

Vocational students' training sees success

Officials at the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center are beaming over the results of a follow-up survey of 1976 graduates.

The survey shows that 67.8 per cent of the 1976 SWOVEC graduates are presently employed and that an additional 24 per cent are either full- or part-time students in a two- or four-year school.

More importantly, SWOVEC officials pointed out that 44.4 per cent of the 1976 graduates said that their school training had helped them "a lot" in their jobs.

William Menzel, assistant principal at SWOVEC, said that school officials were very pleased with the results.

"We always thought we were doing a pretty good job with our educational programs," said Menzel. "Now we have the statistics to prove it."

"I think these statistics reveal that we have a lot of accountability in the type of work we're doing out here."

APPROXIMATELY 86 PER CENT of the 1976 SWOVEC graduates were contacted and asked to evaluate the quality of the training they had received at the school. Did the training really benefit them and prepare them for a job after graduation?

Results of the survey were released recently along with the results of a comparable survey of Oakland County and state vocational education students.

The survey revealed that 68 per cent of the SWOVEC students were employed as compared with 68.7 per cent of Oakland County students and 68.8 per cent of state students.

Some 32.4 per cent of the SWOVEC students were not employed and 11.35 per cent were looking for jobs. Some 8 per cent of the students said they were not looking for jobs, while approximately 24 per cent reported they were either part- or full-time students.

The survey also revealed that 44.4 per cent of the SWOVEC students said that their school training had helped "some" on the job, while 10 per cent said the training had helped "hardly any" and 22.4 per cent said it had helped "none."

SWOVEC officials were also pleased that 45 per cent of their students had said their high school preparation for their present activity was "excellent." Only 19.5 per cent of the Oakland County students said their training was excellent and only 17.5 per cent of the state-wide students said they had received excellent training.

Some 34.7 per cent of SWOVEC students said their high school training for their present activity was "good," and 13.9 per cent said the training was "fair." Some six per cent said the training was "poor."

SWOVEC graduates also rated the use of the high school training in their major area of study higher than their county and state students. Some 42.8 per cent of the SWOVEC students said they used their high school training "a lot" in their major area of study as compared to 28 per cent of county and 33.6 per cent of state students.



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Fiery Goodfellow

Steve Kuzmanovich, Farmington Hills firefighter, stakes out the Twelve Mile-Middle Belt area for the Goodfellows.

Brodhead eyes Mideast

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and that the U. S. must move cautiously.

"America must continue to support Israel and at the same time play another role, the role of broker," he said. "That means, in addition to fulfilling our moral obligation to Israel, our advocate role, we must play the role of broker."

"The U.S. is trying to carry water on both shoulders," Brodhead said. "We're hopeful, optimistic and cautious. Israel will survive and we hope in peaceful fashion, but survive it will."

Substitutes get raises

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ers in the audience said that their pay excludes benefits such as health insurance.

"There's a crying need for substitute teachers," said Sharon Kerr, a substitute teacher. "People are unwilling to work for \$27.50 to \$29 a day. There aren't any benefits. Not having a pay raise in 10 years is unacceptable."

Julie Hovanecian, who left teaching in the Detroit school system 12 years ago to raise a family in the suburbs, returned to substitute teaching in 1968.

She noted that her friend's 14-year-old son made \$4 an hour in a supermarket. A recent high school graduate could earn \$3.50 an hour as a novice bank teller.

"You're doing something unfair because the unions haven't fought you. We have to fight with you ourselves," she said.

SOME 27 PER CENT of the SWOVEC grads said they used their school training "some" in their major area of study, 12 per cent said they had hardly any use of their training and 17.5 per cent said that they had gotten no use from their training at SWOVEC.

Of the 24 per cent of SWOVEC graduates who are presently furthering their education, some 32 per cent are involved in a two-year vocational or technical college (as compared with 17 per cent in the county and 27 per cent in the state), 16 per cent are in a two-year liberal arts college (as compared with 19 per cent in the county and 16.5 per cent in the state) and 25 per cent are enrolled in a four-year college university (as compared with 47 per cent in the county and 33 per cent in the state).



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