

# MACLD plans state conference

Successful programs for those who have learning problems will be the focus of the conference of the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. The conference is scheduled Oct. 20-21 in the Detroit Plaza Hotel.

"Hands On: Programs that Work from CSE and Beyond" is the full title of the conference that will bring noted speakers from this area and other states before members of the local chapters.

The week of Oct. 16-21 has been designated "Learning Disabilities Week" by the association's chapters in 48 states.

A preconference session on "Compliance—Rights and Recourse Under the Law," is scheduled Oct. 19, designed specifically for those in legal and socio-psychological fields.

In the opening conference meeting, MACLD president Jackie Stipple will be joined by two Detroit public officials, Mayor Coleman Young and Arthur Jefferson, school superintendent, in greeting the delegates.

Area educators who will participate in the conference sessions include Dr. William Cruickshank of the University of Michigan and Reginald Wilson,

president of Wayne County Community College.

Others are Dr. Geneva Smitherman of Wayne State University, Joseph F. Gonzalez of Eastern Michigan University and Linda Patriarca of Michigan State University.

Dr. F. Paul Pearsall of Sinai Hospital, Dr. David Benjamin and Francis Edlis of Children's Hospital and Dr. Jaime Ayala of Farmington Hills also will participate.

Visiting from other areas will be Alexander Strang II of Gladwin and John Steketee of Grand Rapids, both juvenile judges, and William Parker, program administrator from Princeton University and Ernest Siegel of Adelphi University in New York.

Dr. Dale Jordan of Oklahoma City, Doreen Kromick of Toronto, Marti and Helen Ginzandes Weiss of New York and Dr. Harold Levy of Shreveport, La., also are on the list of speakers.

A guest panel of learning-disabled young adults from Pennsylvania and Michigan will discuss their successes and problems in overcoming learning disabilities.

Preregistrations should be mailed to the MACLD state conference, 31819 N. Markland, Farmington Hills, 48018. The deadline is Oct. 9.

# Journalist to view First Amendment

Jack C. Landau, journalist and attorney whose job is to watch over the press' freedom-of-information rights, will keynote the national meeting of Women in Communications, Inc. (WICI), in Detroit Thursday, Oct. 12.

Exploring the question, "Is the First Amendment in Danger?" Landau, formerly with Newhouse Newspapers and now executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Washington, will speak at the opening luncheon of WICI's 46th annual meeting at the Detroit Plaza Hotel in Renaissance Center.

Landau says the basic interest of the reporters committee is to see that information is made available to the press and public. The committee was founded in 1970 as a clearing house of information on press related litigation and to help finance legal costs of newspapers in their fight against gag orders, prior restraint and forced revealing of confidential sources.

Other key speakers will be Jane Trahey, author of the successful book, "Jane Trahey on Women and Power," published in 1977, and Nina Totenberg, legal affairs correspondent for National Public Radio, Washington.

Ms. Trahey, president of Trahey Advertising, Inc., New York and Chicago, will speak at the traditional Matrix dinner Saturday, Oct. 14. Ms. Totenberg, who appears regularly on NPR's news program, "All Things

Considered," will discuss recent Supreme Court rulings at the closing brunch Sunday, Oct. 15.

ALSO HIGHLIGHTED will be the five recipients of WICI's 1978 Headliner Awards: Christy C. Bulkeley, publisher of the Danville, Ill., Commercial-News, a Gannett Company newspaper; John Mack Carter, editor of Good Housekeeping magazine; Mary A. Gardner, professor of journalism at Michigan State University; Irma Kalish, Tandem Productions, Los Angeles, executive producer of "Good Times" and other television shows; and Barbara Gardner Proctor, owner of Proctor & Gardner Advertising, Chicago. Each is scheduled to speak briefly Thursday night, at the headline dinner and later in the week at seminars.

The Headliner Award, the highest honor WICI pays its members, was first given in 1939. Carter, one of the 1978 recipients, and Allen Neuharth, Rochester, N.Y., president and chief executive officer of the Gannett Company, a 1977 recipient, are the only men ever to receive the honor.

