, which is already suffering a drop in enrollment.

A loss of students hits a college harder than it does a university because colleges are granted state aid based on their enrollments, but universities get state aid based on their needs.

"I have some very definite feelings that if we permit any institution to infringe on what rightfully belongs to another, we will end up with very costly programs because of unnecessary duplication and overlapping," Manilla said.

"My hope is that coordination will begin in higher education so that each of us can do the best job of serving our constituents."

MANILLA PRAISED the recent agreement between 17 of the state's four-year institutions and 14 community colleges as a step in this direction.

Under the agreement, the arrangements for degree coursework after Friday, Jan. 5, can be made on a late registration basis.

Associate degree (two-year) programs are offered in these areas - child development, foreign language translation, computer science, business, and orthopaedic physician assistant.

THERE ARE 56 non-credit courses to be offered this winter, evenings and Saturdays, by Marygrove's division of continuing education and community services.

Registration for continuing education courses is now open and will continue through Saturday, Feb. 10.

Among the course titles offered through the continuing education division during this nine week session are: "Women's Liberation," "Beginning Chinese," "Corrective Reading," "Bridge," and many more course selections planned to offer something interesting for all adults.

Other continuing education courses are geared to improve employment skills and personal development. Of a technical nature are courses for health-care employees, such as "Review of Respiratory Therapy," "Medication Technician," "Emergency Technician Training," and "Bio-medical Electronics," which teaches the repair of medical instruments preparing students for careers in equipment repair in hospitals.

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four-year institutions agreed to accept general education credits from transferring community college students.

"I think it's a milestone as far as recognition of students transferring to four-year institutions," he said. "I think one of the major features is that it would probably encourage more students to start their education at a community college."

Besides erasing fears of losing credits when they transfer, it may also erase the stigma attached to community college students as being academically inferior to those who begin their education at a four-year college.

Manilla said the four-year colleges have been afraid of

lowering their standards to accept community college students.

THAT IS the major reason why it took five years to negotiate the voluntary agreement. Negotiations were spearheaded by the Michigan Assn. of College Registrars and Admissions Officers.

"Studies have shown that transfer students have done as well as or better than native students at a four-year institution," Manilla said.

With student enrollments already lagging, "competition for students is going to be such that nobody will be able to ignore the student who demonstrates some degree of competency in his academic studies," Manilla said.

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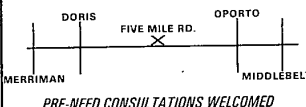
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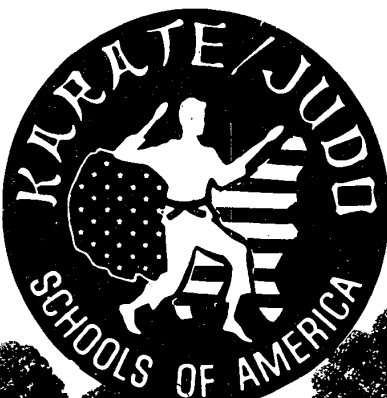
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