

Author hooked on education

The morning Fran Murray took her youngest child to kindergarten, she went straight to the Michigan State University campus and enrolled as a freshman.

Today, 12 years after earning bachelor's and master's degrees, her enthusiasm for education is still reflected in the newly revised handbook, "Adult Female Human Being in the 1980s."

Co-authored by Murray and Dr. Mildren Erickson, newly retired

from the post of assistant dean of Lifelong Education Programs, the publication advises women that they should learn more to earn more.

Women, on the average, now earn 60 cents for every dollar men earn, they note.

But economics is not the only reason to explore the idea of college, according to Murray.

"You learn more about yourself, too," says the authors, a senior information officer in MSU's News

Service. "And academic study provides you with a system of thinking and organizing."

The self-assurance a woman gains helps in relations with others, she stresses. And mature students usually arrive on campus with a clear idea of their interests and the courses that they want.

To women who lack confidence that they can adjust to college life, Murray points out. "Women use resourcefulness and flexibility in running a home. They bring those same skills to the classroom."

"But if they've been used to living their lives for others, women sometimes approach the idea of a college education with hesitancy and a sense of guilt. They almost scold themselves for 'taking the time' to study."

Authors Murray and Erickson first published the handbook for mature women five years ago. It grew out of Dr. Erickson's extensive counseling with women making decisions about life changes, and Murray's frequent coverage of women's

events at MSU.

Recently updated, the publication reflects the rapid changes in women's work and education, such as changes in the law and economic data.

Among older students on U.S. campuses, the authors reveal, women predominate. Since 1960, total number of women students at MSU has tripled, with female graduate students increasing fivefold.

Murray advised women who are considering college to look for women's resource centers at nearby campuses. If there is none, she says, go to the library and read as much as possible. The U.S. Government, for example, has a series of pamphlets on women and education, she noted.

"Sampling noncredit courses through evening school is a good way to begin," Mrs. Murray added.

The handbook, "Adult Female Human Being in the 1980s," is available through MSU Lifelong Education Programs, 54 Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing 48824.

OU business seminar one of fall offerings

A free seminar for owners and managers of smaller businesses is among the courses being offered this fall through the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education.

The seminars will be held on campus Sept. 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. The location will be posted in the lobby of South Foundation Hall.

A variety of evening non-degree courses are being offered, including classes for condominium tenants, gemstone fanciers, job-hunters and those interested in total health care.

The five-week condominium course, which begins Sept. 17 at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, focuses on the proper management and administration of condo affairs.

Also at Seaholm, Arthur J. Lake will teach "Diamonds and Gemstones" from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 17.

Paul G. Angott, inventor and presi-

dent of Innovative Products Corp. in Madison Heights, will discuss marketing inventions in a five-week course that begins Sept. 17.

STARTING SEPT. 16, Tim Brohus will teach "Nutrition without Gymnastics and Gadgets." "Introduction to Holistic Health" and "Self-Awareness and Health" will be taught by Gary T. Mueller, of Orenda, The Center for Well-Being. Those courses begin Sept. 17.

Hospital unit clerk training begins Sept. 18. Also starting Sept. 18 is a course for reference librarians on how to conduct searches for legal information. The course is approved for continuing education units.

Special management courses and the legal assistant training program will be offered at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

For registration and detailed course information, call 377-3120.

Bids on I-75

A nearly \$5.7 million bid by Midwest Bridge Co. of Williamston was the lowest of eight bids submitted recently to the Michigan Department of Transportation for repair of 16 miles of I-75.

The repair work, to be completed by December 1981, will occur from 12 Mile Road in Madison Heights north to Pontiac Road. Repairs in-

clude shoulder reconstruction, pavement repair and patching, guardrail replacement and resurfacing the I-75 bridge deck over Rochester Road.

