

# Training program spawns new jobs

The Michigan Department of Labor, Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield and a Troy firm, Formative Products, Inc., have completed a cooperative training program pooling the resources of industry, government and education.

More good jobs for area residents are the direct result and everyone seems to be benefiting.

Workers are acquiring new skills needed to fill job openings and new and expanding industries are reducing employee turnover and freeing money which would have been spent on training.

Called the Comprehensive Employment Program, the effort is coordinated by the Bureau of Employment Training of the Michigan Department of Labor. It involves funding, preparing and managing a training program to provide firms with qualified labor when needed.

"Many factors are considered by firms relocating or expanding," said James Patterson, area field representative for the Michigan Department of Labor. "Obviously if we can attract a new enterprise to the state or help an existing one expand, it means more

## Pharmacist turns to administration

Ronald Lukaszewicz of Farmington Hills, director of pharmaceutical services since 1969 at Providence Hospital, Southfield, has been promoted to the management staff.

Lukaszewicz, of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of the Detroit Institute of Technology's College of Pharmacy. He earned a master of science degree in pharmacy at Wayne State University. Before joining the Providence staff, he was the pharmacy director at Seaway Hospital, Trenton, for seven years.

A past president of the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the southeastern Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Lukaszewicz is an adjunct assistant professor at the WSU College of Pharmacy and an associate professor at Oakland Community College. He is a member of the advisory committee for the American Pharmaceutical Association's supportive personnel training project.

He and his wife Patricia have four children.

## Military screening adds member

Robert Rother, of Farmington Hills has been appointed to the military screening committee. He is a practicing attorney in Oakland County and is active in local YMCA.

The committee is made up of 12 members and interviews and recommends to Senator Donald Reigle applicants living in the 12, 17, 18 and 18 Congressional Districts.

jobs and an enlarged economic base in that particular region and the state as a whole. "A prime consideration is availability of trained personnel who can meet the employer's needs. Managers of expanding companies have enough financial and management problems without also being confronted by the chance of not having a trained labor force. That's where we can help."

Formative Products of Troy, a 120-employee firm that manufactures molds, die models, patterns and molded parts, enlisted the aid of the bureau several months ago to develop a method of teaching new employees a procedure of forming metal shapes by a process called vaporforming. The process involves forming shapes by moving metal atoms in a gas.

"The new process moves metal forming from the stone age to the atomic age as far as we're concerned," said Louis J. Steigerwald, president of Formative Products. According to Patterson, each training program is "tailor-made" for the company involved. "What's unusual about the Formative Products program is that a whole new set of job skills had to be developed for a revolutionary process," he added.

Lawrence Institute of Technology's School of Engineering was selected to research, develop and administer the training to new workers hired by Formative Products. While the Bureau of Employment Training does the actual recruiting of the potential workers, the company involved makes the final decision as to who is hired.

"The new employees aren't recruited from existing positions," stressed Patterson. "They must have been unemployed at least two weeks."

To familiarize themselves with the process of vaporforming, L.I.T. faculty had to go to Pennsylvania and interview the developer of the process as well as complete the task of distilling over 800 pages of technical papers, reports and research results into a 250-page training manual that lay employees could understand.

"It's been an interdisciplinary approach here at the college," said Dr. Stephen R. Davis, dean of L.I.T.'s School of Engineering.

"We've had faculty from the chemistry department as well as our own engineering faculty involved in the development and teaching. Our own machine shop even built the various training simulators."

The 19 students involved in the L.I.T./Formative Products program ranged in age from 19 to 50 and graduates of the five week training session generally considered it a rewarding experience.



## Keeping them safe

Crossing streets always is risky business when school starts. To make a safe school season, be sure to obey the crossing guards and watch out for kids. (Staff photo)

# Money finders hope honesty pays

By CRAIG PIECHURA

When Diogenes scoured the countryside with a lantern looking for one honest man, he must have missed Hay Springs, Neb., the home of Dale and Lorna Christoffersen.

The couple proved their chivalry Sept. 1 when they decided to spend the night in Willo-Acres Motel in Canton Township, looking forward to a visit to GREENFIELD Village the next day. "It was the first AAA-rated motel we came to and we didn't want to get too close to Detroit," Christoffersen said in a telephone interview with the Observer Thursday.

In the morning they were all set to check out of the room when Mrs. Christoffersen thought she'd look under the bed "too see if maybe we dropped a sock or anything under there."

