

# OCC eyes computers that bring poetry to life

By Pat Murphy  
staff writer

How's this for applied technology... a computer to help teach poetry?

The Southfield campus of Oakland Community College will get that and more under a partnership developing with IBM, a company with a tradition of blending high tech with academic excellence.

Under a program approved by the OCC Board of Trustees last month, the Southfield campus will get 17 terminals using IBM's Advanced Academic System.

The system can help teach poetry. Or it can be applied to science, as is now being done in chemistry classes at the University of Illinois.

"I WAS amazed at the computer's flexibility," said OCC Trustee David Hackett, a Rochester Hills resident who is also a retired teacher. Hackett and other trustees approved the partnership after seeing a demonstration involving the poem "Ulysses" by Alfred Lord Tennyson. "It (the computer) brought the poem alive," Hackett said.

The key, said Professor James E. Bradner, is the computer's flexibility. With a touch of the keyboard, students can get information about the historical period in which the poem was written or have specified passages read by Shakespearean actors.

THE SYSTEM is equally adaptable to teaching the sciences, said Bradner, who teaches chemistry in addition to being chairman of the science department at the Southfield campus.

"The computer can simulate experiments that we can't perform in the laboratory." With a touch of the keyboard, students can also get a detailed explanation of the principles involved.

There is a catch, however. To get the IBM system into his

**With a touch of the keyboard, students can get information about the historical period in which the poem was written, or have specified passages read by Shakespearean actors.**

classrooms, Bradner must raise \$50,000 to obtain \$100,000 worth of IBM equipment and software.

GIVEN OCC's budget crunch, the board refused to allocate the \$50,000. Instead, trustees approved the system if Bradner and others at the Southfield campus can come up with the money.

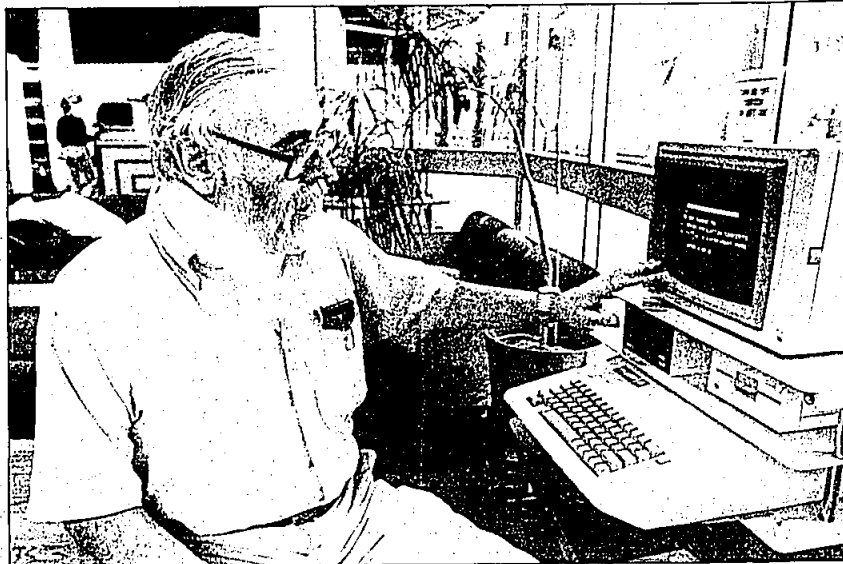
"That means we'll be contacting businesses in the area," Bradner said. "We'll be trying to convince them that an investment in this system is an investment in the future."

Bradner said he has never been involved in that kind of fund-raising before. But he sees it as a challenge — especially in a tight economy.

"I know we're in a recession. But that doesn't mean businesses won't recognize a good investment."

"BUSINESSES, PERHAPS more than anyone else, realize the importance of a system as versatile as this one. And they realize what's at stake."

OCC and IBM have other partnerships, including the CIM (computer integrated manufacturing) system at the Auburn Hills campus. CIM is considered the most advanced system of computer application of its kind.



