

Talented kids can take OCC courses

A series of enrichment, short courses for K-12 and the academically gifted and talented will be offered at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills later this month. Courses are designed to enrich the school experience of students who wish to pursue their intellectual and creative talents and interests.

Fall enrichment, short courses include:

Astronomy: a visual and theoretical look at

the solar system, grades K-12; cartooning, grades 3-8; introduction to computers and computer programming, grades 6-8; beginning guitar, grades 5-10.

Extend your mathematical world, grades 2-5; mine and cloning, grades 1-6; pen and ink/watercolor, grades 4-9; build your own radio, grades 5-10; learning Russian using oral methods, grades 5-12; speed reading, grades 7-12; beginning theater, grades 4-

GM, Honeywell

OU gets robotics lab, computer aid

General Motors and Honeywell are supporting Oakland University programs in robotics and computers science, President Joseph E. Champagne has announced.

GM is making grants totaling \$100,000 for the Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation and for laboratory equipment for the center.

Honeywell is providing a \$300,000 deduction on a \$500,000 upgrade of the university's Honeywell Multics computer system.

"Both actions are significant recog-

nition of the university's programs. The Southeastern Michigan community should benefit from the expanded capabilities we now possess in robotics and computer sciences," Champagne said.

THE HONEYWELL expansion provides for an additional one million words of main memory and 1.2 billion characters of on-line disk storage. This greatly reduces the response time during peak load conditions, the president explained.

The university's computer facilities

are strained by present faculty, administrative and student use. Some 7,000 students now have need for computer access as part of their course work.

The discount from Honeywell also enables the university to take approximately \$200,000 of the savings and to use those funds for the purchase of 54 new microcomputers, the president said.

THE UNIVERSITY will establish three new microcomputer labs.

These are: one with 26 IBM personal computers for use in instruction in programming languages, freeing this workload from the Honeywell; a second lab of 20 Apple II microcomputers will be used primarily for introductory engineering; and a third lab of six Apple II units will be used for instruction in composition and to provide word processing units for students.

The two large labs will be available for general students use as well. Two microcomputers will be made available for Arts and Sciences coursework in qualitative methods.

OU adds neuroscience concentration

Neuroscience, the interdisciplinary program that looks at the structure and function of the human brain, is being offered to Oakland University undergraduates this fall.

The 24-credit concentration tackles questions concerning the development and function of the brain and nervous system.

The concentration, a program of less than departmental major status, ranges from biological and behavioral sciences to biochemistry, linguistics, mathematics and biophysics.

The course evolved after OU students demonstrated interest in the field through their enrollment in previous courses in the area.

There are two tracks to the program — one experimental and emphasizing laboratory neuroscience; the other theoretical and concentrating on mathematical modeling of the nervous system.

Students who have studied in either track should be qualified to go on to graduate study in neuroscience.

Faculty for the new concentration are drawn from the department of biological sciences, biochemistry, linguistics, applied mathematics, physics and psychology.

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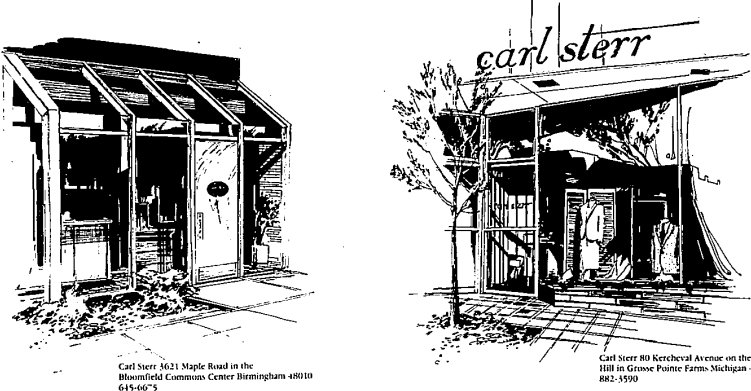
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