



All of the student models chose the clothes they would wear in the show. Karen Fretz favored a number she found in Crowley's sports-wear department.

A reach-out to those who cannot hear

Hearing impairment affects all of us, the speaker who has a hearing loss, as well as the listener who hears.

At least 20 million, or one out of every 10 people in the United States, either have or eventually will have a mild or severe hearing loss, according to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In addition, for every person who wears a hearing aid, three more should be wearing one.

A "Hearing Integration Day" workshop will be held 12:30-3 p.m. May 31 to help hearing persons understand the problems of the hearing impaired. The workshop will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 6500 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The workshop is sponsored by the center and the Mitchell Buddy Workshop for the Hard of Hearing, Deaf, and Hearing.

THE MITCHELL Buddy Workshop reflects the philosophy of the late Richard David Mitchell for whom it was named. Mitchell promoted shared activities and friendships between hearing impaired and hearing children and adults, stressing a respect for people and their abilities.

Parents, teachers and lay people with a hearing loss will circulate in the crowd to aid the guest as well, sponsors of the workshop say.

The focus will be on the importance of understanding hearing impairment and improving communication, integration and friendships between hearing and hearing impaired people.

Goals to be defined at the workshop include education, communication and integration. Education will stress the early oral communication with and education of deaf or hard of hearing

children as well as alerting hearing people to the needs of the hearing impaired.

Communication goals will encourage the hearing impaired to employ lip reading and to make use of whatever hearing they have. Another objective of communication is to teach hearing people the use of "tips and clues" so they can speak with friends and family who have a hearing loss.

If the goal of integration is accomplished, proponents say that the hearing impaired will not be isolated from the rest of society.

SINCE 1956, programs in the community using the philosophy and goals of the late Richard Mitchell have been under the direction of the United Hebrew Schools and the League of Jewish Women's Organizations of Greater Detroit.

Highlights of Wednesday's workshop will be speakers and display booths provided by local professional agencies and national organizations.

Just a few of the more than 30 representatives who will be on hand to answer questions are Raymond Lindahl, executive director of the Detroit Speech and Hearing Center, David Bassett, supervisor of Michigan Bell Telephone Co., and Tammy Chelst, audiologist for the Jewish Community Center.

Coordinators Mimi Alpector, Eileen Bluestone and Beverly Mitchell believe it is important for all people to attend the hearing integration day in order to join to reach the same goals.

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Eileen Bluestone, (at left) Mimi Alpector and Beverly Mitchell head up Hearing Integration Day, sponsored by Jewish Community Center for the deaf and hard of hearing.



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Co-op students keep touch with today's work world

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Ten co-op students from North Farmington High School turned models for a fashion show played to a full house this month.

They were backed up with several weeks of promotion through various media, fashion department personnel from Crowley's and another 100 teens who are working and studying in the marketing co-op program at the school.

"Crowley's said they would help us with two shows a year, so our fashion show might become a regular occasion here," said June Kilmer, who is the school district's distributive education co-op coordinator in marketing for the three high schools.

She described her job as working with the co-op classroom teachers, constantly upgrading everything from the supplies to the curriculum. The students staged their own fashion show from writing their own spot commercials to choosing the backdrops for the final production, "keeping as current as possible with what's out there in the real work world," Ms. Kilmer said.

SHE SAID although the types of jobs the students have now are the same as when she started in Farmington schools eight years ago, there are some basic differences.

The computer cash register is just one change. The marketing difference between a serve-yourself store and one with employees that wait on customers is another.

Most of the students work now as salespersons, cashiers, with stock or in display areas. A few work in restaurants.

All of them obtained their jobs through a list of 50 employers "who come back to us over and over again," Ms. Kilmer said.

She brightens when she talks about her success stories, telling of former students who are now department

managers, have upper managerial positions, or a couple she is watching move up the ladder in fashion merchandising.

She is also proud that 100 of her students helped Hudson's with its inventory this spring, and have been invited back to do another inventory this summer.

"THERE ARE NOW more kids employed than ever before," Ms. Kilmer said, "and there are more jobs available than kids who are adequately trained for them."

"The sad part of this is that attitude is still the number one reason for termination. It's not the lack of skill. If the right attitude is there, the student will make it because he wants to learn the skills."

"No matter what the student eventually chooses for a life career, we get him out into the work world and let him know what it is like to work with other people to get a job done."

In addition to students who are working in the marketing program, other co-op students work in trade and industrial, office and health-related occupations. The program is year-around with students given the option of receiving credit for summer work.

All of the classroom teachers involved must be certified as to having worked in the field in which they are teaching.

"That's important to our program," Ms. Kilmer said. "They are all constantly alert to what is new, what is changing. They know what kind of questions to ask should a dramatic change take place in their field of expertise."

Just recently, 21 co-op students volunteered to be part of a field test Hudson's devised as a training program for waitresses and waiters.

"It was a three-hour test," Ms. Kilmer said, "and our kids scored from 81 to 100 per cent. You can bet we were all very pleased about that."



Gary Newell escorts Holly Goldstein down the runway for the spring fashion show staged by North Farmington High School's students who are studying marketing.

m.m. memos

By MARGARET MILLER

The merry, merry month of May in Michigan throws a curve at us every year, so I don't know why I keep reacting with such surprise.

Year after year, Lady Spring waits so long to warm the breezes that summer is hot on her heels and it's impossible to get ready.

So, within a day or two it seems, householders have to:

•Push the lawn mower through seemingly acres of seemingly foot-high green stuff that only yesterday was a drab brown carpet.

•Pull hundreds of weeds suddenly glaringly in view, some of them removable only during the few days before summer turns the soil from spiky turf to hard clay.

•Rummage for warm-weather clothes now absolutely essential for comfort.

•Turn the house quickly from a place snugly barricaded against winter to one receptive to summer, and for us that means taking down more storm windows and putting in more screens than we ever remember to count.

This May, the man of our house and I compounded spring's hasty arrival by preceding it with a couple of weeks of vacation, so we added a mountain of laundry, many trips to the supermarket and the catching up on respective jobs to the hectic season.

It's almost enough to make you miss out on the sweet scent of the lilacs and lilies of the valley and the brightness of the early flowers.

But not quite enough. We couldn't help being glad that when we returned this year we found spring had held off long enough for us to see our tulips. The startling greenness you see here each spring is welcome even when it means fast work.

And last weekend, while dashing off on an overdue errand, I was thrilled to spot in our backyard the brilliant red and black of a scarlet tanager apparently migrating north.

May always presents its hurry-scurry, but its beauty is there too.

JOHN ANTHONY PRET

See his autumn coat, suit and dress collection informally modeled 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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