

LIT dean named top engineer

Stephen R. Davis, dean of Lawrence Institute of Technology's School of Engineering, has been chosen "Michigan engineer of 1978" by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Davis, of Belleville, will be honored at a Feb. 21 awards banquet. His selection was made by a committee of society members and leaders from the business, industrial and academic worlds.

As dean of engineering since 1973, Davis has used his industrial experience to modify the Southfield-based college's curriculum to meet career requirements of industry. The engineering school offers baccalaureate degrees in construction, electrical and mechanical engineering.

LIT's engineering school has achieved national recognition, under Davis, who has initiated and supported student and faculty affiliation with professional societies.

A nationally known lecturer, Davis is a consultant for the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of



STEPHEN R. DAVIS

Defense, Argonne National Laboratory, Forging Industry Association and the DuPont and Westinghouse companies.

Davis earned degrees from Drexel University, the University of Delaware and the University of Illinois. He was a principal design engineer for Ford's truck division and director of technical planning in research and engineering at Cummins Engine Co. before going into teaching.

He has taught at the universities of Delaware and Illinois and was associate dean of graduate studies and research at Wayne State University before joining LIT.

Cut-your-own farms make pitch to hardy

There are nearly a million reasons why more and more state residents are cutting their own Christmas trees each winter, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Michigan is the nation's top producer of plantation-grown Christmas trees," said Joseph Ratke, Auto Club touring manager. This year, families can choose from 800,000 evergreens at 68 cut-your-own farms.

There are trees for every taste and budget, ranging from \$1 for Scotch pine to \$50 for Douglas firs, blue spruce or large flocked trees, which are sealed and sprayed with a snow-like coating.

"Tree sizes also run the gamut, from young evergreens perfect for children's rooms, to 40-foot giants for churches and other large buildings," Ratke said.

Many farms this year are using special attractions to lure customers. On weekends, Santa Claus gives out treats to children at several area farms and there are farm animals to pet, plus hot, fresh apple cider and doughnuts to enjoy around yule log fires at many others.

"You can ride a wagon or horse-drawn sleigh at 16 operations around the state or even take part in a live Sunday country music radio show at a farm near Leoni," Ratke added.

Auto Club gives this advice for persons cutting their own trees:

- Bring a hand saw. Sixty-one farms lend saws, but they could be in use. Axes are banned.
- Remember that while most pines and Douglas firs hold needles, balsams and spruces drop them if not properly cared for.

- After choosing a tree, saw close to the ground.

- Bring a rope for tying the tree to the car. Be sure the base is at the car's front.

- Before placing in a stand, angle cut an inch or two off the tree's base to help it absorb water. Fill the stand with water daily.

- Keep trees from open flames and check lights for shorts and bare wires before decorating. Make sure electrical outlets can handle the load.

Here is the list of Christmas tree farms in southeastern Michigan:

KRAUSE, 2800 Applegate Rd., Appleton, (313) 625-9055. 20,000 trees, \$4 up. Open daily daylight to dusk.

TOLLANDER, 2725 Bricker Rd., Emmet, (313) 344-6822. 15,000 trees, \$10-\$15. Open daily 9 a.m.-dusk.

TOLLANDER, No. 1, 7144 Bruce Rd., Port Huron, (313) 885-4361. 35,000 trees, \$7. Open daily 10 a.m.-dusk.

TOLLANDER, No. 2, 7747 Inlay City Rd., Ruby, (313) 845-4501. 7,000 trees, \$2 per foot. \$5. Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

PAMPERED PINES, 4248 Ralston Rd., Ruby, (313) 845-5772. 10,000 trees, \$2 per foot. \$5. Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

SLINGERLANDS, 3201 Lake George Rd., Lake Orion, (313) 651-4218. 500 trees, \$5 up. Open Sat., Sun., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

WENZEL'S, 8475 Bishop Rd., Brighton, 600 trees, \$4-\$15. Open weekends 7 a.m.-dusk.

REHND, No. 2, 1-94, Chelsea, (313) 476-7344. 20,000 trees. Open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

BOUGHMAN'S, 11261 Martinville Rd., Belleville, (313) 695-2062. 1,000 trees, \$7. Open daily daylight to dusk.

MATTHEWS, 13416 Lolo Rd., Ida, Pa., (313) 269-2665. 2,000 trees, \$7-\$15. Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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