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Two courses for real estate personnel will be offered in Farmington by the Real Estate Program of University of Michigan.

Real Estate Business I begins Feb. 7 and will run Mondays for 11 weeks from 6:30 to 10 p.m. It is a sales course, with emphasis on the legal aspects of real estate, and is designed as a practical introduction to problems arising in day-to-day real estate transactions.

Real Property Management begins Feb. 9 and will meet Wednesdays for 11 weeks from 7 to 10 p.m. The course will focus on applications of property management to income-producing properties, and will cover monetary influences on real estate, merchandising residential space, tenant negotiations, managing apartments and stores, records accounting and insurance.

Both courses will meet in Western-Oakland County Board of Realtors, 24125 Drake, at Grand River.

Hills insurance man seeks leisure life

By JUDITH BERNE

Howard Camden marches to a slightly different tune than many of his West Bloomfield neighbors.

He could be that he enjoys experimenting with exotic flowers while they are content to grow marigolds.

He had an American flag painted to cover his garage door in honor of the bicentennial, while they were content to celebrate by watching television coverage of the tall ships gathering in New York harbor.

Whatever it is, Camden readily admits that some consider him an eccentric.

"I'm by my standards, but by theirs," he adds.

Camden, who manages a successful Farmington Hills insurance business, fills his leisure hours with a variety of interests.

He and wife Lili Ann collect art, antique silver, handpainted porcelain and wood carvings.

Camden has a fascination with rocks, minerals, wines and anything to do with birds—pictures of them, wooden decoys and stuffed specimens.

He also owns more than 400 cookbooks, all of which he has read.

He is a prize-winning cook, an avid hunter and a gardener. He has a degree in horticulture.

THE CAMDEN HOME, a modest ranch to which he and his wife recently added a cavernous family room, is full of items collected from places ranging from garage sales to galleries to Montana hunting country.

Shelves and cases throughout hold other collections, which Camden says he has often acquired as bargains.

"People don't always take the time to have the things they like around them," he said. "We try to live in an enriched rather than sterile atmosphere. Hobbies should give you a feeling of enrichment and strength. Life is there for you to take it. You don't have to be rich to do it."

WHAT MAY PUT some people off is that Camden goes full tilt into whatever he does.

He spent six months on designs for the family room addition. The house needs a new stove, so Camden is presently doing intensive research on which one to buy.

"I want a compromise," he says. "If I can't do something well, I won't do it at all."

"People say I should accept less, but I can't."

Some of his interests stem from clients he insures, such as a wine importer and the Detroit Zoo. Others he has had since childhood: reading, cooking and gardening.

He believes everyone should have a compelling interest outside their job to make life worthwhile.

"If it gives you a sense of satisfaction to collect beer cans or matchbook covers, then do it," he urges.

"I feel sorry for people who only do well in their work," he continues. "I don't think people take the time to make themselves happy. There's an enrichment that doesn't have a monetary value to it."

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SOME PEOPLE FAULT Camden's generosity.

Few can leave his home without a jar of Mrs. Camden's home-made preserves, a container of his award-winning bar-b-que sauce, a bottle of wine or an interesting rock or two.

Teachers and students lucky enough to have the two Camden sons in their class are often recipients of a cake Mrs. Camden has baked or a Camden entree.

"I'm happy to say 'share with me,'" Camden says. "I've given away hundreds of my recipes. I feel good when someone tells me they made my brislet."

Camden likes to be on the receiving end, too.

"I buy wine by the case, but when someone brings me a bottle, it makes me feel good," Camden says.

"To Howard, it's very important to say 'thank you,'" Mrs. Camden reports.

BOTH CAMDENS have little patience for those who don't use their leisure time creatively.

"I think you should throw out all television," Mrs. Camden says.

"There's more to life than just going out for dinner for something to do," Camden says.

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Kainz takes health degree

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