## one trustee protests OCC tuition hike

At least one trustee is unhappy that Oakland Community College is considering a \$3-an-hour increase in resident tuition.

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But Anderson, of Malson Heights, was in a lonely minority last week. Administrators and other trustees argued that the two year college has plenty of financial and for needy students.

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"I would like to take a straw vote on how this board feels about a mil-lage," said freshman Trustee Judith Wiser, Southfield, apparently hoping an informal poll would show no en-

payers.
"I don't think that's appropriate," replied acting chairwoman Margaret MacTavish, Rochester Hills. See the the discussion on the agenda item: the budget outlook for fiscal 1987-8B. Budget approval is scheduled for the May meeting.

THE CASE for an increase was made by Anthony Jarson, vice chan-cellor of business.

"We have to look at new initiatives," said Jarson, who proposed \$1.1 million in new items. Without the "new initiatives," the budget would rise 5.8 percent to \$46.5 million; with them, an 8.2 percent increase to \$47.6 million.

Topping his list were: \$150.000 for maintenance and repair of equipments of the second of the se

PROPERTY OWNERS will get a mild break because of the Headlee tax limitation amendment, Jarson

said.
Across the county, property prices rose faster than the 1.9 percent increase in the consumer price index in the last year, and so the college's one mill operating tax will be rolled

shack to 0.976 (or 97.6 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation." It will have no adverse effect on or budgeting," said Jarson. Property taxes provide about \$16 million, or one-third of OCC's budget. Tuition and fees provide another one-third, and state ald about one-third.

KERRY KAMMER, former state senator and now lobbyist for OCC

"The governor is concerned about layoffs, the General Motors re-assessments foreicss over tax assessments on many factories), and the economy cooling," Kammer said.
"We expect the budget to be passed around July 4. Communic Colleges lave not done too badly. No matter how difficult things would appear, they could be worse," the lobbyist said.

## Aid, pay boosts ease sting

Some of the sting of rising tuitions is being salved at Oakland Community College by scholarships and rising student wage rates.

About 25 percent of the credit hours generated by the 28,000 students are pald for by such friancial aids as scholarships and grants, said Spencer Johnson, who directs those programs.

AFTER THE board of trustees last week learned administrators are considering a tultion increase, John-

we nave only two major whys to finance local school districts state aid to education through State income and sales taxes, and lottery revenues controlled by the legislature in Lausing, and local property laxes on homeowners and businesses.

Theory years ago when Alexander Hamilton Lifes Home Office Building was constructed, the State governments share of financial support for local schools was 49%. Local property taxpayers financed most of the other 51%.

When the cliticens of Michigan adopted the Tax Limitation Amendment in 1978, the States obligation to financiation was locked in at a minimum of 45%, but elected state officials have not lived up to their end of the bargain and have cut State support of education to 77%, unconstitutionally denying our schools some \$350 million annually.

In fact, some 25% of our children live in school districts that receive no State aid at all, That is just not fair.

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...in 1967 when legislators implemented the income tax, ...In 1971 when legislators increased the income tax, ...in 1972 when legislators initiated the State Lottery, and ...in 1975 when legislators implemented another income

son reported:
• \$5.1 million in aid has been

made available to help pay tuition and fees, books and supplies.

• 64 percent of recipients are female, although just a little over half of the 28,000 enrollment is female.

• Students on scholarships take an average of 10.5 credit hours compared to just 6.2 hours for others.

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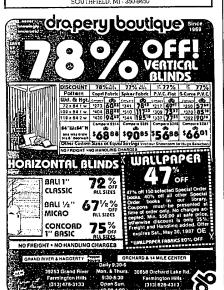


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State government must begin paying its fair share of local school costs as stipulated by the Michigan Constitution.

Unfair conduct of elected state officials is prompting local school districts to go to property taxpayers for money the State rightfully should be providing under the Michigans Constitution.

Michigans property taxes are higher than 44 other states and, combined with Michigans other high taxes can drive people, jobs and businesses out of our State.

Join us in telling your elected state officials to stop shortchninging our local school districts, They're forcing our property taxes higher and the quality of education lower. That places unfair pressure on our teachers and school boards.

Urge your school district to recover its Constitutional share of State aid. And work with your School Board to stop the legislature from diverling education money must from your local government and schools. And vote NO If your school district tries to raise money the easy way, by asking you to waive your hard won tax limitation rights under the Michigan Constitution.

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