## As suburbs change, so do 'short courses'

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Someone writing the history of suburble is should save the "short course" is feedules of Oakland Community College. They catalog the shifting interests of adults, both in their economic and leisure interests. Language courses are growing with the interest in ethnic "cours" and international trade.

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"We've been criticized that the mon-credit short courses cut into enrollment for credit courses," said George Carisonis, college relations director who formerly ran the short course program at the southeast campus system. "But they (short course) the course program at the southeast campus system. "But they (short course) however turned into a major recruiting device because they offer a mon-threatening exposure to college, for women particularly."

"MANY THINGS start as non-credit courses and become credit courses," said Charles Yeramian, dean of student services at the Or-chard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

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Clasic example: microcomputer courses, which is now part of the credit curriculum.
Second classic example: the Business and Professional Institute (BPI), an outgrowth of the short course program, which corporations now hire to train employees.
There are many names for the program: non-credit, continuing edu-

ceed.

AT ORCHARD Ridge, the largest of OCC's five campuses with a credit enrollment of 7,000, short courses draw 4,500 additional people a year — 1,400 or more in each of three semesters, Yeramian said.

"About 500 are repeaters (people taking two or more courses a year)," he said.

They come to Orchard Ridge not only from western Oakland County and neighboring Livonia, where the brochure is sent, but from Algonac on the east, Ecorse on the south, Bridgeport (near Saginaw) on the north, Fowlerville and Lansing on the west, Yeramian said.

This somester's registration dates are May 2-6 during daytime hours and May 2-5 in evening (8-6 p.m.) hours, Brochures are available by calling the campus at 471-7520 during business hours.

WHAT WILL a social historian of the '80s learn by perusing the cur-rent short course list and enrollment numbers? Yeramlan and Diana Pipa, administrative secretary and

coordinator, ran through the printouts and said:

• Business — stocks are always popular; mutual funds and tax savings are growing; real estate investment and starting your own business draw 30 to 40 overy session. The BP1 alone will enroll 400 of the 1,400 students.

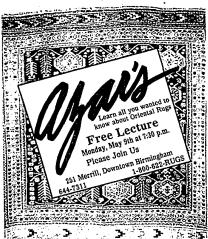
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• Fitness — 200 will sign up for swimming, aerobic dance, camping, karate, kayaking and seuba diving.

• Dance — the professional Harbinger Dance Co. is a resident professional troupe, it will draw 125 to ballet, tap, Jazz and modern dance for teenagers and adults.

• English Language Institute — it teaches English as a second language to the foreign-born, many of

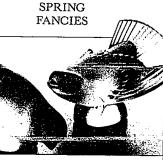
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