

Fee lifted for blood recipients

Blood recipients no longer are required to pay a non-replacement fee to hospitals due to a joint agreement between the hospitals and the South-eastern Michigan Red Cross Blood Service.

"As of July 1, all of the 75 hospitals we serve in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and St. Clair counties discontinued use of the fee indicating their support of our program of community responsibility for blood," said Dr. A. William Shafer, blood service director.

Not generally covered by insurance, the non-replacement fee was charged by some hospitals for each unit of blood transfused. Unless the patient was a member of a blood donor coverage plan, he or she would have to either pay the fee or arrange for family or friends to replace the blood.

The non-replacement fee was imposed in addition to the hospital administration and processing fees which are still charged by all hospitals to partially cover the costs of collecting, processing and administering blood and is covered by insurance.

"Red Cross felt that the non-replacement fee was an unnecessary burden on the patient, especially the elderly and those without friends and relatives to help replace the blood they used," Shafer added.

Red Cross became the area's sole supplier of blood and blood products in 1975. Since that time it has changed its philosophy of coverage plans to the idea of community responsibility for blood.

"What we do now is ask community residents to accept giving blood as their civic duty. If we can count on them to give regularly, we can meet the needs of all residents, lifting the burden of replacement off those who can least afford it and placing responsibility on the community in general," he said.

According to Dr. Shafer, the success of community responsibility has enabled Red Cross to collect the needed 550 units of blood per day to meet hospital needs and paved the way for an end to the non-replacement fee.

"Also, by replacing the old system of debts and credits with community responsibility, volumes of unnecessary paperwork have been eliminated which will have a positive effect on health care costs," Shafer said.

The fashion plate

Local designer offers patchwork 'ultimate'

By RUSTLE SHAND

The ultimate in patches is an India silk jacket from the workshop of Birmingham designer, Bob Gwynn. There are 50 different configurations in the random patch design, each joined to the others with strips of ultra suede.

For \$500, you can have Gwynn design the jacket by selecting your own patches of India tussah silk. Gwynn said the jacket is designed for the country club set and does recommend that it NOT be taken to the office. Or, if you don't belong to a country club, you can wear it for backyard parties or for watching a golf tournament.

"It is for casual elegance - a collector's item created in Birmingham," Gwynn said. "It's like buying fine art."

Gwynn believes in "classics with spice." He leafs through old magazines of the 30's for inspiration from yesterday to incorporate in designs for today and tomorrow.

"It's the feel of the basic look that is the same," he said. "Contemporary fashion always modifies, nothing is ever exactly the same. Each fashion age has its own configuration. Today's styles go back to the 30's for inspiration, but they are as new and forward looking as the 1980's."

GWYNN, WHO dresses many prominent Detroit area businessmen and media personalities, discussed new designs for fall that are originating in his workshop on Woodward. Among the new designs is an all wool, weatherproof gabardine coat with all the attributes of the English trench coat - even to the hand grenade belt loops.

Most of his designs are what he calls moderate classics, clothes a man can invest in and feel good in for longer than one season. Lapels are narrower but not skinny. Patterns of today are classic-houndstooth, pin dot, pin stripe, gien plaid.

Gwynn's own smart suit included a double breasted vest, a style he claims to have been wearing for years, attesting to his basic philosophy that he would rather own just two good suits that give pleasure at each wearing than to own a dozen that are merely "body covering."

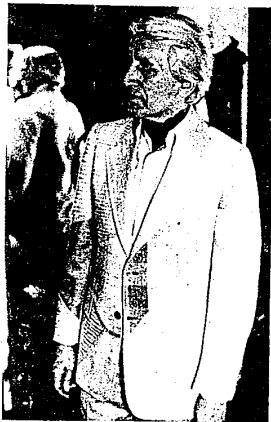
He has been, he said, a lifelong student of the clothing business. His collection of fashion magazines spans 50 years. He formerly taught clothing courses at Wayne State University and has patented his method of fitting garments called "temple tailored."

THERE ARE FIVE categories of dressing for men, he said. The traditional look in clothing favored by the purist, he said, is the soft shouldered classic suit with a box body. The executive look he describes as a conservative soft shoulder suit with a little more shape in the waist.

Then, he said, there is the "pseudo-grease" look which includes the Italian influence in heavily fitted clothing. This category, he said, encompasses high fashioned slick fabrics, outlandish fabrics and crazy matches.

The European cut he describes as "not made for the American man unless he is very hungry."

The final and fifth category, Gwynn called the "vaporizer" whom he describes as "nondescript and non-fashion oriented, mostly influenced by price."



Bob Gwynn's India silk jacket with ultra suede strips between the patches comes in 55 different configurations.

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Foster parenting workshops set

Three week-long courses and five shorter workshops concerning various aspects of foster parenting will be offered by the Foster Parent Training Program at Eastern Michigan University Aug. 7-25.

"Changing Foster Parent Roles" is the first of the week-long courses. It will be offered Aug. 7-11 and will focus on techniques for preparing foster parents to assume teamwork responsibilities or leadership roles.

The Foster Child: Growth and Development" will begin Aug. 14 and continue through Aug. 18. The workshop will cover a wide range of discussion topics, including developmental crises of foster children, guiding sexual development and handling destructive behavior.

The last of the week-long courses will run from Aug. 21-25. Titled "Fostering the Battered and Abused Child and Working with His Family," the course will focus on the use of foster care as a healing environment for the special needs of the abused child. Topics to be discussed include rebuilding the child's damaged body image, helping the child's social and emo-

tional development and alternatives to physical discipline.

EACH OF THE week-long courses will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and may be taken for one hour of graduate or undergraduate credit.

Five short non-credit workshops also will be offered by the Foster Parent Training Program at Eastern.

A workshop in "Issues in Fostering" will study the basic content of role responsibilities and separation trauma. The workshop will be held Aug. 12 and 13 and will be repeated Aug. 19 and 20. The workshop fee is \$50.

Methods of helping foster parents to understand and cope with a variety of adolescent behaviors and development issues will be discussed Aug. 16-18 at a workshop titled "Fostering Teenagers." The workshop will be held Wednesday, Aug. 16, through Friday, Aug. 18. The cost of the workshop is \$52.50.

For further information on any of the courses or workshops, call the Foster Parent Training Program in the EMU Sociology Department at (313) 487-0182.

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WSU alumm schedules series of gala events

Former students of Wayne State University are invited to a series of city's Alumni Association.

On Friday, Aug. 18, an excursion to Meadow Brook for the Cleo Laine concert includes a catered box lunch with champagne, motor coach transportation and lawn seating.

September events include a Black History Tour to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Dresden, Ontario on Sept. 24 and a Sept. 30 dinner theatre excursion to Black Sheep Tavern in the Irish Hills.

The Association sponsors its third annual Michigan Wine Tour on Oct. 7.

It will be an all-day excursion to the Paw Paw area. Nov. 17 has been set for Harvest Hoodown, which includes a hayride, spaghetti supper and square dance at Hayride Lodge in Rochester.

Two December events will celebrate the holidays. On Dec. 9, the Association has booked Meadow Brook Hall for a gala dinner party and tour, and Clinton Inn has been reserved Dec. 15 for a Yuletide Evening in Greenfield Village.

Alumni House on the Wayne State campus can furnish additional information. Call 577-2166 for reservations.

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