OCC's science department chairman, Professor James E. Bradner, hopes to raise \$50,000 for a partnership with IBM for a

computer system flexible enough to breathe life into poetry and simulate chemistry experiments.

## Judges question prosecutor's aims

Continued from Page 5

have a video camera rigged over your bed and don't know it, that's the highest invasion of privacy possible."

OAKLAND PROBATE JUDGE Joan Young, who sits on juvenile cases, said that for justice to be served, criminal charges must reflect the severity of the crime. "What is likely to be found by a judge or jury?"

Otherwise, once acquitted, the court loses all jurisdiction and, in the instance of troubled youths which Young often sees, has no authority to impose counseling or other rehabilitation.

The four teens who Young tried last Christmas on rioting and weapons charges may or may not have been in need of rehabilitation. The point was moot four minutes after the jury began deliberations, the time it took to reach a verdict of not guilty.

Afterwards, jurors asked, "why are we wasting time trying cases like this," Young said, adding it is not the first time she has been asked the question. While the query may reveal ignorance of the judicial system, she said it is also of merit.

Bloomfield Hills attorney Clifford Chadwick, who defended one of the teens, maintains it took the jury seven minutes to reach a verdict. He was not surprised.

"My guy was not culpable. From the start, he was overcharged. I asked for a jury trial in hopes the prosecutor (Sandra Scott) would see the light of day. The charges were greatly exaggerated."

"My experience over and over

again is that once the prosecutor makes charges, it's a rather rare circumstance when the complaint is amended to lesser charges," Chadwick said.

Young said the "there are ways to resolve cases, short of trial. Maybe we need to look at our goals (for rehabilitation). Are we accomplishing what we set out to do?"

FEELONY CASES brought by the county prosecutor are bound over to circuit court only after probable cause has been established during a preliminary exam in district court.

Of 553 preliminary exams scheduled in 4th District Court in Bloomfield Township last year, 330 were waived and 215 were heard. Probable cause was almost always established, said 4th District Judge Edward Avadenska. "In 34 years on the bench, I can tell you I have outright dismissed three, maybe four cases. In the past year I have dismissed one."

District judges are also empowered to reduce charges if evidence warrants it. "There are checks and balances in the system, but the only way they work is if everyone who is involved does what they have to do legally," Avadenska said.

Circuit Judge Edward Sosnick sighs when asked about clogged courts as a result of overcharging and a lack of plea bargaining in warranted instances.

"I believe anyone should have their day in court. We'd all like to see justice. But we have X-number of charges, X-number of courts and X-number of days to try. We need to sit down and prioritize. Maybe it's time to sit down and work the thing out... and not in conflict."

# MACAULEY'S

## OFFICE PRODUCTS

# SAVE

## 400% OFF Mfg. List Price

On any one item in the store.

From Macauley's coupon. Limit one per customer. Pick up only. Expires 2/12/92.

**BiC**  
Round Slic Pens  
List 4.20/dz  
**Sale 1¢**  
BB GSA-XX  
BB GSF-XX  
Limit one dozen per customer.  
From Macauley's coupon and \$2.00 additional purchase.  
Pick up only.  
Expires 2/12/92.

**Copy Paper**  
8-1/2" x 11"  
5000 sheets/case  
A12-PEK 85100  
List 49.50/case  
Reg. 23.95/case  
Limit one case per customer with Macauley's coupon.  
Pick up only.  
Expires 2/12/92.

**Electronic Personal Organizer**  
16 x 8 line display  
"to do" function and  
Expense Report.  
Function 20 \$200  
List 239.99 ea.

**brother Word Processor**  
Has 12" CRT display with  
"word-split" and  
"grammar check".  
WordPerfect  
List 799.95 ea.  
**Sale 385.00** ea.

**brother Fax Machine**  
Compact desktop styling.  
Functions as a FAX,  
telephone and copier.  
20 number memory.  
List 999.95 ea.  
FAX 380  
List 999.95 ea.  
**Sale 499.00** ea.

