

OCC Orchard Ridge campus gets new dean

The Oakland Community College Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Timothy L. Walter dean of academic/student services for the Orchard Ridge Campus at a special meeting, Monday, June 30.

Dr. Walter, who assumes his new post on July 21, comes to OCC's Farmington Hills Campus from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he was both director of the Academic Center for Excellence and associate director of the universities counseling center since 1994.

From 1992 to 1994, Dr. Walter was vice president for student development and associate professor of psychology at the University of Tulsa. Between 1985 and 1992, he was an assistant professor in the Division of Kinology at The University of Michigan, as well as program manager of the Reading and Learning Skills Center in the university's Institute for Human Adjustment.

Earlier, Dr. Walter held a variety of posts including associate professor of psychology at Rhode Island College in Providence; school psychologist for the City of North Providence; and director, chief psychologist and county department head for the Westchester County Vocational Residential Center in Ann Arbor. He earned three degrees at the University of Michigan: a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, a MA in Counseling and Guidance, and a BA in Social Science and Psychology.

Dr. Walter has co-authored



Timothy L. Walter, dean academic affairs

eight books, including "The Mountain is High Unless You Take the Elevator: Success Strategies for Adult Learners" and "Student Success: How to Do Well in College and Still Have Time for Your Friends," now in its seventh edition. In addition, he has authored or co-authored numerous articles for professional publications, contributed chapters to five textbooks and presented more than 30 papers. He currently has several works in progress, including "Critical Thinking: Building the Basics."

Dr. Walter is a member of the American Association of Higher Education, the American Psychological Association, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and the National Orientation Directors Association.

He has received a wide variety of honors and awards including the Horace Rackham Graduate Fellowship, and has administered a number of grant projects.

Married, and the father of three, Dr. Walter and his family reside in Ann Arbor.

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HOME BUYING
The Oakland County Housing Network is sponsoring a series of workshops entitled "Home Buying Made Easy" from 6 to 9 p.m. on July 16 and 23 at the Pontiac YWCA, 259 W. Huron in Pontiac. Topics include credit counseling, saving and budgeting and purchasing a new home. Additional information is available through Michelle Poeppel at (248) 334-0973.

GANG VIOLENCE
The Michigan Task Force on Youth Gang Violence will hold a public hearing Monday in Southfield. The hearing will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Auditorium of the Southfield Arts Center, 24350 Southfield Road. Additional information is available at (517) 353-

6617.
CHEF APPRENTICESHIPS
Oakland Community College is accepting applications for its chef apprenticeship program at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The program — sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, the American Culinary Federation and the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association — gives students 6,000 hours of on-the-job training at top restaurants and hotels and leads to an associate degree in

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BIRMINGHAM

911 not for casual use: Believe or not, some Birmingham residents are using the emergency 9-1-1 number for directory assistance. And Birmingham police/fire dispatchers are concerned that those non-emergency calls could hamper others with emergency situations. "We just want people to be aware that 9-1-1 should be used only for emergencies," said dispatcher Linda Christy, a 23-year department veteran. "If non-emergency calls are coming in, it means we might not get to a real emergency quickly enough."

Drugs not involved in crash: Limousine driver Richard Gnida was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs when he crashed his limousine into a tree in the median of Woodward Avenue in Birmingham, a second toxicology report confirmed Tuesday. Birmingham police are still undecided what charges Gnida will face as a result of the crash, which seriously injured three members of the Detroit Red Wings organization. "We're still investigating," said Deputy Police Chief Richard Patterson. "We're still getting tips and we want to follow up on them."

CLARKSTON

Bank checks out branch: As the National Bank of Detroit on Main Street in downtown Clarkston prepares to vacate its historic building, a new bank has announced plans to locate across the street. Dave Slickel, president of the Flint branch of the Republic Bank, presented a conceptual site plan for a new branch bankers hope to open in the location of the former Milieu Gallery at 20 S. Main St., which

vacated the space several weeks ago.

FARMINGTON

Not so cheap service: A Farmington Hills man who allegedly used a computer chip view found a cable channel for the price of basic service could face five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Farmington Hills police are investigating a possible theft of cable service after Time Warner technicians inadvertently found a computer chip in the customer's receiver box that was scrambling the signal. Under a new state law, cable theft is considered a felony.

Teens sentenced: Two more teens, who pleaded guilty to vandalism at the San Marino Golf Course in Farmington Hills, were sentenced to three years' probation, court fines and must pay restitution. Robert John III, an 18-year-old Farmington Hills resident, and Ryan Nicholas Hubbard, 19, of Livonia were sentenced Tuesday, about a week after William Zima, 17, Stephen John Munro, 19, and Michael Paul Tomey, 18, of Farmington Hills received similar sentences in connection with the same crime. Farmington Hills police continue to investigate the April 2-3 incident, which they say involved at least nine people. Damages to the course and equipment amounted to \$50,000.