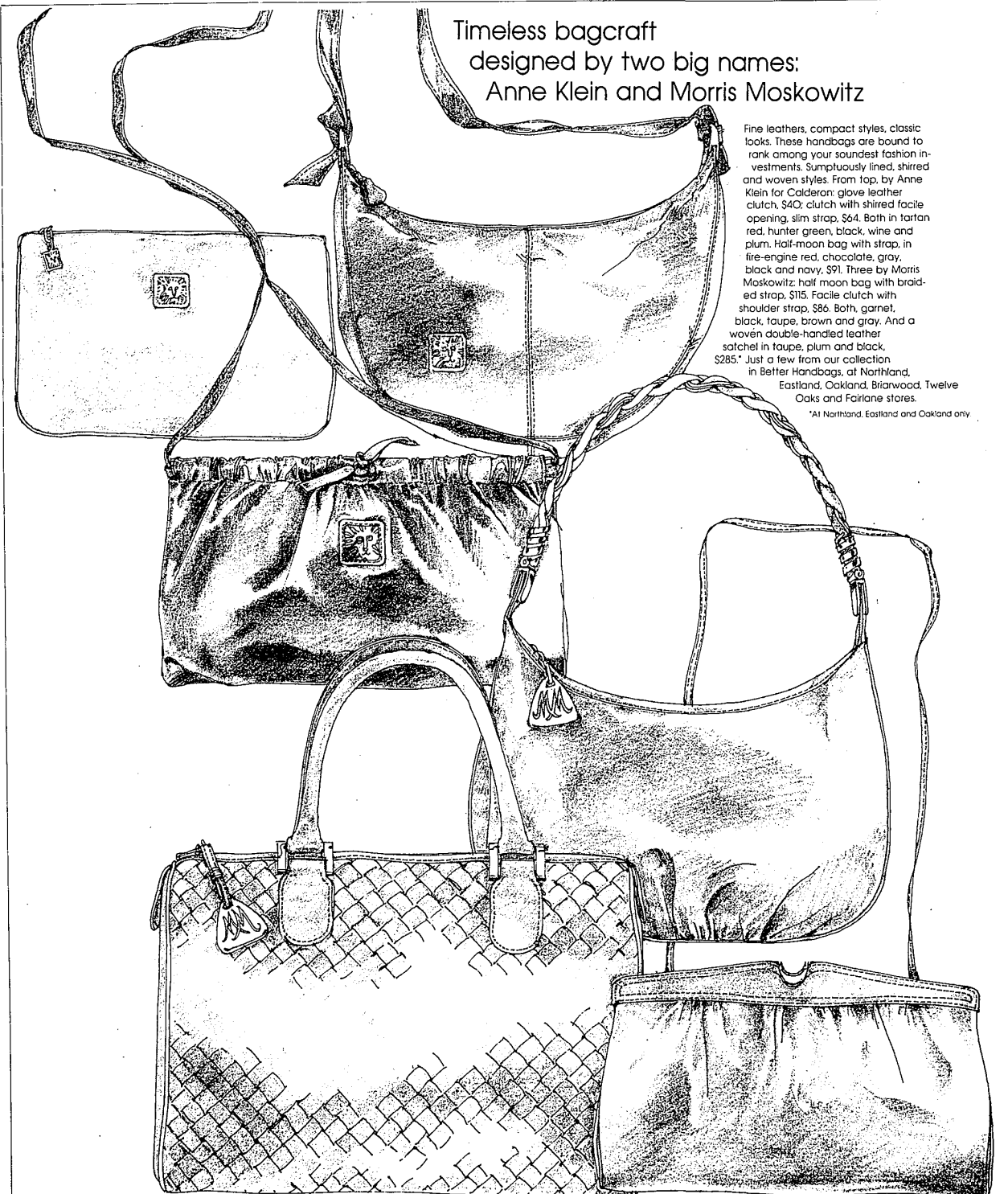
Midwest Bridge's bid was \$5,686,374. Low bids must be approved by the state Transportation Commission and the State Administrative Board before contracts are awarded.

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