

High schools to offer college English

Beginning next fall, Southfield high school seniors may be able to earn college credit by enrolling in an English course offered as part of the school curriculum.

The English course will be taught by school staff members and be offered during the regular school day. Students enrolled in the course will receive high school and college credit.

Both Southfield-Lathrup and Southfield High School are expected to offer the program.

The program, called Project Advance, was developed at Syracuse University in New York in 1970. The course was primarily designed to

serve the on-campus population, but was later moved into high schools.

Southfield teachers who will teach the course next fall will be trained this summer during a workshop at Syracuse. According to Beverly Gould, instructional services for Southfield Public Schools, a number of Southfield teachers have already asked to participate in the program.

Mrs. Gould said the project has been approved by Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and other school districts in the county. Syracuse has indicated that a number of districts must approve the program before it is offered in an area, she said.

IF APPROVED, and Mrs. Gould said approval is almost certain, the English program will allow students to transfer credits to Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and more than 225 colleges and universities throughout the country.

The English course is self-paced and focuses on composition and literary analysis. It is divided into basic grammar, essay writing and literature. One to six credit hours may be earned in the program.

Southfield school officials say one of the most appealing aspects of the program is the low cost to the student and the school. Since existing high school facilities are used for the program, tuition can be kept low. During the 1975-76 school year the average cost for each credit hour was about \$17 in New York, school officials say.

Costs are also kept to a minimum, officials report, because the course is part of the regular high school curriculum and is considered part of a teacher's normal teaching load.

Southfield teachers involved in the program must complete a one-week summer workshop in New York. Teachers may earn three graduate credit hours for their participation in the workshops.

During the school year, teachers will be required to attend a one-day seminar each semester. These seminars will allow teachers to share ideas and to work with teachers from other high schools in their area.

At least once a semester, each participating school will be visited by a member of the Syracuse faculty or a member of the Project Advance staff.



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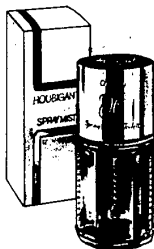


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Northland guard awaits sentencing

David Skog pled guilty an Oakland Circuit Court last week to a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property while working as a private security guard at Northland Shopping Center in 1975.

Skog will be sentenced March 29 by Circuit Court Judge Richard D. Kuhn. The former member of the Northland security force could be sentenced to a maximum of five years in prison. Minimum sentence is a probationary period.

The eight-year veteran of the shopping center patrol was accused of attempting to sell several confiscated leather coats which he allegedly obtained from a shoplifter Sept. 14, 1975.

Other security guards at the shopping center were also under investigation by Southfield Police and

Michigan State Police and several other warrants were eventually issued.

According to court testimony, other security personnel saw Skog confront two men who had allegedly stolen several leather coats from a store in the mall. The guards said they saw Skog take a shopping bag from the car driven by the two men and put it in the back seat of his own car.

The guard said he thanked Skog for getting back the merchandise and was told by Skog that it would be a couple days before the articles could be returned.

A few hours later, Skog returned the shopping bag filled with coats and suits to the store, the guard said. Store officials said the leather coats were apparently never found.

Concert band plays

Leonard B. Smith will conduct the Detroit Concert Band in its first concert of the 1977 season at 7:30 p.m. March 22 at Southfield-Lathrup High School Auditorium.

Imogene Bird, soprano, and William E. Lane, trombonist, will be featured.

The concert is sponsored by the Southfield-Lathrup Band. Reserved-seat tickets at \$4 each are available by mailing a check payable to the Southfield-Lathrup Band, 19301 Twelve Mile, Lathrup Village 48076.

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