**Compact Desk-Top Copier**  
Entertainment and Reduction  
Copy Ratios. Letter and  
Legal-size Paper. Up to  
50 continuous copies.  
List 1299.99 ea.  
276  
List 1299.99 ea.  
**Sale 749.00** ea.

**brother Typewriter**  
Line and word-out correcting  
with 10- and 12-pitch typing.  
List 229.95 ea.  
R18-1096-AL  
List 17.30 ea.  
**Sale 119.00** ea.

**Portable File**  
Plastic file available in blue or almond.  
R18-1096-Blue  
List 17.30 ea.  
**Sale 9.99** ea.

**BOSTON Personal Shredder**  
Resists nearly all most waste  
baskets (not included). Activates  
when paper is inserted.  
1690 List 234.95 ea.  
**Sale 99.00** ea.

**RTA Drafting Table, Chair & Lamp Set**  
Assembly required  
326701 RTA  
List 249.00 set  
**Sale 129.00** set

**Print & Display Calculator**  
10-digit printer display that's portable.  
List 75.00 ea.  
Inst. 150 ea.  
**Sale 39.00** ea.

**Solar Desktop Calculator**  
Large 8-digit display  
11-1199  
List 14.95 ea.  
Inst. 15 ea.  
**Sale 8.99** ea.

**Double Pedestal Desk**  
60" x 30"  
HU 34951  
List 379.00 ea.  
**Sale 229.00** ea.

**Anywhere Chair**  
Height adjustment and optional arms.  
HU5520  
List 125.00 ea.  
**Sale 69.00** ea.

**Two-Drawer 25" Letter File Cabinet**  
HU532  
List 149.00 ea.  
**Sale 79.00** ea.

**Tenex Ramp Edge Gripper Chairmat**  
45" x 53"  
TX-10207  
List \$3.75 ea.  
**Sale 2.49** ea.

**DO YOU KNOW? We offer a complete selection of office furniture for every style and budget.**

PACKAGE SHIPPING and FAX services available! The quality you'd expect, at lower prices than you'd expect.

**ANN ARBOR**  
North Campus Plaza  
1770 Plymouth Rd.  
(313) 965-3721

**DETOIT AREA**  
DARBORN HEIGHTS  
Ford Rd. at Lerch Day  
(313) 774-6220

**DETROIT**  
Riv. Center Tower 100  
(313) 259-6370

**FLORHAM PARK**  
COMMERCIAL SALES  
(201) 967-0550

**HARTFORD**  
HARTFORD CENTER  
(603) 521-1600

**LINCOLN PARK**  
SALES SHOOTING CENTER  
(313) 360-9470

**NEW YORK**  
West Gate 1  
(212) 641-1717

**OKLAHOMA CITY**  
Green Light Center  
(405) 955-2550

**ROCKFORD**  
SALES SHOOTING CENTER  
(313) 622-9121

**SOUTHFIELD**  
12 Mile at Southfield Rd.  
(313) 565-1376

**STEARING HEIGHTS**  
Lynette Commons  
1440 Rd. 1400 at 14th  
(313) 241-8200

**TROY**  
Troy Commons Center  
800 Beaver at Rochester Rd.  
(313) 689-1508

**LANSHIRE AREA**  
6000 S. Pontchartraine Ave.  
(313) 393-5405

**LANSHIRE - DOWNTOWN**  
100 W. Adams  
(313) 421-1141

**LANSHIRE - COMMERCIAL SALES**  
(313) 375-2240

**MACAULEY'S**

pick up price delivery additional Sale ends February 12, 1992.

**MACAULEY'S**

OFFICE PRODUCTS

## Dittrich's Fur Exchange



Did you ever wish your Fur was from Dittrich's? It can be with a

**Double Trade-In Allowance**  
On Any Fur  
Now through Saturday

The very best time of the year to receive the highest allowance on your old fur.

**Dittrich**  
Since 1899

DETROIT 1771 Michigan (W. of Warren Blvd.) 313-273-8333  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS 15141 Woodward Ave. (W. of Long Rd.) 313-272-2200  
HOURS: Mon-Sat 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Closed Thurs. 12:00 p.m.)