

Schoolcraft and LIT reach pact on transfers

Under the terms of a new agreement between Lawrence Institute of Technology and Schoolcraft Community College, many Schoolcraft graduates will be able to transfer to LIT with near-junior or junior status.

Dr. Richard E. Marburger, LIT president,

and Richard W. McDowell, Schoolcraft president, recently signed the agreement between the two colleges.

According to Marburger, the agreement will allow Schoolcraft graduates, who have taken the required courses, to

complete a bachelor of science degree in engineering, business administration, humanities, mathematics and computer science, or physics/computer science in the same length of time as students who take their full program at LIT.

The agreement allows students to earn two degrees in as few as four years by providing course selection guidelines acceptable to both colleges. "COMMUNITY COLLEGE students are often unable to transfer credits to a four-year institution. As a result, they

are forced to return to freshman or sophomore status," Marburger said. Schoolcraft students who follow the proper schedule during their first two years will likely avoid this problem, he said.

As an example, a Schoolcraft graduate with an associate degree in arts can earn a bachelor's degree in mathematics and computer science or physics/computer science within two years of entering LIT, said Zaven Margolis, dean of LIT's School of Arts and Science.

The dean of LIT's School of Management, Louis W. Petro, said that completing a bachelor of science degree in management after earning a two-year degree also could be beneficial.

"When students have completed the requirements for an associate degree in a technical area such as medical laboratory technology, robotic application, or welding technology, the next logical step is to prepare themselves for advancement in their chosen vocation," he said. "A management degree will enhance opportunities."

"We have been tailoring our management program to individual needs for many years. For instance," Petro said, "if a graduate with a culinary arts degree would like to open his or her own

business, we can individualize the last two years of a B.S. degree and give him or her an entrepreneurship option. Or, we could relate a student's courses to hospital management for health-related fields or any other area that is right for that particular student."

ROBERT ELLIS, dean of LIT's School of Engineering, also endorsed the agreement.

"The need for graduates with engineering skills is so great today that the industrial and governmental sectors are pursuing every avenue to support technical education," he said. "This is particularly important to southeastern Michigan where we are surrounded by one of the world's largest industrial communities. This new agreement can result in an increased number of highly skilled graduates pursuing careers in these rapidly growing fields."

Students in Schoolcraft programs who are interested in transferring are advised to consult their Schoolcraft counselor or the admissions office at LIT. The LIT phone number is 356-0200.

LIT also has established a similar cooperative program with Oakland Community College, Macomb Community College, and Henry Ford Community College.

Day-care center opens for elderly

The Southfield Adult Day Care Center is expanding its services.

The day center, which has been open two days a week, will offer a five-day-a-week schedule beginning Jan. 1.

Located in the city's Senior Adult Center, 24400 Civic Center Drive, east of Telegraph, the day center was established in October 1981 to offer independence to the elderly and daytime relief to family members involved in their care.

"The day center's main goal is to enable senior adults to continue living at home with their families as opposed to an institution," said Vicki Yost, Southfield's senior adult coordinator.

"The expanded schedule is a tremendous step forward because it can allow family members to work five days a

week while the senior is enjoying a stimulating, caring environment here at the center during daytime hours."

Through a staff including a registered nurse, activities coordinator, social worker and program assistant, the center provides exercise, recreation and a variety of other therapeutic activities. Participating seniors also receive basic health monitoring, assistance with the activities of daily life, snacks and noon meals.

THE CENTER also is able to provide a social atmosphere, Yost added. "We have a steady stream of special activities throughout the year including concerts, slide-show travels, craft demonstrations and holiday parties. The clients play an active role in planning these special events and often pre-

pare the meals themselves. Every year, they also put together a big Thanksgiving dinner."

"We schedule several field trips throughout the year to plays, movies, concerts, hayrides, roller mills, the circus. Our seniors really have a good time. We've involved our clients in several activities with local elementary students, including a kite flying day, a finger puppet project, a pen pal exchange and a Valentine's Day get-together."

Health education and group discussions also are part of the day center's program. Counseling is available both to seniors and members of their family. The Adult Day Center is open to individuals 50 years and older who are socially isolated or have some physical or

mental disability.

There is a program fee of \$15 a day for Southfield residents and \$19 a day for non-residents. Southfield residents are defined as living in Southfield or having children residing in Southfield.

"We were among the first communities in Michigan to offer an adult day program, but the concept still is so new many area residents are unaware we offer this kind of service," Yost said. "We hope expanding our program to five days a week will make the day center a viable option for families who may not have considered us before."

The day center is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Southfield Senior Adult Center, 354-9362.

Stop-smoking programs slated

Crittenton Hospital will sponsor the American Cancer Society's Fresh Start program for persons wishing to stop smoking, beginning Jan. 7.

There will be four sessions from 8:30-8 p.m., Jan. 7, 9, 14 and 16 at the Rochester Hills hospital, 1101 W. University.

There is no fee, but donations to the society will be accepted to help cover the cost of materials, including a Fresh Start kit.

Dan Tunnecliffe, supervisor in respiratory therapy, will be the leader. He said the program is designed for persons who prefer the structure and support that come from a group experience.

The leader begins each session by asking for questions or reactions from

participants. Information and strategies are presented in the kit that participants can take home.

Tunnecliffe said the program "helps individuals to stop smoking as quickly as possible and to focus energy on planning ahead to avoid going back to smoking. Emphasis is placed on helping participants understand and deal with smoking as a chemical addiction, a habit and a psychological dependency."

Concrete methods for handling the two biggest obstacles for many new ex-smokers - weight control and stress management - are also offered.

Preregistration is necessary. For more information or to register, call the public relations office, 652-5269.

Trust officer is named

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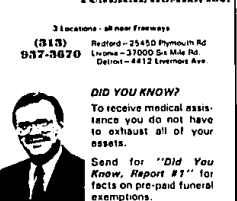
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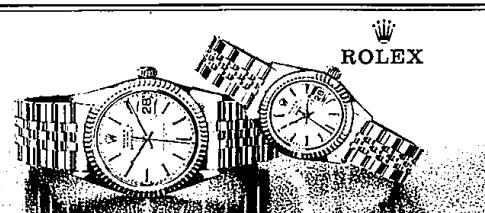
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