

# OCC police academy plans changed

By TIM RICHARD

Oakland Community College will expand its police academy on the Auburn Hills Campus and sell 30 acres of Madison Heights land that had been held for relocation of the academy.

The expansion will include construction of a crime lab.

The OCC board acted unanimously after a 75-minute closed session recently. Trustee David Hackett called it "a drastic change from the long-term plan."

The city of Madison Heights was expected to welcome the move because sale to a private owner would put the land on the property tax rolls.

"The state is not able to commit the \$1.5 million needed for construction of a police academy," W.H. Nikkel, vice president for development, told trustees.

"We're not the only ones to lose capital funds," he added. "All projects which were not under construction were cut."

OCC PROJECTED operation costs of a police academy at \$190,000, Nikkel said.

The board cancelled its contract with the firm of Straub, VanDine Architects for the Madison Heights project and

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gave the same firm a contract for designing a limited addition to the Auburn Hills Campus east of Pontiac.

OCC's police academy program, housed in existing buildings on the Southeast Campus System, provides basic training for police recruits and specialized courses for police officers in Oakland County.

It operates with local government grants rather than on a tuition basis.

IN OTHER business, the board of trustees:

• Added nearly \$17,000 to the cost of renovations and an addition for the vocational-technical building on the Auburn Hills Campus.

"It was necessary to lower more than 100 feet of water line, excavate some bad fill, install additional fire extinguishers and fire dampers, provide electrical hook-ups to the climate control lab equipment, provide mechanical hook up for a carburetor testing ma-

chine machine, install additional chalkboards and perform some masonry work in the diesel lab building," according to an administration report. Total cost of the project, now almost complete, is nearly \$1.2 million.

• Added \$207,000 to the cost of the \$11.4-million Royal Oak classroom building, now under construction. Foundation walls had to be relocated and re-excavated because paper debris, top soil, second basement slabs and old foundation walls were found below the surface.

Soren Gozmanian, director of physical facilities, said that nothing of archeological value was found during the digging which was done from July to October. The site previously was occupied by a supermarket.

• Added a net of \$73,500 to the cost of the new Southfield health sciences building, mainly for trash removal, supervision and security. Vandalism forced the college to have around-the-clock guards during construction.

• Replaced a classroom electronic teaching piano on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills for \$21,731. A Fender Rhodes system, purchased in 1968 and for which replacement parts are unavailable, will be replaced by a Wurliwitzer. It consists of 15

student pianos and an instruction console with headsets.

• Purchased a Bendix MCU Engineering Co. milling machine with computerized numeric controls for \$17,300 for the Auburn Hills Campus' engineering technology department. State and federal funds will cover 46 percent of the cost.

## 2 appointed to CMU board

Former state Rep. Alice Tomboullan, a Rochester area Democrat, has been appointed to the Central Michigan University Board of Control by Gov. William Milliken.

A former teacher, researcher and township trustee, Ms. Tomboullan has master's degrees in education from Cornell and the University of Illinois. She has been a member of the National Organization for Women and the National, Michigan and Oakland County Audubon Societies.

Milliken also appointed Raymond A. LaBounty, a former Eastern Michigan University vice president, to the CMU board.

Both appointments are subject to senate confirmation.

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