

OU tuitions to rise 10-15 percent

Oakland University students will find their tuitions up 10 to 15 percent when they return to classes in fall.

The board of trustees last week approved increases ranging from \$139.50 to \$264 a year.

"Oakland University has made every attempt to hold down tuition levels for all students," said Keith R. Kleckner, senior vice president for university affairs and provost.

He said the increases will bring in nearly \$1.5 million in new revenue, of which \$81,000 will go to enhance student aid.

HERE IS how students taking on-campus courses will be affected:

- Freshmen and sophomores will pay \$45.50 per credit hour, up \$4.50 or a bit more than 10 percent. They will pay \$1,410.50 for 31 credits over the fall and winter semesters.

- Juniors and seniors will pay \$52.50 per credit hour, up \$5 or 10.5 percent. They will pay \$1,627.50 for 31 credits.
- Graduate students will pay \$82 per credit hour, up \$11 or more than 15 percent. They will pay \$1,988 for 24 credits.

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Regretting the tuition increase, Kleckner said, "in response to the state's economic problems and its inability to maintain its share of the university's funding, OU has over the past several years consolidated its activities, reduced staffing levels and discontinued certain of its programs, all in an effort to reduce the cost of operations.

OU is building a 1983-4 budget which assumes the Michigan Legislature will approve a 7.5 percent increase in college aid recommended by Gov. James J. Blanchard.

It also assumes 60 percent of the \$789,704 executive order cut in 1983-3 will be restored next year. The university will need the tuition increase to balance the budget, he said.

Since 1979-80, OU has lost these amounts of state appropriations due to executive order cuts: \$214,000 in 1979-80, \$561,000 in 1980-1 and \$1.8 million in 1981-2.

To ease jail crowding County to expand trusty camp

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners last week voted to increase the capacity of the jail's trusty camp and expand its work release program.

After more than a year of examination by the county's Jail Study Committee, it was the commissioners' first move to reduce the jail population.

Oakland County is under federal court order to reduce the jail population to avoid overcrowding. The committee has been studying alternatives to building a new facility.

COMMISSIONERS unanimously approved spending \$175,000 to increase the trusty camp capacity from 50 to 100 inmates.

In addition, \$85,408 was budgeted to pay the salaries of a corrections officer, two detention officers and one cook who must be hired when the camp increases in size.

Presently, the county is housing about 50 inmates in the Allegan and Washtenaw county jails, which costs Oakland about \$50,000 a month.

Inmates in the trusty camp are serving time for non-violent crimes. It is a minimum security facility where work and program activities are emphasized. An inmate must be sentenced and not be a parole violator to be considered for the camp.

Operating cost of the additional 50 beds will be about \$195,000 to \$257,000. That'll save the county approximately \$300,000 in fees had to house inmates in Allegan or Washtenaw jails.

HOWEVER, commissioners said that if the camp fails to reach the 100-person capacity by the time the 1984 budget is approved, or if it falls below that figure by more than 20 percent, the board may redetermine the staffing levels.

Commissioners also unanimously approved increasing the capacity of the work release facility from 78 to 94 inmates. Inmates employed in the program must pay 44% of their earnings per week to the county to offset operating cost of the program.

Commissioners amended the rule requiring paying part of their earnings to the county to allow persons unable to find salaried jobs to do community service work as an option.

Approximately \$35,000 was budgeted to fund the additional personnel (one corrections officer) and related operating costs for September through October 1983. The money will come from the county contingency fund account.

As with the trusty camp, the board reserved the right to redetermine the staffing level during the 1984 budget sessions if the number of participants drops below 70.

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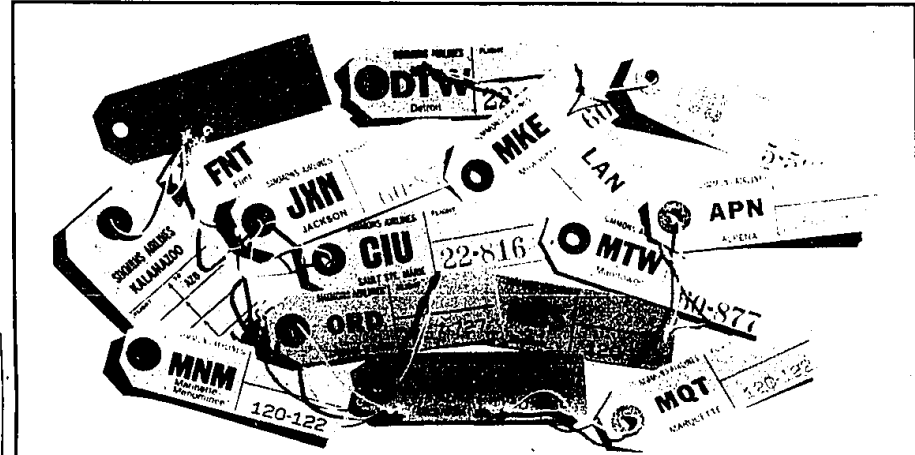
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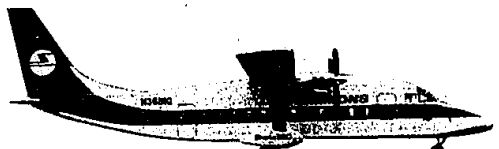
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