

Work-a-day world reaches goals at Weekend College

Attending classes on Saturdays made possible their college degrees, according to several graduates of Mercy College of Detroit's Weekend College.

Bachelor's degree programs in business administration, health services, public administration, and medical record administration, as well as an associate degree curriculum for legal assistants are available in the Weekend College. Registration for the fall semester is going on now through Aug. 23, for classes beginning Aug. 29.

"The Weekend College is a boon to adults who are employed and seeking to further their education," says Sarah L. Gardner of Mount Clemens, who received a bachelor of science degree in health services. She works full-time as a medical record administrator with Operation Hope.

"I really feel I could not have reached one of my goals without the weekend approach," added Rosella Moody of Farmington, a business administration graduate. "I have many obligations to my family and work, and the evening classes I was taking at another college placed too much stress on my family, my work and myself." She is employed as a bookkeeper for Florist's Transworld Delivery Association.

WEEKEND COLLEGE classes generally meet five times in a semester, with two Saturdays between each session. Meetings last about four hours. Students supplement classroom work with directed outside study which enables them to cover the same course content and meet the same academic standards as their counterparts in traditional college programs. Classes meet during three semesters of the academic year — fall, winter and summer.

For further information about Mercy's Weekend College, call 592-6100.

State gasohol tax OK'd by Milliken

Gov. Milliken recently signed into law a bill that will end tax breaks for buyers of gasohol blended from wood alcohol.

Tax breaks for motorists who buy gasohol blended with more expensive grain alcohol will be continued.

Several Michigan manufacturers are now distilling grain alcohol, or ethanol, from corn.

Eliminated from the state's five-cent-a-gallon tax break on gasohol sales was wood alcohol, or methanol. Ethanol-based gasohol will be taxed by the state at six cents a gallon, while methanol-based gasohol will carry the same 11-cent state tax price tag as straight gasoline.

Ethanol is made from plant materials, usually grain. Despite its common name of wood alcohol, most methanol in the U.S. is made from natural gas. It can also be produced from wood, of course, or coal.

Time runs out on trade

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The ancient art of watchmaking, once one of the most glamorous of all careers, seems to be fading away.

"There are not too many of us left," Fred Beltner said while discussing the revolution in the watchmaking trade.

"What's more," his brother Bill, also a tradesman, cut in. "There are only a few schools left. And I doubt if even my old school in Kansas City still is in existence."

The reason for the great change is the revolution in the watches themselves. There was a time when most all watches were alike, save for a few jewels hidden in the works.

That condition exists no more.

"Today," the brothers pointed out, "there are all sorts of watches. We have self-winding, digital and all sorts of mechanical differences. As a result, when anything goes wrong, most of the time the watches are sent back to the factory."

They smiled and pointed to the fact that today's watches are vastly different from a few decades back. They called attention to the many features added on today's time keeper. Among these are

alarms, the day and date of the year, and even some of them are small computers.

FRED, WHO does most of the watch repairing at the Beltner store on Ann Arbor Trail, called attention to the fact that when he served his apprenticeship, most of the work entailed the replacing of mainsprings.

Today the mainsprings are made of an alloy and very few break. They add that watches are getting smaller all the time.

While there isn't much demand for watchmakers today and there is little likelihood that the trade ever will be taught in the vocational schools, the Beltners believe that if young people want to become watchmakers they should be given the opportunity somehow or someplace.

"Even if it is just a hobby for some," Fred said, "it could develop from a hobby to a career and there should be somewhere that a fellow could learn the trade."

Bill, who plays the trumpet in the Plymouth Symphony for diversion, learned the art at the Kansas City watchmaking school. It was a course that required only 15 months.

On the other hand, Fred served his apprenticeship more than 30 years ago. He has been in the business for 40 years while brother Bill, the school graduate, joined him five years later.



Craftsman Fred Beltner has seen time pass by the watchmaking business.

A breath of fresh air

Quitting smoking at any age rapidly improves the ability to breathe, according to a five-year, Boston-based Veterans' Administration study of 850 healthy men.

The study, reported in the American Review of Respiratory Disease, included 354 smokers, 38 who quit during the five-year study and 398 who never smoked.

Lung capacity normally diminishes with age. The study found that those who quit smoking experienced a smaller decline in the amount of air that can be forced from the lungs in one second than did those who continued to smoke. Air forced from the lungs is a critical indicator of obstructive lung disease, according to the study.

THE STUDY found that former smokers also experienced a smaller decline in "forced vital capacity," the amount of air that can be forcibly exhaled after maximum inhalation.

The study found that the number of years since quitting smoking did not appear to have important effects. The study concludes that quitting smoking even after years of smoking results in "retaining more lung power."

Smokers interested in more information on how to quit, and the effects of dropping the habit, are invited to call the American Lung Association at 963-3023.

Hesburgh at U-M

Notre Dame President Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., will speak at the University of Michigan summer commencement on Aug. 23.

Hesburgh, 64, president of Notre Dame for 29 years, has been active in civil rights and aid to underdeveloped countries. Hesburgh will receive an honorary doctor of law degree.

The graduation ceremony will begin at 1:40 p.m. in the Hill Auditorium. About 2,500 students are expected to receive degrees.

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