

Mothers-turned-collegiate numbers rise

By DANA FLEMING

Now that summer is over, some of the graduates of last spring will be changing their schedules to prepare for a year of hard college study. They won't however, be the only ones facing a change. Many wives and mothers will also be among those walking the college campus.

Just a few years ago the typical mother-turned-collegiate was someone who, despite all odds was out to attain her lifelong dream vocation and, in the process, pick up a college diploma.

Her numbers have steadily increased to where an estimated 20 to 30 percent of the entire student body on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus is composed of older women.

But Mary White, head of the campus's Women's Center, says the older women are coming in two distinct groups for two

distinct reasons, economic and personal growth.

The woman returning to school for economic reasons is generally anticipating a need for money in the future, such as a child's college expenses. Or she may be a single woman trapped into a low-paying, non-desired job.

The woman who is interested in personal growth may be fearful of becoming lonely, or she is looking for something to do during the week between the weekly bridge game.

BUT TRYING TO escape the bridge game syndrome and getting a degree are two different things.

When asked if these women ever intend to use their new skills, the answer was a definite "yes."

May Lush is a housewife and mother who went back to finish high school, then enter college after an interruption of her formal schooling. Her goal is a degree

even though she is not sure what field she will tackle.

Ms. White agrees that most of the women, once they take a few classes, decide to go on for a degree.

There seems to be an increasing trend toward careers in law and business, but most women are still sticking to traditional job training in the fields of teaching and nursing.

"These women need to be pushed to consider new fields," Ms. White said, "but many are afraid to try new careers because they might be losing time and money in the process."

There are many adjustments to be made on the part of every woman returning to school, but most find that it is not as traumatic as they expected.

In the words of Diane Joncas, a student representative for the college's counseling center, "It's really great that women want to

do something with their lives, to give it some direction."

She was out of school for four years before she returned, and claims that coming back was "the best decision I ever made."

SOMETIMES WOMEN will call the counseling center to voice their concerns about re-entering school, but Ms. Joncas assures them it is easy.

"I tell them you have to take that first initial step, and then it's downhill all the way," she said.

Another young OCC student, Bill Miller, commented on the trend, "Anyone who has the foresight to look ahead and prepare for it, well, that's pretty great."

One problem both Ms. Lush and Linda Grudale, a recent graduate of OCC and mother of five faced, was the amount of studying they had to do. Ms. Grudale said she studied so hard her brain would be spinning every night by the time she got to bed.

Ms. Lush remembers, "My psychology professor told our class that if we studied four hours every week we would get an A for the course. So I spent six hours on it."

Where age was once a deterrent in returning to school, it is no longer a factor. The student body is now used to seeing older women on campus, and support comes from many of the younger ones.

Ms. White believes her action was typical of the older woman who fears she can't think anymore, or can't keep up and one of the big reasons that keep older women off the campus.

"THEY THINK THEY can't think and if anything they're over-achievers. They put the most effort into their classes," she said, then pointed to Ms. Grudale as another example of how fear works.

When Ms. Grudale entered college she was afraid to take more than one class at a time, and it was only after a long period

of receiving good grades that she gained the courage to double up.

A few women anticipate, and get some strong reactions, if not out-and-out resistance, from husbands and children to new thoughts and ideas learned. But one student who suffered that said her husband now acts as though her college career was his idea.

Ms. Lush's daughter Lisa is very proud of her mother.

"I think it's great that she picked up where she left off. My friends often ask me how she's doing in school," Lisa said. Because Ms. White is a counselor, she as well as head of the Women's Center, also gets to know many in the segment of the college.

"I'm partial to this group of people," she says. "They have a lot of experience behind them and now they're doing something with it. It's great."



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Farmington Calendar

CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW

Monday, Oct. 4 Children's fashions by Lily's Young Fashions of Southfield sponsored by Women of St. Fabian, in Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 through Elaine Hagerwerf, 431-7370 or at the door.

WORLD MISSIONS WEEK

Monday through Sunday, Oct. 3-10 World Missions Week in Northwest Church Christian and Missionary Alliance, 2311 Ten Mile, lecture and films shown by missionaries from Africa, Viet Nam, South America, Rhodesia, and Hong Kong, every night at 7 p.m. except Saturday.

