

Oakland University faces \$400,000 budget deficit

By HELEN PARKS

ROCHESTER—Oakland University faces a \$400,000 budget deficit this year and future tuition hikes because

of a possible loss of state funds. Oakland's budget may plunge into the red because some state officials say the university miscalculated the number of its full time students for

determining how much state aid the school receives. University officials claim the number of full time students is correct, however.

Outcome of the disagreement between state and university officials will determine if the Oakland budget shows a deficit this year.

THE POSSIBILITY of losing more than \$600,000 in contingency funds developed when the university's definition of a "full time student" clashed with state qualifications.

State aid to O.U. is based on the number of full time students enrolled at the school. At the beginning of each school year, the state apportions funds based on the number of full time students the university expects to enroll.

But universities like Oakland — with less than 8,000 full time students — receive \$1,000 per full time student at the end of the year for each student enrolled beyond the original university estimate.

ACCORDING TO Oakland President Donald O'Dowd, the university claims all off-campus graduate students as full time students. However, state officials say all students must attend classes on campus to be counted as full time students for state aid purposes.

Last year the university estimated the number of its full time students at 7,320. Oakland actually enrolled 622 more full time students than it anticipated, say university officials.

These students represent \$682,000 in additional state aid funds, O'Dowd said, adding that the university has ready spent approximately \$400,000 of the money in the belief the state would supply the funds.

But the state is contesting the claim that the students are full time students for aid purposes and is threatening to cut the contingency funds.

UNIVERSITY SPENDING has been curtailed for the remainder of the year, and, if there is a deficit, O'Dowd said there will have to be a budget cut next year.

Although the university will resist efforts to cut programs, officials may seek a tuition hike, he said, explaining that no member of the administration or faculty will be laid off.

"I think it's decidedly unfair to put us in this position. I don't think we are wrong. We are the victims in this one," O'Dowd said.

In addition to Oakland, Grand Valley State College (\$75,000) and the University of Michigan's Dearborn campus (\$300,000) could lose contingency funds this year, he said.

Nixon's tapes: a best-seller

By ROBERT KIPPER

"It's the hottest thing since 'The Happy Hooker,'" said Chris McAfee, manager of the Metro News Center in Birmingham, as he announced the arrival of the latest runaway best-seller: "The White House Transcripts."

Throughout the area, as paperback copies of the Nixon conversations started to arrive, book-sellers were buzzing.

Those fortunate enough to have copies on hand, reported brisk sales and rushed orders for more. Those still waiting made apologies to their customers, added names to waiting lists and pressured their suppliers to speed up orders.

MEANWHILE, public reaction to the new product appeared no different than the opposing attitudes that have greeted the scandal throughout its unraveling. Some were fascinated and curious; others weary and uninterested.

There were shoppers who made special trips just to pick up the transcripts and purchased extra copies for their equally-eager friends. Others shrugged at the displays of the book and said they had absolutely no interest in reading more on the subject.

However, more than enough were interested to make the publication of the transcripts a sensation to those who publish, distribute and sell books.

LESS THAN TWO WEEKS have passed since President Nixon announced the release of the transcripts yet two publishers have already managed to get 800-page editions ready for sale.

Dartmouth Books, working with the staff of the New York Times, has prepared their version for \$2.50. Dell Books, working with the staff of the Washington Post, has rushed its edition out for \$2.45.

The two publishers have reported a combined first printing of 2.9 million copies.

Distributors for the Metropolitan Detroit area have filed a first order of almost 100,000 copies, the largest first order since "Jonathan Livingston Seagull."

So far only a fraction of that order has arrived, compounding the difficulty in circulating copies to anxious book-dealers.

High Twelve sets officers

The Southfield High Twelve Club installed officers sworn April 8.

Installing officer was Raymond E. Hughes, president of the Michigan Assn. of High Twelve. Newly sworn officers are Jimmy R. Jarda, pres., O. Tom Tavel, first vice president, James Smith, second vice president, S. James Clarkson, secretary-treasurer, Ervin Tank, Sergeant at arms, and Masonic representative, Roy Jay Lindros.

Southfield High-Twelve club meetings are every second and fourth Monday of each month at Sussex House at noon.

The May 13 meeting will feature guest speaker Hon. Clarence A. Reid Jr., who will discuss law and the courts.

High Twelve Club invites and welcomes guests and new members.

Insurance FACTS

by Robert H. Bergstrom, CPCU

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