

OCC tuition increase possible in mid-year

There will be no tuition increase for the spring semester at Oakland Community College; but later in the year, OCC may have to tack on more than \$1 to the \$16.50 per credit hour students pay.

"Our winter semester enrollment was 14 percent higher than January of 1990," President Robert F. Roelofs told the OCC board of trustees last week.

"I think we can drop our concern about an increase in tuition for the spring term. We can make it all right without robbing our savings," he said, referring to a \$500,000 carryover from the previous year.

The 14-percent enrollment increase amounted to some 20,000 credit hours more than a year ago, Roelofs said. It

was worth more than \$330,000 in revenue, though it produced no additional state aid.

The higher enrollment generated more costs, too, but these amounted to \$50,000 less than the revenue.

Unlike the auto industry, community colleges tend to be counter-cyclical. That is, as jobs drop, enrollment rises.

"A significant proportion enrolled in specific career areas," said Roelofs, "but many also went into the liberal arts."

OCC's enrollment now tops the 21,000 mark on four campuses — Auburn Hills, Highland Lakes, Orchard Ridge and the southeast Campus System.

Named consultant

Joseph Benyo of the Westland Fire Department was named a consultant to the U.S. Fire Administration in Washington, D.C. Benyo, 45, will provide technical assistance in public fire education program planning, implementation, and evaluation to that agency.



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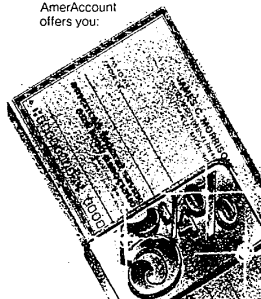
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