Instead, she found a newspaper wrapped around nearly \$300 in loose bills.

But the Christoffersens didn't celebrate their new-found windfall with a bottle of champagne. They called the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

THE MONEY was counted by Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy Donald Twitchell at the motel. The total: \$275.

Following the law on claiming lost property, Christoffersen has paid Canton Township Clerk John Flodin a 25 cent filing fee. Flodin clerk must advertise the discovery at the motel, 40139 Michigan Ave. Anyone who has a valid claim to the money should contact the clerk at 44500 Geddes Road, Canton.

If the lawful owner of the money is not found, half of the amount will go automatically to the township. The Christoffersens already have competition for the other half—R.J. Peterson, owner of the motel.

Asked if the money belonged to the owner of the motel, Peterson's son, Robert Jr., replied, "It was at our place. So, we put in the claim for it."

The younger Peterson refused to say who rented Room 16 before the Christoffersens. "I wouldn't tell you that if I knew," he said.

Christoffersen, who farms 170 acres of corn in Hay Springs, said his first impression was that he had found stolen money from a robbery.

"BUT THE MOTEL owner later said he hadn't rented the room to anybody for some time," Christoffersen said. "We don't know what to think now."

One thing Christoffersen didn't count on was that he'd have to turn the money over to Wayne County authorities who put it in the county treasury for 12 months.

"I thought it was our obligation just to report it, not turn it over," Christoffersen said.

If the rightful owner hasn't surfaced after 12 months and the Wayne County Board of Auditors can't decide whether to award the money to Christoffersen or the motel owner, the two will have to take the matter to court, according to George Cross, county corporation counsel.

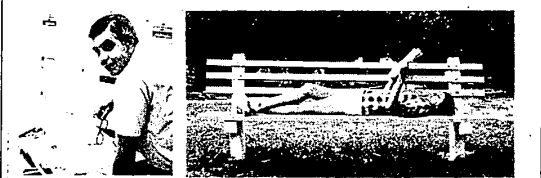
Legal precedent indicates that for Christoffersen, honest may be its

own—or only—reward. Cross told of an incident a few years ago in which a Greyhound bus driver found \$17,000 in the bus when he stopped in what was then Romulus Township. He turned the money in to his terminal manager, who gave it to county authorities. The bus driver and the terminal manager put in a claim for the money along with the bus company, Romulus and the City of Detroit. Detroit claimed they had a right to half of the money because the bus had started its journey in Detroit. A judge awarded half of the money to Greyhound and the other half to Romulus, Cross said.

BECAUSE THE MONEY was found in his motel, Cross said, the motel owner "may have a strong claim."

Barring the appearance of the person who left the wad of bills under their bed by next Sept. 2, the Christoffersens—or Peterson—will pocket \$137.50 and Canton Township's general fund will get the rest.

And the rest of us will have to be content to find tiny bars of soap and a Gideon's Bible in our motel rooms.



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**Pixies dance**

Pixies to some people may be imaginary creatures akin to fairies, but to 21 students at Sheryl's School of Dance in Redford Township, the Pixies Sherylites are a dance group which has been performing and winning awards throughout the country.

Aged 8-11, the students come from Westland, Livonia, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Farmington. Most of the students have been taking tap and jazz dance lessons at the school for five to eight years. Next year the group plans to add a gymnastics performance to its dance routine, which last year was done to the tune, "Thank God I'm a Country Boy."

Besides performing in five shows at the Michigan State Fair this year and at the recent Redford Township ox roast, the Pixies have won first place in the following competitions: Dance Masters of Michigan, North American Pageant Systems, Michigan and national finals, and the Freepart homecoming.

This year the group will be performing a precision dance routine in Raggedy Ann and Andy costumes. The routine is called Maple Leaf Rag.

## Farmington grads choose summertime

Although there were no formal commencement exercises for the summer graduates of Michigan State University, there are 2,666 students who are candidates for degrees this term, including 148 doctoral, 930 master's and 1,588 bachelors degree candidates.

The following Farmington area students are included in that list: Ronald Czajkowski, 33263 Edythe, with a MS in civil engineering; Amy Heidt, 28749 Farmington Road, with honors, a BA in psychology; Kathleen Murphy, 30021 Woodbrook, with high honors, a BS in veterinary medicine and Diane Northern, 28377 Kiltarian, a MA in situational development and technology.

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