

OU asks state for added funds

The estimated cost of running Oakland University for 1991-1992 is \$67.2 million.

The budget request for next year was recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

The budget request for operating needs is approximately \$5.5 million greater than the budget approved for 1990-1991. Under state law, the 1991-92 request must be submitted to the state before Nov. 1, 1990.

University officials say program revisions in the proposed budget total \$1.7 million. They include funds for:

- Kresge Library collections and information access — \$1 million.
- Reinforcement of services to minority and disadvantaged students — \$85,000.
- Enhancement of services to students with disabilities — \$70,000.
- Addition to the Kresge Library operating budget — \$248,000.
- Vandenberg Hall space rental — \$70,000; Oakland Center space rental — \$120,000; and Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute

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space rental — \$66,000.

Generally, the space rental involves payments to these facilities for space that might be revenue producing but is used instead for educational purposes.

The remainder of the increase would go for a 7 percent increase in employee compensation costs and a five percent inflationary increase in non-compensation costs.

Budget figures include a request for a \$42,610,000 state appropriation, up from \$35,555,000 this year based on the state's fiscal year.

The budget assumes no increase in tuition and fees for 1991-1992. Tuition was raised for the current school year.

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Finalist for OCC's top job no longer in running

By Pat Murphy staff writer

One of three finalists for the chancellorship of Oakland Community College has taken himself out of the running.

Paul E. Kreider, president of Mt. Hood Community College near Portland, Ore., notified officials that he is no longer interested in the chief executive position at OCC which has five campuses and about 27,500 students, mostly part time.

Kreider notified OCC of his decision in a telephone conversation, said, Margaret A. MacTavish, secretary of the board of trustees. "As I understand it, he had second thoughts about moving his family."

Kreider's decision came as the board was preparing for a four-member team to visit the home campuses of the three finalists hoping to succeed R. Stephen Nicholson who resigned the \$114,327-a-year post in June.

But Kreider's decision will not likely disrupt the board's plans to visit the campuses of the two remaining candidates, or to announce a successor in November or December, said vice president David Hackett.

"We still have two very highly qualified candidates," said Hackett.

The remaining two candidates are Patsy J. Fulton, president of a branch of the Dallas (Texas) County Community College and Thomas Ten Hoeve, president of Oakland Community college in Des Plaines, Ill.

HACKETT SAID the board will go ahead with plans to visit their respective home campuses as part of the extensive interview process recommended by the Association of Community College Trustees.

The board will tentatively visit the Chicago area this weekend and the Dallas area Nov. 13 and 14.

Asked if there is any chance the OCC board might reject both of the two remaining candidates and launch another nation-wide search, Hackett said, "I doubt it."

"That's one of our options, but I fully anticipate we can select the new chancellor from the two candidates we have."

Nicholson resigned to become vice chancellor of Higher Colleges of Technology of the United Arab Emirates, an oil-rich confederation in the Persian Gulf.

Court goes 'high-tech,' pays jurors same day

If you have jury duty, you now will be paid for it on the same day.

The Oakland County Circuit Court is using two new "high-tech" procedures to improve services.

The first is a new personal computer and software program that allows the Court's Jury Office to pay county residents for jury duty on the same day they serve. Although the state statute provides for only minimal compensation (\$15 per day and 10 cents per mile) the new technology puts a check in the juror's hand before he or she leaves the Courthouse.

Some 16,000 residents were called for jury duty last year. New furniture in the juror's waiting

area combined with the new computerized daily payment program should make jury duty as pleasant as possible.

The Circuit Court's second improvement is even more far-reaching. The Oakland County Friend of the Court, which oversees court-ordered child support payments, will soon have a voice response telephone system that will allow callers to check information about child support payments merely by picking up the phone. The new system will allow access to payment information seven days a week and 24 hours a day.

Last year, 60 percent of the 72,000 calls the Friend of the Court received concerned child support payments. Michigan Bell estimates that an additional 40 percent of callers never got through because they got tired of waiting for an operator. The voice response unit will process these calls much more quickly and easily and provide better, faster service and information to Oakland County residents.

Eventually, the Friend of the Court will also have an electronic transfer system installed for support distribution. This will save an estimated \$130,000 annually in postage costs alone. Last year, Friend of the Court processed more than \$80 million to child support payments and handled some 1,500 checks every day.

Briggs, Broomfield asked to share views at meeting

The candidates for the 18th Congressional District have been invited to present their views to the public at a town meeting sponsored by the Farmington Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington.

Democratic candidate Walter O. Briggs, IV has accepted. His Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. William Broomfield has not yet responded, according to club member Mike Breshgold.

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