

Community college honors Mosher at Auburn campus

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More often than not, a person whose accomplishments deserve lasting recognition, dies before that recognition comes.

George Mosher, 551 Mohegan, Birmingham, is luckier than most. His 12 years as a member of the board of trustees of Oakland Community College (six years as chairman) already have been noted and Mosher is very much alive.

The new learning resources center on the Auburn Hills Campus of OCC has been named for Mosher.

In addition, OCC students arranged for a portrait to be painted of Mosher which will hang in the new building.

"It is hard to believe this is really happening," Mosher said Friday. "It is a tremendous honor. A lot of other people did a lot more than I did at the college. It is not a one-man job by any means."

MOSHER WAS elected to the board of trustees at the same time that Oakland County voters approved a one-mill tax to make OCC a reality.

He served continuously until August 1976 when he resigned because other commitments made it impossible to spend the time necessary as a trustee.

"If I had known all these nice things were going to happen, I would have quit a long time ago," Mosher quipped. In a similar vein he said he believed the only reason a building is being named for him is "because I

wasn't there (on the board) to see that it didn't happen."

An attorney and 23-year resident of Birmingham, Mosher has been in the office of the general counsel of General Motors for the same length of time. Before he was elected to the OCC board of trustees he served on a citizens steering committee to get the millage proposal for the college on the ballot.

WHEN THE issue was approved for the ballot, Mosher said he "threw his hat into the ring and didn't really know what it was all about."

"I sort of fell into it," he added.

The one mill tax, a charter millage, never has to be renewed, Mosher explained. It can be increased only by voter approval. All county property owners pay the tax annually.

"I have always been opposed to increasing the millage," Mosher said. Dr. Joseph Hill, university president, "has done a tremendous job of holding the budget in line," he added.

The mushrooming population growth in the county also has helped keep pace with rising costs. Tuition increases have been nominal since the college opened with 4,000 students in 1965.

NOW APPROXIMATELY 16,000 students are enrolled at the four OCC campus locations—Auburn Hills in Auburn Heights, Highland Lakes in Union Lake, Orchard Ridge in Farmington Hills and the Southeast campus in Royal Oak.

"I am amazed at how many differ-

ent people have had contact with the college, either through a course, a two-year program or a vocational program," Mosher said.

His two sons, George, 24, and Doyle, 21, both attended OCC. The monthly board meetings and other college functions he attended as a trustee took a lot of time, Mosher said, "and I was kind of tired of meetings."

He does not intend to take on any other long-term commitment because he believes it "would be disloyal to the college," but Mosher has agreed to serve on the charter review committee for the Birmingham City Commission.

IN THE EARLY 1970s he served on a citizens' steering committee for the Birmingham Board of Education.

For relaxation, Mosher plays golf and skis. He and his wife, Doris, have a cottage in northern Michigan. Mrs. Mosher also has been active in a number of community groups during the years they have lived in Birmingham, including serving on the Baldwin Library Board for a number of years.

State Sen. William Huffman of Madison Heights offered a resolution in the Michigan senate on Feb. 22 paying tribute to Mosher's "outstanding contributions to his community as the first chairman of the board of trustees of Oakland Community College."

A copy of the entire resolution will be given to Mosher. He is a native of South Dakota, earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and his law degree from Columbia University.

Masons honored

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Farmington School District voters will be casting ballots on a variable

school millage question and two board of education vacancies in the coming election.

Absentee ballots can be picked up from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. Call 477-1300, Ext. 33 for further information.

Students shine at Model UN

North Farmington High School students represented the country of Uganda at a recent Model United Nations session at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Sophomore Steve Hill was chosen Ugandan ambassador for the Model

United Nations Club sponsored by teacher W. Branker.

Seniors attending the session were Chris Chambers, Alex Hampo and David Heatley. Also attending the session were juniors Julie Rogier and Cindy Sexton, and sophomore Mark Allen.

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