

# Faculty wanted

## 'Bubble' of full-time posts opens up at OCC

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Faculty hopefuls are applying in droves for 25 full-time teaching jobs at Oakland Community College.

"We're searching for 25 faculty — about 9 percent of our total," Michael Petrack, personnel director, told the college board of trustees last week. "We have a bubble going through."

More than 900 applicants are seeking full-time posts in 17 different disciplines, he said. "Many are current part-time faculty; some are staff," Petrack said.

FOR MORE than a decade, personnel turnover has been low at OCC and other two-year colleges. Sudden openings are opening up replacement positions.

Petrack said the college has been advertising in the Chronicle of Higher Education, a Detroit paper, the weekly Michigan Chronicle and another major oriented publication.

The college has about 300 full-time faculty members and about the same number of part-timers. The latter typically are experts in their field who teach a course or two in the evening.

Many part-timers are candidates for the full-time posts, Petrack said. A search committee in each of the 17 academic disciplines will review applications and decide which candidates to interview.

"We'll see the beginning (of new contracts) by April," he said.

IN OTHER business, trustees split over awarding of two contracts: • By 5-1 it approved leasing 9,400 square feet of warehouse space at an

annual cost of \$56,400 at 1091 Centre, Auburn Hills.

Trustee David W. Hackett of Rochester Hills objected, "With all the space in Pontiac that's old, isn't there a place that's cheaper?" Hackett, OCC's delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, cited a report condemning urban sprawl and the tendency to build new facilities while abandoning older cities.

Vice chancellor Anthony Jarson and trustee Judith Wisner said the price was good. The college is losing warehouse space on its Auburn Hills campus by April," he said.

## Trustee miffed at ad mixup

Board chair Sandra Ritter took the blame for a mix-up in which Oakland Community College trustees voted to buy an ad in the Oakland Democratic Party's annual Phil Hart dinner program.

The board adjourned its Feb. 23 meeting at 10 p.m., but Ritter reconvened it five minutes later to take up the request of trustee Judith Wisner to buy the ad. Gov. James Blanchard was keynote at the dinner honoring the memory of Michigan's late U.S. senator, and trustees sought to draw

Campus with the sale of land for the widening of Squirrel Road.

By a voice vote, it approved awarding a printing contract of \$36,000 to low bidder Phillips Brothers of Springfield, Ill., for printing 80,000 copies of a four-color college catalog.

Wisner objected to sending the job out of state. Second low bidder was Division Printing of Pontiac at \$109,000, and an Adrian firm bid \$121,000. Four other firms submitted no bids, and six failed to reply to requests for bids for the highly specialized publication.

Blanchard's attention to community colleges.

The board voted 4-2 to buy the ad, but trustee Norma Ross had already left the building.

At last week's meeting, Ross told other trustees, "I'm going to be afraid to leave now until you're all gone." She voted against approval of the Feb. 23 minutes.

On the Feb. 23 decision, four trustees voted yes — Ritter, Wisner, Edith Gonzalez and David Hackett. Voting no were Margaret MacTavish and Douglas Wakefield.

## 120 colleges plan 'one-stop shopping'

Students trying to choose a college and their parents can ask their questions at the April 4-5 Metro Detroit National College Fair in the Pontiac Silverdome.

Officials from more than 120 colleges and educational services will staff booths.

Hours on Tuesday, April 4, are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Hours on Wednesday, April 5, are 9-1.

"One-stop shopping" is how it's billed by the sponsor, the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC).

The Silverdome is located at M-59 and Opdyke roads on the east side of Pontiac.

ENTER THE east gate. Participants will receive a locator for college booths and sessions. College booths will be on the stadium floor. Concession stands for food and snacks will be open.

Colleges will have sign-up cards for students who would like to receive additional information on the college selection process, admission procedures, financial aid and student life.

Jim Stone, fair chairman and guidance chairman at Birmingham Groves High, said the fair would

draw admissions officials from all major Michigan universities and as well as many out-of-state institutions — New York University, University of New Hampshire, Oral Roberts College, University of Alaska, Swarthmore, U.S. Naval Academy, Oberlin, University of New Mexico and others.

At a special counseling center, high school counselors and representatives from the College Board and the American College Testing Program (ACT) will answer questions.

A SPECIALIST athletic eligibility and National Collegiate Athletic Association guidelines will assist student athletes and their parents.

Sessions on financial aid and college admissions will be repeated several times throughout the fair, and signs and announcements will indicate the time of the next presentation. University directors of admissions and financial aid are the speakers for these 30-minute programs.

The Metro Detroit Fair is being coordinated by a volunteer committee of high school counselors from Groves, Dondero, Roeper, Lathrup, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Andover and West Bloomfield.

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