

OCC festival honors 150th

Rock and folk concerts, films, guerrilla theater, carnival and helicopter rides and numerous displays centering around the Farmington Sesquicentennial theme will highlight the Orchard Ridge Gaslite Festival, May 17-19.

The festival hours will be 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday, May 17; 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, May 18 and, noon until 10 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

The Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College first opened for classes September, 1967.

Now completing its seventh academic year of service to the community, Orchard Ridge, located at I-696 and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, offers a wide variety of programs and courses in academic and vocational areas.

In addition, the campus provides

numerous community programs and services to the south-central and southwestern portion of Oakland County.

The award-winning campus, designed by the Perkins and Will Partnership of Michigan in association with Clift and Russell, includes 975 familiar landmarks — the gaslites on the campus proper and in the surrounding parking lots.

Half of these gaslites, glittering like fireflies, are familiar to motorists on I-696, Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads, as well as to those driving on nearby 12 Mile

Rd. The other half have been turned off due to the energy crisis.

The strikingly raked roofline of the Orchard Ridge Buildings and the extensive use of poured concrete textured with rough wooden forms, highlight the Orchard Ridge Campus.

Built on a 154-acre site with nearly a half million square feet of building area, it accommodates 7,000 students.

Dr. S. J. Manilla, Provost of the Orchard Ridge Campus, said that the Farmington Sesquicentennial will be the keynote of the Campus' Spring Festival, to be held this

year on Friday through Sunday, May 17-19.

"We are pleased," noted Manilla, "that our spring festival has become a regular part of the community calendar. We are proud to be in the Farmington Community and share the tremendous heritage of this area."

The Gaslite Festival will feature a number of carnival rides, ferris wheels, concession booths and helicopter rides. Soda pop, pizza and a Faculty Wives' bake sale will be among the featured foods.

More important, the festival will present a number of special

events to introduce the community to the many activities that the campus provides.

The students and faculty of the Art Department will present an Art Fair with many of their works in a variety of media for sale to the general public. The Photography Association, in conjunction with the Audiovisual Department, will operate a "See-Yourself-Free-On-Ed-TV" Booth.

Other exhibits will familiarize spectators with the numerous programs on campus as well as highlighting the Farmington Sesquicentennial Celebration.



Flying Art

Debbie Whitehead, an "Indian maiden" from the Farmington YMCA, created this handiwork to take to the skies on a spring day. (Evert photo)

Gill Rd. paving called necessity

By CARL STODDARD

FARMINGTON — Paving the muddy stretch of Gill Rd. which leads to Power Junior High and Gill Elementary was declared a public necessity by a 5-1 vote of the Farmington Hills Council Monday.

Councilman William Ortman was the lone dissenter on the paving. The vote left undecided the cost and method of financing.

The impassable stretch of road forced the closing of the two schools last year during the spring thaw.

GILL RD. residents turned out at the council meeting to protest what one man said was a "tremendous burden" if the homeowners were assessed for the road paving.

Oakland County has offered to pay about \$110,000 for the paving of the south end of the road. According to city clerk Floyd Cairns, the city was contemplating paying an additional \$100,000 to complete the entire mile.

Under the plan, Cairns said, the road would be paved as a heavy

duty road. But because of the money supplied by the city and the county, residents would be assessed based on the cost of a residential street.

He said the city manager is now working to determine what alternatives are available in an attempt to figure out "who is going to pay what for what."

John Ashton, the attorney representing property owners on Gill Rd., said the homeowners did not object to the paving.

"I say yes, Gill Rd. should be paved," Ashton said, "but don't expect the Gill Rd. people to pay for it because I don't think it's fair."

One man, with 340 feet of frontage on the road, told the council his property was valued at \$11,900. His assessment, to have the road paved at the cost projected by the city would be nearly \$9,000, he said.

Another man, with 270 feet of frontage, said his assessment for the paving would be about \$7,000.

The council asked to have the matter taken under study by the city manager's office.



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