LTU to dedicate new facilities

Lawrence Technological Uni-versity is dedicating three new facilities at its open house this

whekend.

LTU will dedicate its new adademic achievement center at noon Saturday. The center will offer expanded tutoring, edunseling and academic services.

equiniciling and academic ser-person of the university's new 30-sta-tion computer lab will be dedi-cated at 2 p.m. Sunday, Its plastic training lab will be dedi-cated 20 minutes later. The computer lab will offer hierosoft certification and

Geographic Information System training, in cooperation with Oakland County. The plastic lab is the first of its kind in Michigan to offer training for plastics workers. Training will be offered in cooperation with the Manufacturing will be offered in cooperation with the Manufacturing Academy of Plastics Sciences.

The university's new freeway sign will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. Built by AirTouch Cellular, the sign will provide the university with \$1 million in lease revenue annually. LTU is at 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield. Geographic Information Sys-

Improvements set for OCC's campuses as trustees approve \$7.1 million package

Oakland Community College Trustees approved \$7.1 million in improvements to Oakland Community College's data net-work for students, faculty and staff, though one unhappy bidder complained.

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Abe Singer, attorney for an out-of-state vendor, NEC Busiout-ot-state vendor, MED Business Communications Systems (East) Inc., said his firm submitted a lower bid. "Communication stopped," he complained about the college's bidding process. "This entire process is suspect," Singer added.

There were no irregularities

in the process whatsoever," said Thompson. "We're asking for a local bidder with experience in the field. This program is the entire backbone of our system. We've recommended a local com-pany (Clover) with local service."

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Thompson's recommendation
was approved 6-0 with trustee
Carol Crew of Waterford absent.

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Gheretta Rouser Harris has been hired as director of purchasing and auxiliary services effective May 11, replacing J.P., Adams II, who resigned:
Harris comes to OCC from the University of Michigan where sho was a buyer, senior buyer and purchasing agent from 1992-99. Her previous work was with Cadillac Division, AC Rochester and Genesee Packaging, all in Flint.

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She holds an MBA from the University of Michigan and bachelor's and associate degrees in business from the Detroit Col-lege of Business' Flint campus.

Projects OK'd

The board authorized its construction manager, George Auch Co. of Pontiac, to enter into design and construction contracts for major campus renovations. Among them:

million; replace earthen berm with a street-side view; add multi-purpose room for campus meetings. Asset testing, student orientation and science lecture; add a welcome center to consolidate admissions, enrollment, counseling and business services; add a learning center to combine the traditional functions of a library, career center, testing center and career center. The 20-year-old Southfield building, on Nine Mile, was designed as an environmentally friendly building and serves 2,500 students.

COLLEGE NEWS

Auburn Hills Campus -\$406,000 for abatement of asbestos pipe insulation in the heating and cooling plant.

\$270,400 to correct structural problems in B and D buildings, where cracks have appeared.

Highland Lakes Campus -\$146,000 to renovate lab space in Lovinson Hall for a newly approved message therapy program beginning in fall. A clinical lab for 24 students, four private client massage therapy rooms and a reception area are planned.



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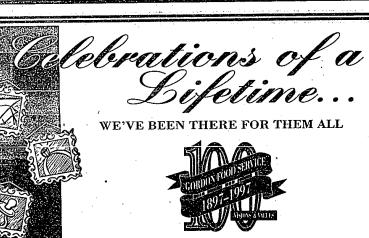
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