

LTU to dedicate new facilities

Lawrence Technological University is dedicating three new facilities at its open house this weekend.

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

The university's new 30-station computer lab will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Sunday. Its plastic training lab will be dedicated 20 minutes later. The computer lab will offer Microsoft 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 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.

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

COLLEGE NEWS

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

Clover Technologies Inc. of Wixom won the award for wiring and electronics because "they bring superior experience in the installation of the type of network electronics specified in our bid request," said a memo from

Chancellor Richard Thompson.

Abe Singer, attorney for an out-of-state vendor, NEC 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 company (Clover) with local service."

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

Purchaser hired

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 she was a buyer, senior buyer and purchasing agent from 1992-98. Her previous work was with Cadillac Division, AC Rochester and Genesee Packaging, all in Flint.

She holds an MBA from the University of Michigan and bachelor's and associate degrees in business from the Detroit College 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:

■ **Southfield Campus** - \$4.1 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.

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

■ **Auburn Hills Campus** - \$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 Levinson Hall for a newly approved massage 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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