

Switchboard switch saves OCC \$75,000

Sometimes you have to spend a little money to save a lot. Oakland Community College is trying to do that as it renovates the lobby of its administrative headquarters on Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills.

The board of trustees last week awarded a contract for \$12,735 to General-Electrical-Mechanical Inc. of Milford for the work.

It will enable OCC to cut telephone costs by \$75,000 to \$95,000 a year, according to Anthony D. Jarson, vice president for business.

The savings will come from reducing the number of switchboard operators from nine to five and reducing the costs of both long-distance and local calls between campuses.

Eliminating the operators jobs, he added, will not require layoffs. The affected persons are being reassigned.

"The project involves the renovation of the reception desk in the main lobby to accommodate additional switchboard operators in conjunction with the new overall college telephone system," said Soeren H. Gorman, director of physical facilities.

In addition, the remodeling work involves erecting a partition in the telephone equipment room to create a duplicating machinery room.

IN OTHER business matters, the board of trustees:

- Authorized up to \$65,000 for renovations of the guest house on the administrative center site. Once part of

the George A. Bee estate, the guest house will be used for meetings and receptions. Ceilings, floors, lighting, plumbing and air conditioning will be renovated inside. Landscaping will be done and the parking lot increased from 12 to 24 spaces outside. The money will come from an account set up when the main Bee house was sold to a private school.

- Ten trucks of various sizes will be purchased at a cost of about \$97,500 and six old ones sold for \$8,000 to \$9,000. They will be used on OCC's four campuses, the Bee Center and by central maintenance. Sellers are: General Motors, \$61,800; Southfield Dodge, \$24,000; and Savoie Chevrolet, \$11,700.

AMONG GIFTS accepted by the board of trustees were:

From Transamerica Delaval — valves, temperatures switches and other pieces of equipment for the fluid power program at the Auburn Heights Campus.

Some 200 books from two donors to the Highland Lakes Campus library.

Another 49 books and 15 videocassettes for the Orchard Ridge Campus library.

From Lillian Kelmenson — \$200 donation so that respiratory therapy students may attend a workshop at Henry Ford Hospital.

From a bridge club — \$100 scholarship for the Highland Lakes Campus scholarship fund.

OCC enrolls for spring term on May 3-4

Registration for the regular 1992 spring and 15-week spring semesters at Oakland Community College will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 3 and 4 according to an alphabetical schedule.

Classes for both the spring and 15-week spring semester officially begins at 8 a.m. on May 5.

Students may register at any one of the following OCC campus locations: the Auburn Hills Campus in Auburn Heights (852-1000); the Highland Lakes Campus in Union Lake (363-7191); the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills (478-9400); and the Southeastern/Southfield Campus in Southfield (522-8900).

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