Professional workshops and seminars, scheduled during the four-day meeting provide a choice of 22 subjects. Two of the seminars—one on communications technology and the other on time management—will offer credit in Continuing Education Units.

# The fashion plate

# Bates is innovation

By HUSTLE SHAND

The return of extravagant, entrance-making clothes is the highlight of the John Bates' couture collection.

John Bates, a coal miner's son from the wilds of Northumberland, England, is proof that you can make a "silk purse out of a sow's ear."

Rather than follow the traditions of the family which had produced coal miners for generations, John Bates rebelled. His sensitive nature and love of fine things inspired him to climb out of the mines and into the couture houses of London.

His determination to learn, literally from the bottom up, found him as a young lad, picking up pins from the floor of a dress manufacturing firm. From the pins on the floor he went steadily upward until today he is one of England's most respected and innovative designers. He does both couture and ready-wear, carried locally by Davidson's Pierce street shop in Birmingham.

"John Bates is so advanced," said Ruth Davidson, wearing a 1977 Bates dress complete with shoulder pads, "that he's out of shoulder pads this year and on to something new, just as everyone else is getting into them."

Bates is a recognized leader of international fashion. One of those he dresses is Princess Alexandra. An expert at costuming, he has done Diana Rigg's outfits for her "TV series, 'The Avengers,' and dressed Elaine Stritch for her most recent film 'Providence'."

In 1965, only a year after starting his ready-to-wear collection for Jean Varon, Bates won the Dress of the Year Award given by British fashion editors for his see-through mini-dresses. Currently, his designs for Jean Varon have distribution in 58 countries.

John Bates' couture is extravagant, created of luxurious European fabrications with prices starting at \$500 and running all the way to \$3,800. The Bates ready-to-wear line is \$175 to \$400.

The Bates designs strongly feature dresses this year—from the little black restaurant dress to all occasion dressing that particularly lends itself to travel.

Ruth Davidson said the demand for dressing-up again is being answered by the John Bates designs. "While Europe does only two collections each season, spring and fall, John Bates is adding two extra collections for the American market holiday and summer."



John Bates' taupe wool crepe suit features a hooded coat trimmed in red fur and a dropped-waist dirndl skirt. (Staff photo by Steve Cantrell)

# OU workshop views change in life styles

A new program, "Considering Change," will be offered this fall by the Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Leadership Training at Oakland University.

The nine-session workshop, designed for people who are considering or experiencing changes in their life styles, will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 13, in the University Presbyterian Church, 1385 South Adams Road in Rochester.

Considering Change will offer participants an opportunity to examine their feelings and ambitions. Continuum Center trained peer counselors who have experienced changes in their own careers and personal lives will direct group activities.

"Career and personal decisions are intertwined," said Jane Goodman, coordinator of the program.

"Personal status such as widowhood, divorce, having pre-schoolers or college-age children affects decisions to get a job, go to school, move or accept a promotion. Considering Change offers clients an opportunity to explore personal and career goals together for more effective planning."

The class fee is \$85. For advance registration and further information, contact the Continuum Center at Oakland University in Rochester or phone 377-3333.

# Three Flags chapter meets

The 39th annual birthday meeting of the Three Flags chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, in the home of Mrs. James Smyles, 7115 Old Mill, Birmingham.

Past regents of the chapter will serve tea and regents of other DAR chapters in metropolitan Detroit will bring birthday greetings from their respective chapters. Charter members of the chapter still active include Mrs. Corral Bloom of Lathrup.

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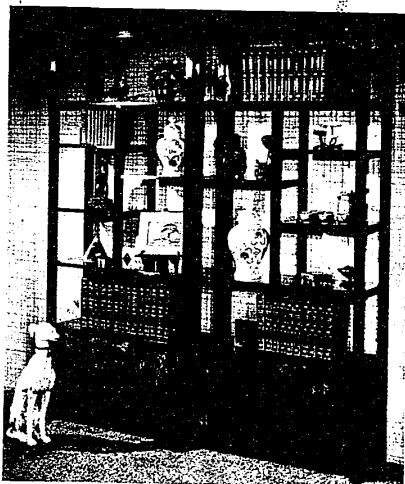
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