HUNTERS SAFETY CLINIC

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5-6 Two sessions Hunters Safety Clinic, 7:10 p.m. each evening sponsored by Farmington American Legion in the legion hall, 3175 Grand River. Registration and fee of \$1 payable at first session. Clinic continues every Monday and Tuesday through October.

FAIRLANE

Wednesday, Oct. 6 Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 11 a.m. for luncheon and a tour of Fairlane. Tickets at \$8 per person on sale in the center.

TRAVEL WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Oct. 6 Travel Workshop conducted by representatives of Highland Travel Bureau, talk about planning a vacation at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Library on Twelve Mile. No charge.

SCULPTURED WASTEBASKETS

Wednesday, Oct. 6 One-session workshop fashioning wastebaskets with a three-dimensional look. At 2:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are being accepted now in the center.

FALL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Oct. 6 Annual fall luncheon, sponsored by The Women of Shepherd King Lutheran Church in Botsford Inn Coach House at noon. Tickets through Lynn Romero, 477-1313.

BRAVE NEW WORLD

Thursday, Oct. 7 "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley, costumes informal book discussions at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty Street. No charge. No registration. Copies of "The Trail" by Franz Kafka now available for discussion scheduled for Oct. 21.

LAMPSHADES—MAKE YOUR OWN

Thursday, Oct. 7 Lampshades—Make Your Own, three-session workshop begins this date at 8:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are being accepted now in the center.

GET IN THE SWING

Thursday, Oct. 7 "Get in the Swing" pop concert opens the 1967-71 series for Farmington Community Concert Band in Harrison High School at 8 p.m.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SEMINAR

Thursday, Oct. 7 Public Relations Seminar, sponsored by Farmington Observer & Eclectic, for all area publicity chairpersons, to better serve their organizations with stories and announcements to appear in this paper, in Farmington Holiday Inn, 2023 Ten Mile, 8 p.m. No charge. See registration blank in this issue.

CHILDREN AND LITERATURE

Thursday, Oct. 7 Children and Literature, four-part mini-course begins at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty Street and continues for

four Thursdays. No charge, but registration is necessary by calling the library, 477-1770.

GREAT BOOKS

Thursday, Oct. 7 Great Books Discussion Group for adults, begins in Farmington Hills Library on Twelve Mile, 7:30 p.m. Information and registration inquiries taken by Carole Hund, 477-1313.

ONE PERSON EXHIBIT

Oct. 7-13 One Person Exhibit, showing the art works of Sara Fox, in Farmington Community Center, titled "Discovery" contains a variety of mediums.

RAY FLEMING TALKS ABOUT DESIGN

Friday, Oct. 8 Ray Fleming Talks About Design in Farmington Community Center follows continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Tickets at \$3 each on sale now in the center.

PRESCHOOLERS TOUR

Friday, Oct. 8 Preschoolers tour the Farmington Police Station, sponsored by Farmington Community Library, at 10:30 and 11 a.m. Registration is necessary, through Barbara Shamer, children's librarian, 477-1313.

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, Oct. 8 Rummage Sale, sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Orchard United Methodist Church, in the church, 3045 Farmington Road, north of Thirteen Mile, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FILMS

Saturday, Oct. 9 "The Magician" and "The Music Box" begin children's film program from 2:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile. Geared for elementary school children. No charge.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Oct. 9 Rummage sale, in Universalist Unitarian Church on Hatfield Road, north of Grand River, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CASTING CALL

Sunday, Oct. 10 Casting call for singers and dancers to appear in "Waltz-Bo" Theatre's production of "South Pacific" in the theatre, 775 W Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, from 3-4 p.m.

PINE CONE ARTISTRY

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 11-12 Pine Cone Artistry, one-session workshop identifying cones, cleaning, tracing, cutting and wiring them to use in holiday designs, at 7:30 p.m. Monday or at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Community Center. Reservations being accepted now in the center.

LUNCH AND CARDS

Tuesday, Oct. 12 Annual fall luncheon and card party at noon, sponsored by Women's Guild of the Ministry of the Blessed Sacrament, Merry Center, Middle Belt and Eleven Mile. Reservations, at \$1.50 each, through Mrs. Charles J. Cronin, 477-1313.

THAT TOUCH OF APPLIQUE

Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 13-14 "That Touch of Applique," one-session workshop showing how to achieve flat or raised applique for personal and household items with Mary Ferns, at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday or 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Farmington Community Center. Reservations taken now in the center.

