

'Ridge' Student Govt. Plans To Rejuvenate

By KATHY MORAN

Student government is finally going places on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. For the few years, Student Government on the Farmington campus has been inactive. But now John High is at the helm — and he won't stop for anything.

Apathy, bad communication and lack of direction are all problems he plans to tackle. ELECTIONS for the Student Government were delayed because of a faculty strike early in the semester. When they finally did take place, only 700 of the more than 6,000 students voted — proof of the apathy on the campus as High sees it.

High and his crew have set out to use whatever college resources they can and talk to as many classes as possible to drum up support.

"We are trying to get out to talk to as many students as possible," he said. "Many students have perpetuated the idea that when you go to a community college, you don't participate in activities."

"I have had students ask me, 'Why bother getting involved if you are only going to be here two years?' Well until you get to the four-year colleges."

"The students were saying this," he stressed. "I'm trying to get rid of that stereotype. 'Education is more than just academic. I'm trying to explain to them that they should become involved in the decision-making process that affects their lives instead of just griping about it. It's one thing to talk about changes and another thing to work for them.'"



STUDENT GOVERNMENT at Orchard Ridge is finally getting in gear with new leadership like John High (left) at the helm and Marlene Freel, secretary. (Observer photo)

ALREADY HE and the members are trying to get the few student-supported clubs on campus to involve more of the student body.

They are making use of college computers to survey students on what they want from their student activities fees.

"In most clubs, only they (club members) benefit from the monies the entire student body has paid," High said. Working with High are Carl Temple, vice president; Kerry Bentibolio, historian; Keith Gaffney, treasurer; and Marlene Freel, secretary, as well as 20 freshmen and sophomore representatives.

WHEN THE WINDS of change started sweeping through the Student Government, they soon outgrew the "closet" they lived in.

Now they occupy a large room in the student activities building where students have to pass by on the way to lunch. An art student plans to paint the two large picture windows for an art project and to give the room atmosphere.

"We want the students to come in here as they pass by," High said. "We're trying to make it so someone will be in here all the time so the room can stay open."

As it is, faculty, staff, students — and even Provost

James Manilla, are dropping in and student government is on its way.

Film On News Media Slated

A film about the news media will be shown Nov. 30 on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington.

After the showing, scheduled for 2 p.m. in Room J-203, the contributions and shortcomings of the media in creating an informed public will be discussed. The presentation is sponsored by the social science department.



CARL DEREMO, 22965 Manning, Farmington, recently co-directed a workshop on "guaranteed sales plan" in Miami Beach, Fla., as part of the 64th annual convention of the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards. Deremo has been an instructor in real estate appraisal at the University of Michigan for 12 years and has been in real estate and appraisal for 24 years. He is currently vice president and director of education of Real Estate One.

Advertising Firm Opens

Three advertising men with combined experience of more than 60 years have launched a new agency in Southfield. Benjamin, Sharp and Smith Advertising Inc., of 30555 Southfield Road, is a full service agency with 20 consumer, retail and industrial accounts.

Heading the new firm are Edward M. Smith, chairman and former president of Smith Winchester Advertising; Vic Benjamin, president and former owner of Vic Benjamin Advertising; and Richard Sharp, former vice president of Smith Winchester.

SC In Settlement On Campus Center

A legal settlement that has dragged on for five years may finally be resolved by action taken by the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees last week.

The board approved a final payment of \$7,500 on the Waterman Campus Center, thereby winding up a string of legal proceedings.

The board had withheld the final payment of \$21,304 from James Moriarty Construction Co. because the firm had failed to complete the building by May 1, 1966 as specified in the contract.

A clause in the contract permitted the college to withhold \$150 for each day late beyond the deadline.

The company took the matter to court for several reasons, including that the bookstore and other rooms were occupied before November.

Based on the testimony of one day in court, the college's legal counsel recommended the board approve a payment of one-third the amount held back from the company. The \$7,500 figure was agreed to by the company.

SC Accepts Donation

A donation of \$125 from the Garden City Board of Education was accepted by the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees last week. The donation is for the Edwin J. O'Leary Scholarship fund.

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