

Schoolcraft Begins Continuum

By MARGARET MILLER

A bright daisy and thistle poster hangs on the wall of the pocket-sized office that will house a brand new continuum program at Schoolcraft College.

"He who is not busy being born is busy dying," are the words Mrs. Nancy Dufour brought along when she arrived to organize the program just a week ago.

"That's really what continuum means to me," said the soft-spoken young woman who comes to Schoolcraft after four years of counseling with the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

"IT'S CONTINUING to grow and learn.

"It's the realization that learning doesn't stop at the end of high school or at the end of college. It's knowing the fascination of continuing to grow all your life, in whatever area is meaningful."

Mrs. Dufour was chosen from a number of applicants to head the long-awaited program that will be funded initially by a \$27,430 state grant that was part of a \$100,000 fund earmarked for several special projects.

The state guidelines said the grant was intended to develop community education programs off-campus, and Schoolcraft leaders long have felt the need for reaching more women in the area it serves.

Schoolcraft's continuum, said the new director, will aim at helping women "take a look at themselves, their abilities, interests and potential."

BUT WHETHER it will follow the

lines of similar programs — such as the one in operation several years at Oakland University — remains to be seen after Mrs. Dufour has had time to acquaint herself with the special needs of this community.

"I want to talk to a lot of women — find out what kind of program they need and what they will support," she said.

One push, as she sees it now, will be for getting information to Observerland women about new career opportunities for women in traditionally male fields.

"The new Equal Rights Amendment is going to mean a pull by employers as well as a push from women themselves to open new careers," she said.

"That amendment means that business receiving government funds must be planning to move women into all phases of their operations — and there will be government checks to make sure they have plans to do so.

"So businesses will be looking for women trained to step into spots in such fields as engineering, electronics and drafting."

NANCY DUFOUR, 26, earned a BA degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and a master's from Wayne State University in guidance and counseling. She's been working with young people in her time with the MESC, both as counselor and supervisor.

She and her husband, Larry, make their home in Troy. "I was interested in this job," she said, "because in the last few years I've become increasingly

interested in women's problems and potential."

At all stages of their lives, Mrs. Dufour believes, "women should establish short and long range goals for personal growth."

"The unique talents of many women go unnoticed," she added, "when they could make a great contribution to the community."

LOOKING ahead, Mrs. Dufour considers it likely that workshops and discussion groups will have a big place in the developing continuum program.

She is particularly interested in sitting in on some sessions of a Schoolcraft course to be offered this semester under the title of "Women in Society: A Symposium."

To be given Thursday evenings for eight weeks beginning Feb. 8, it will examine the position of women, past and present, through the reading discussion of a variety of works ranging from the Bible through the writings of Margaret Mead and Gloria Steinem.

"I'm also talking to women of the community — leaders of organizations and members of the Schoolcraft women's advisory board," she said, to learn their ideas about a continuum program.

Mrs. Dufour would like to hear from all interested women as she maps continuum projects. She can be reached through the Schoolcraft community services office.

Just tell her you're interested in being busy being born.

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NANCY DUFOUR hangs a favorite poster over her desk as she begins working on a continuum program for Schoolcraft College. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)



HERMAN VANDIVER presents a rose to his wife, Katherine, as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in the Farmington Nursing Home. (Evert photo)

Last Request Fulfilled

More than half a century ago, in the Tennessee town of Etowah, a dying railroad worker asked his best buddy, Herman Vandiver, to watch out for his wife and three children.

The words in that request were the last Herman Davis ever spoke, and Herman Vandiver, a bachelor and railroad worker like his friend, took them to heart. He married the widow and helped rear the children, and last week he and Katherine Davis Vandiver, now both 84 and living in the Farmington Nursing Home, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party for all the residents of the home.

THE GOLDEN anniversary also was marked by visits from several family members in this area and cards from many. One was from the yardmaster of the Detroit

Hammond, Ind., and lived there until a few weeks after the birth of their daughter, now Mrs. Kathleen Hinrichsen of Indianapolis.

Then they moved to Detroit, where they lived nearly all their married life. "He and my father were such good friends that he couldn't go back to the yard where they had worked together," she said.

"He went north, but kept coming back to be sure we were all right. Then one time he came down and had a long talk with my grandfather."

"And a little while later my mother and the three of us went to Cincinnati on the train and met him there and they were married in the judge's office. I signed their marriage certificate — it has my tears on it."

THE COUPLE went to

Journalist Bartlett Town Hall Speaker

A Pulitzer prize-winning journalist, Charles Bartlett, will be the next speaker in the Livonia Town Hall lecture series.

He will be heard at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the Terrace Theater, 30400 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Reservations for the celebrity luncheon should be made in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth, by calling the telephone number that is printed on the reverse side of the season ticket. The luncheon will be held immediately following Bartlett's talk.

Bartlett is a Washington correspondent who earned his journalistic prize in 1956 for exposing the conflict of interest that led to the resignation of Harold Talbot, secretary of the Air Force in the Eisenhower administration.

He writes a column "News Focus" for the Washington Bureau of the Chicago Sun-Times and is a long-time friend of the Kennedy family.

The Town Hall's fourth and last speaker for the season will be Jon Lindbergh, an oceanographer. He is the son of Charles Lindbergh and Ann Morrow Lindbergh.

He'll be heard March 21.



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