HERB LUNCHEON

Thursday, Oct. 14 Herb flavored luncheon, followed by lecture demonstration on the "Magic of Herbs" in the home of Candice Jamison, sponsored by Farmington Community Center, titled "Discovery" contains a variety of mediums. Tickets at \$2.50 each on sale now in the center. Reservations must be made before Oct. 7.

MUSIC BOX

Friday, Oct. 15 "Music Box" workshop which will complete glassed-in miniature room with trimmed tree and fireplace which plays a favorite Christmas tune from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$11 plus materials. Reservations are now being taken in the center.

COFFEE CONCERT

Friday, Oct. 15 Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 9 a.m. for coffee a fashion show, and concert by Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Package priced tickets at \$7 on sale in the center.

Fallans celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fallan of Farmington Hills, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20 with a family dinner in Holiday Inn of Farmington.

Splan-Notestine

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McGlohn of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter Deborah Kay Splan to Ricky Neal Notestine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Notestine of Youngstown, Farmington Hills. The bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Clarenceville High School and employed by Northwest Plumbing and Heating Supply Company in Detroit. Her fiancé, a 1974 graduate of Harrison High School, works for Nova American Inc. in Novi. Their wedding has been set for May 20.



Arnold-Black

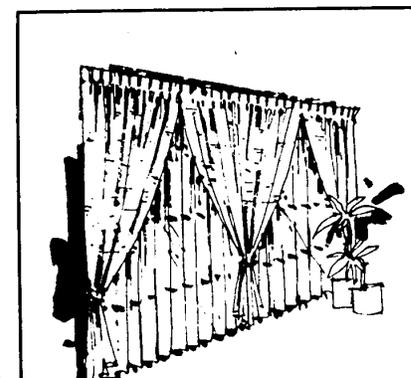
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arnold of 29239 Geraldine Court, Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Diane Kay to James Robert Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black of Detroit.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Deha College in Bay City and is a registered nurse employed with Providence Hospital. Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a special education teacher in the Wayne-Westland school district.

The couple plan to be wed in Orchard Methodist Church in October.

SALE

Made-to-measure draperies in a beautiful selection of fabrics from Stead Textiles... a marvelous saving as you begin planning new window ideas for the holidays and after. Choose from many textures and weaves in newest fashion prints and solid colors. Easy-care polyesters, acrylics and blends to be skillfully tailored in any size to meet your window requirements. For a minimal charge, our complete drapery service staff will determine your window dimensions and requirements and do the final hanging while you sit back and enjoy your new draperies.



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Fundraiser set for Democrats

The Farmington Democratic Club has scheduled a fundraiser to help finance the cost of their headquarters which opened this week at 3316 Grand River.

The wine and cheese party will be from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 10 at Aldo Vagnuzzi's house, 2812 Kiltarten, near Eleven Mile and Middle Belt.

Cost is \$3 per person for a participant a ticket and \$15 per couple for a sponsor's ticket.

Ms. Truitt to sing for Musicale

Marilyn Truitt, a past president of the Farmington Musicale, will return to the group's next meeting as a performer.

The contralto will sing in a program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in St. John American Lutheran Church, 23225 Gall Road, Farmington. She will be accompanied by Beverly Notestine.

Also on the program will be Nancy Morrow, organist.

The event is free of charge, open to the public.

Rummage sale on for Oct. 8

Winter clothing for the entire family, winter sports equipment, Christmas decorations and a host of attic treasures will be for sale when the women of Orchard United Methodist Church hold their seventh annual Fall Closet and Rummage Sale.

The event will be held Oct. 8 in the church on Farmington Road, north of Thirteen Mile. Sale hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The women will use the proceeds from the sale to aid both overseas and local current mission projects.



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"My Little Sister" is a real doll and she's three feet tall... almost as big as I am. We do everything together... play house and school, visit Grandmother, have tea parties with lemonade and cookies, and sometimes we even take naps together. It's fun to comb her "hair" and take her outdoors to play with my friends. She looks and feels almost real. That's because she's made of soft vinyl and her hands, arms and legs move. Mom brought her home to me from Jacobson's and she says you can have a life-size playmate like mine, too. She comes in a choice of three different child-size outfits. \$40

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