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about the Holocaust, was published.

Lutz subsidized *Witness* to the tune of \$25,000 a year for three years, and built up a subscription list of nearly 600 names, but was forced to give it up after the 13th issue, published in 1990.

With *Witness* as good as dead, Stine, 50, came to OCC in 1990 to teach English. However, he pled his case for reassignment to then-Orchard Ridge campus president Dan Jakson (now college vice president) and Chancellor Patsy Fulton.

They agreed. The board of trustees agreed. And *Witness* was reborn in 1991 as a bi-annual publication. "Without the open-mindedness of (Jakson and Fulton) this wouldn't have happened," Stine said. "This is one of the best literary journals in the country."

"So many of the literary journals have fallen into the hands of English departments and they don't have this kind of feel to them. This is much more of an issue-oriented publication."

Prize-winning author Joyce Carol Oates, a regular *Witness* contributor, is quoted in the latest issue saying, "*Witness* . . . confirms our sense of the variety and scope of the imaginative life in the United States. Its focus upon thematic subjects is particularly valuable."

As far as Stine knows, no

other of the 1,300 community colleges in the country publishes a literary journal. Many of *Witness*'s readers in places like Harvard and Stanford, Stine said, would be "stunned" to find out that the book was put out by a community college.

Although *Witness* has a 13-member editorial board, Stine does most of the work, deciding what future themes might be, sifting through submissions, soliciting submissions, editing submissions and so on.

His deal with OCC is that he carries a class-load half that of any other full-time teacher and works on *Witness* during the remainder of his time.

Other than the loss of 60 percent of Stine's teaching time, OCC doesn't pay a dime for *Witness*, said college spokesman George Cartsonis.

There is an "angel for this operation," Cartsonis said, who subsidizes the publication with a \$40,000 annual donation and has requested anonymity.

Whether or not that "angel" is Sydney Lutz, as it was in the beginning, is not known.

But Lutz said last week, "I want to see Peter (Stine) continue to do his work which he does so well."

If you would like to subscribe to *Witness* (\$12 a year for two issues) call Stine at 471-7740.

Alliance endorses county takeover

MENTAL HEALTH

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County has endorsed county takeover of services to the mentally ill, but will closely monitor the results.

The alliance, the largest advocacy group for the mentally ill in southeast Michigan, voted unanimously to approve the recent full management agreement arrived at by the Oakland County Community Mental Health Department and the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

The contract transfers full control of \$84 million in funding for the mentally ill to the county's Community Mental Health Department, tripling the county budget.

According to AMI president Cal Lippitt, the full management contract will give the means to implement a larger, more comprehensive, and better coordinated system, allowing the county to reorganize the way it delivers its mental health services.

But the approval contract represents only the first step in improving care for mentally ill adults, he warned. "We would expect real progress in improving services."

"There's still a lot of skepticism on our part," said Lippitt, a Southfield resident. But, "what have we got now? A poor system. We feel we have a chance to have a better system under full management."

Leonard Stein in a recent study on mental health care in Oakland County, Lippitt said.

A prime focus is Clinton Valley State Hospital. "There are people in Clinton Valley who don't have to be there. But there's nowhere else for them to go."

So a priority is to set up services and living accommodations for people coming out of Clinton Valley.

An important fact is "We'll be dealing with one board" rather than the "fragmented, non-system of care" described by Dr.

Leonard Stein in a recent study on mental health care in Oakland County, Lippitt said.

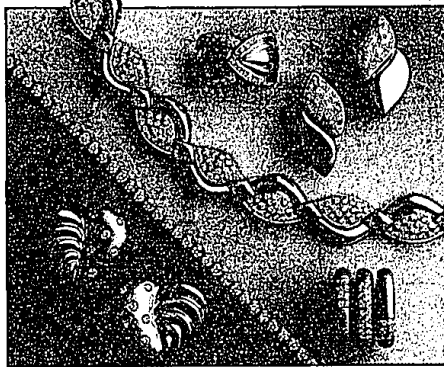
Last summer, the alliance commissioned a comprehensive study of mental health in Oakland County, carried out by Stein, a national expert on the development of comprehensive community health plans.

In his report, which outlined changes needed in the county, Stein called the current system serving approximately 10,000 mentally ill adults grossly inadequate and recommended full management as a beginning toward correcting serious deficiencies.

The alliance will hear from Richard Cooper, Oakland County's director of Community Mental Health, at its general monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

It will take place at the Jewish Vocational Services, 29699 Southfield Road, north of 12 Mile in Southfield.

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