Northern Oakland flunks OCC expansion test

By TIM RICHARD

Oakland Community College has de-cided against considering a fifth cam-pus in the north part of Michigan's sec-ond most populous county. With the data we have, we feel we're sale until 2010 or 2020," said W.H. Nikkel, vice president in charge of the study.

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Trustees agreed unanimously. The study was conducted at the request of trustee David W. Hackett, Rochester, who raised the question when OCC approved construction of its southeast campus buildings.

NOT ONLY will OCC not consider building, but it cannot predict where it should even acquire property in the two northern tiers of townships. "The north area has two 'centers' — Holly and Lake Orion-Oxford. Which one would you put a campus in?" Predicts dont Robert F. Roetofs asked rhetori-

dent Hobert F. Desidents from the 10 northern townships attend OCC's four campuses. Of those, 442 are taking a specific program at a particular campus, leaving only 668 who would be free to take a program at a fifth armous.

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Even allowing for 73 percent population growth by the year 2000, that

would mean the 888 students would swell only to 1,155 — far from enough to warrant building a fifth campus, Nikkel said.

Total enrollment is about 1,000. The range is from 3,200 to 7,100.

OCC's campuses are: Auburn Hills, near 1-75 and M-59 east of Pontiac; Highand Lakes, on Cooley Lake Road in Union Lake; Orchard Ridge, 1-896 and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills; and the southeast campus system, with outlets in Madison Hights, Oak Park, Royal Oak and Southfield.

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EACH CAMPUS has extension centers in its arrea, and some serve the north county area, Mikkel said.

Auburn Hills has a center at Lake Orion Junior High (as well as in Troy), and Highland Lakes has a center at Clariston High.

In addition, Nikkel said the M-275 freeway, when built in about 10 years, will carry commuters to within three miles of the Highland Lakes campus. For data, Nikkel consulted the Oakland County Planning Commission, Oakland County Intermediate School District, Southeast Michigan Council of Covernments and Bruce Martin at OCC's own data center.

The county's population was estimated at \$54,000 for 1980 (the census doesn't begin until April) and at

1,092,000 by the year 2000 — an increase of about 14 percent.

IN OTHER business, trustees discussed a five-year matter plan, a listing of instructional programs Rotolots, the administration and faculty intend implement.

OCC will put "greater emphasis on the fields of industrial production, and handicapped from taking full advantage of the open-door policy and elimination of hiring practices that directly or indirectly discriminate on the new forms.

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plan:
To retain faculty in high demand fields, OCC will provide sabbatical leaves for professional growth.
Faculty will be given in-service training and exchange programs with the University of Michigan-Dearborn.
OCC will become active in such state and national organizations as the Michigan Community College Association. Under the late President Joseph Hill, OCC had remained aloof from all such groups.

While growth will be in job-related areas, the increased amount of leisure time workers have, along with the longer lifespans of retirees, will allow people to take avocational courses.
 "OCC's Liberal Arts and Developmen-tal Studies can play a vital role."

Energy conservation will be emphasized in all construction.

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Gabler defeated Alexander Perinoff, D-Southfield, and Mrs. Moffitt defeated John DiGiovanni, D-Hazel Park, both by 15-11 party line votes.
Republicans have a 16-11 majority.

AS CHAIRMAN, Gabler receives \$1,000 more than the regular part-time commissioners' \$11,925 annual salary. Mrs. Moffitt receives \$500 more as vice chairwoman.
Gabler makes a number of appointments to boards and commissions that are separate from the Board of Commissioners.

He is also obligated to sit on a num-

ber of county panels. For four of them - drain board, plat board, airp committee and retirement commiss he receives a \$35 per meeting.

The board's general government committee, which makes committee assignments and appoints committee chairmen, recommended few changes for the upcoming year. The committee has a 6-3 Republican majority.

The six standing committees will be chaired again by Republicans. All vice-chairmen are also Republicans.

THE GENERAL government committee will be chaired by Mathew Dunaskiss, of Lake Orion, who replaces Robert Gorsline of Milford. Last year's Robert Gorsline of Milford. Last year's committee chairmen, including John Peterson of Rochester (health and human resources), John McDonald of Farmington (personnel) and Henry Hoot of Bloomfield Township (public services) were reappointed.



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