

OCC to teach plastics, fire tech

The Business and Professional Institute of Oakland Community College will host a seminar in polymers, composites and plastics April 10-20 on the Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone.

Coordinator is Ralph K. Safansky, advanced manufacturing process engineer for Chrysler's Creative Industries Group.

Seminar objectives include an overview of composites in manufacturing, quality control, cost effectiveness and part integrations; strategies for uses of composites; analysis of manufacturing composites technologies; and new technology for composites applications.

It is designed for management, engineers, manufacturing and production personnel, mold makers, auto body technicians, boat and toy designers, and body designers.

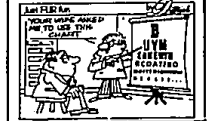
Fee for the three-day program is \$450. It includes workshop materials, lunch and refreshments. A 10 percent discount is available to companies when three or more people register at the same time.

Mail-in registration must be postmarked by April 8. After that date, registrations may be made by phoning OCC at 540-1534.

OCC, in cooperation with Lansing Community College, offers a two-year associate degree in fire science technology beginning April 7.

Spring class offerings, both in A-210 on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, are:

- FST — Fire Hydraulics II on



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Faxon aid bill 'weighs' pupils

Many details of this story were cut in this newspaper's Thursday edition.

Local school districts must wait another week to see how state Sen. Jack Faxon's proposed "weighted" school aid formula will affect them.

"This raises the floor (base state aid) significantly for all without lowering the ceiling for any," said Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

Group forms to promote UN

A United Nations Association will be formed in Oakland County at a meeting starting at 8 p.m. Friday, according to Dr. Jane Bingham of Bloomfield Hills.

It will be in Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills.

Speaker will be Edward C. Luck, chief executive officer and president of the UN Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA). His subject will be "Strengthening the Hand: An American Agenda for a More Effective United Nations." A former consultant to the Rand Corp., he has been with UNA-USA since 1974.

He revealed his formula, but not its specific effects, in a Lansing news conference last week. A computer printout showing the effect on every district is due the week of April 11, following the Legislature's spring break.

Other plans have raised the floor for poorer school districts but cut funds for the belt of "high tech" school districts stretching from Ro-

chester to Ann Arbor. Suburban opposition to such aid plans could doom them.

"I think many in the Republican caucus will support this plan," said Faxon, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

ONE FUNDAMENTAL change of Senate Bill 795 would be to stop assigning state aid on the basis of counting each student as one. Faxon's formula would weigh groups of students separately:

- In grades 1-3 each would count 1.1.
 - In grades 4-9 each would count 1.0.
 - In grades 10-12 each would count 1.05.
 - Special education students would count 1.0.
- Lower grades were assigned a higher factor because of smaller class sizes; higher grades because of their costs.

Thus, a school district with 5,000

students might find itself with a weight of (say) 5,500 because of numbers of students in grades 1-3 and 10-12.

A SECOND major change is that Faxon's formula would give weight to the actual cost of teaching.

More credit would be given for districts with teachers who have earned advanced degrees such as master's and doctorate. Teachers with advanced degrees typically draw higher salaries.

A beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree would have a weight of 0.75. A five-year teacher with a master's degree would count 1.0. An 11-year teacher with a doctorate would count 1.95.

According to statewide surveys, school costs and home construction costs both run 22 percent higher in the metropolitan area than outstate.

Faxon said senators should consider a cost of living allowance tied to the consumer price index in metropolitan Detroit.

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