

OCC graduates 2,000 Friday

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The Detroit Pistons, having missed the playoffs, might not be playing in the Palace of Auburn Hills in June, but Oakland Community College has bravely stepped in to fill the void.

For the fee of \$12,000, OCC has reserved the Palace Friday for its annual graduation ceremony. This fee will be recouped somewhat by the \$25 graduation fee that students must pay.

Usually OCC rents the Pontiac Silverdome for these occasions, but it was booked June 4, said OCC spokesman George Cartsonis, so the college turned to Ishab's House for shelter. Two thousand of OCC's 30,000 students have applied for degrees, and 1,000 are expected to attend the ceremony, Cartsonis said. It's anticipated that an additional 5,000 to 6,000 spectators will pack the seats to see their sons, daughters, friends and family pass off-

cially from the hallowed halls of OCC.

The ceremony, however, is free, and anyone who wants to attend is welcome. It begins at 7 p.m. Featured speaker is the Rev. William Cunningham, the Catholic priest who heads Focus: HOPE, a Detroit-based civil and human rights organization committed to racial justice and integration.

Cunningham's topic will be "The Renaissance Engineer" and the need to train people in technical professions.

Of OCC's 2,000 graduates, 924 are in transfer programs and expected to move on to universities. Of those, liberal arts accounts for 650, business administration for 272 and science for 54.

Applied science career programs comprise most of the rest of the graduates (875). Of those, accounting accounts for 51, law enforcement 32, mental health and social work 54, nursing 149, and

early childhood development 37.

In addition, 185 students will graduate with general studies associate's degrees, 109 with certificates in various spheres of knowledge such as computer assisted manufacturing.

In the future, Cartsonis said, OCC officials are thinking about eschewing mammoth arenas for graduation ceremonies, staging instead four separate ceremonies at four different OCC campuses, linking them electronically.

A fiber optic cable already links the Auburn Hills and Royal Oak campuses, but more would have to be added, Cartsonis said.



Rev. William Cunningham

Chamber backs Prop. A

The Oakland County Division of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce has announced its support for Proposal A, the property tax relief proposition to be put to voters Wednesday, June 2.

"Proposal A will provide a more stable source of school funding

and property tax relief to both business and homeowners," said executive director Agnes Wisner.

"Property tax relief has the potential to stimulate economic development and investment in Michigan," said Phil Wojtowicz, the chamber's vice chairman of government affairs.

Ceremonies set for OU grads

Four guests from education, business and the military will deliver commencement addresses at Oakland University graduation ceremonies Saturday.

The university will hold five separate ceremonies to allow academic units to provide more individual recognition of the graduates.

The following guests will deliver commencement addresses: ■ Kenneth J. Oscar, The Army's deputy commander for research, development and engineering, will speak to engineering and computer science graduates at 10 a.m. in Baldwin Pavilion.

■ Judith E. Lanier, president of the Michigan Partnership for New Education, will speak to education and human services graduates at 1 p.m. in Baldwin Pavilion. ■ Jacqueline Campbell, professor of nursing at Wayne State

University, will speak to nursing graduates at 1 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre.

■ Cheryl Longtin, vice president for business development and strategic planning at ITT Automotive, will speak to business administration graduates at 4 p.m. in Baldwin Pavilion.

No speaker has been announced for graduates in the college of arts and sciences, school of health sciences and those receiving bachelor's degrees in general studies. Their ceremony is 7 p.m. in Baldwin Pavilion.

Dawn Marie Aubry of Troy will receive \$200 for winning the Human Relations Award.

Christina J. Grabowski and Kenneth D. Johnson will get \$500 and medallions as winners of the Matilda R. and Alfred G. Wilson Awards given to outstanding female and male undergraduates.

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Anger workshop set

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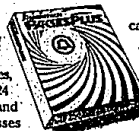
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