

Credit loads increase

Fewer jobs mean higher enrollments

By SUZIE ROLLINS

The country's depressed economic situation has forced many people out of jobs and back into the classroom.

Although Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration has once again experienced record enrollment, it's biggest change this fall is the increased number of credit hours students are registering for.

"Students are taking 13 percent more credit hours in the fall of 1980 as compared to the fall of 1979," said David Spencer, director of administration at the college.

Last year, an average load for an undergraduate was 6.7 credit hours com-

pared to 7.7 credit hours this year, Spencer said. In addition, graduate students have opted for an average of 4.8 credit hours this semester compared to the 3.9 credit hours in 1979.

"Some students have more time on their hands this year due to the economic conditions than they did last year, therefore they are taking more classes," Spencer said.

"Employers are encouraging them to complete degree programs and they want to pursue them at a faster rate."

THIS YEAR, there are 1,510 students enrolled at Walsh for the fall term, of which 1212 are undergraduates and 298

are graduates. Last fall, 1,504 students attended Walsh.

Although the enrollment increase is only slight, the college at 8838 Livernois in Troy, is filled to capacity.

"We only have six more students this year than we did last year, but we have space limitations. We had to cut off admissions early for the fall because we saw we would be operating at complete capacity."

"If we had more classrooms available, we'd be able to accommodate more people."

Average class sizes range between 30-35 students, he said. The average Walsh student is 30, married with a family and attending classes part-time, Spencer said.

Students can work their personal schedules out along with their college schedules.

The college offers bachelor degrees in accounting and business administration and a master's degree program in taxation. Undergraduate students pay \$53 per semester credit hours, while graduate students pay \$73 per semester credit hour.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION programs attract a majority of undergraduate students, Spencer said.

Students taking advantage of the

state's Tuition Differential Grant has increased nearly 100 percent over last year, Spencer said. However, 1980 is the first year the grant, given to private independent college students, has been available to junior and senior students.

"The funding is determined by the legislature. A part-time student gets \$250 a year and a full time student is eligible for \$500 a year."

"During 1979, we had 75 students on some type of financial assistance. This year, we have about 700 students."

Another plus for Walsh, Spencer said, is its high job placement rate.

"We can tell some significant success stories. Between 50 and 100 percent of our students have been placed on jobs during the past two years."

"That reflects the satisfaction of employers with the quality of students and their academic preparation at Walsh."

Walsh College was founded by Mary Walsh in 1922 and was in the Madison Theater Building in downtown Detroit for 48 years. It moved to Troy in 1970 with an enrollment of 150 students.

Since then, it has expanded its building three times, most recently two years ago when it built an 8,000-square-foot addition.

Police searching for child molester

Troy police are searching for a man in his mid-20s who they believe attempted to sexually assault a 15-year-old boy last week.

Police say they believe the man may be responsible for numerous attacks of young boys during the past four years. Sgt. William Tullock said the white male, about 5-foot-8, weighing about 135 pounds with dark brown hair, fits the description of an attacker who committed similar incidents in Sterling Heights, Shelby Township and Madison Heights.

"He always picks young boys between 12 and 15 years old, asks them to go into fields which are near shopping malls," Tullock said. "He also claims to have a knife which no one has ever seen."

Last week a Troy youth told police the man asked him to go into a field



Artist's drawing of man wanted by police.

southeast of John R at Lovington to help find his dog.

Anyone with any information about the attacker is asked to call the Troy youth bureau at 524-3451.

John Anderson supporter to address Jewish group

Aaron Rosenbaum, national coordinator for the Jewish Community for John Anderson for president, will speak at Congregation Beth Shalom at 8 p.m. Monday.

The temple is located at 14601 Lincoln, Oak Park. Speaking under the

auspices of the Labor Zionist Alliance, Rosenbaum's speech is entitled "The Coming U.S. Election - The American Jewish Dilemma."

Rosenbaum is the former director of research for the American/Israeli Public Affairs Committee.

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