LAKE ORION

Casino opposed: While other communities haven't taken an official stand on a proposed casino on a six-acre site in Auburn Hills, at Joslyn and I-75, Auburn Hills city council unanimously supported a resolution stating their objections to the measure. In essence, the resolution states that a casino, proposed by the Bay Mills Indian Tribe in northern Michigan, would add nothing and could very well detract from

the community.

NOVI

Public urged to lobby: Travelers on I-96 are being encouraged to call their state representatives regarding a \$9-\$10 million design study for the Wixom Road and Beck Road interchange on the expressway. State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, is asking area residents to voice their support of the project, which can't be done until design studies are completed. Cassis is concerned the project will be pulled from the state's 1997-98 transportation budget.

OXFORD

Police ruled 'improper': After several months of consideration, the Michigan Attorney General's office has ruled that a dormant Oxford Emergency Safety Authority policy is improper. Oxford Police chief Gary Ford said while he understands the ruling, he isn't certain the attorney general understands the policy. The policy in question was OESA's practice of using donations from the families of recruits to finance police academy training.

ROCHESTER

Skate or swim: A proposal to build a municipal ice rink in Rochester Hills might be skating for oblivion. Frank Rewold, a local developer and hockey buff, wants the city to issue around \$6 million in revenue bonds for a public rink with two sheets of ice. Gate fees would pay off the debt. But Mayor Ken Snell said the city's efforts are geared toward an aquatic center.

SOUTHFIELD

Offices come down: The abandoned QUAD and CUNA office buildings, located at the southwest corner of Greenfield Road and Mount Vernon, came down Monday. A time capsule

placed by the CUNA Credit Union during the building's construction, was recovered.

Expansion debated: Golfers won out over environmentalists Monday in the controversy over expanding Southfield's civic center-based Evergreen Hills Golf Course. At a hearing on golf course plans, Southfield city officials stood fast in their plans to expand the course into about two acres of an adjacent nature preserve.

TROY

Engler comes to Troy: Gov. John Engler will be the guest at a breakfast meeting of the Troy Chamber of Commerce on July 16 at the Troy Marriott. Engler will discuss Michigan's economy and the state transportation package at the event titled Pan-cakes and Politics. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the governor will be speaking at 8:30 a.m., followed by a question and answer session. The cost is \$25 per person, \$30 for walk-ins and \$50 for "prime, limited seating with the governor." For more information, call the chamber at (248) 641-8161.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Jewel thief caught: Antonio McKelton was arrested Tuesday for West Bloomfield's Tapper's jewelry store robbery and is the "prime suspect" in the murder outside a Farmington Hills bank last year. He is also being investigated for his role in a major heroin trafficking ring, according to a federal agent. McKelton and Derrick Davis, another suspect charged in the Tapper's robbery, may be part of a drug trafficking ring that steals jewelry to pay for large purchases of heroin that is then sold in Detroit.

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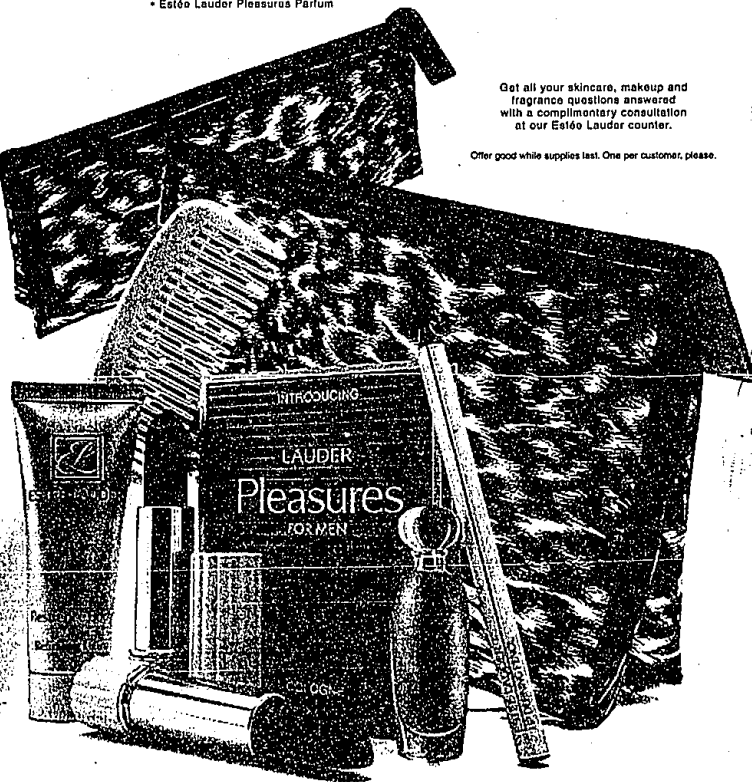
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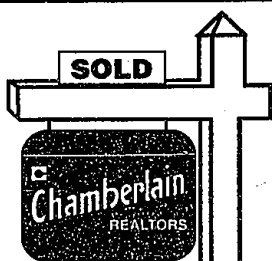


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