

Orchard Ridge Vets Office Serves 900

By KATHY MORAN

They number nearly 900 and are still growing — the veterans who are attending the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland, Community College, that is.

Veterans comprise about one-sixth of the Farmington Hills campus' enrollment — largely because an active veterans affairs office has made it their mission to inform local veterans of the educational benefits to which they are entitled.

Their business is to help cut red tape and help veterans with all the paperwork

necessary for getting the benefits, says Dan Foster, one of four staff veterans who man the office.

And their biggest problem is getting the word across to veterans who are working and are more interested in their paychecks than attending college, he says.

Two federally-financed programs operate out of the office in "J" building at Orchard Ridge. One is for veterans who are interested in attending college and another is for those who want to take the high school equivalency test or who need preliminary classes before entering college.

The CERV (Center for Education of Returning Veterans) unit aids veterans in getting educational benefits to attend college. It is staffed by Foster, a sophomore from Commerce Township; Ingram Washington, a sophomore from Detroit; Clyde Burdette Jr., sophomore from Madison Heights; and Frank Montour, sophomore from Farmington.

Project PAVE (Personalized Approach to Veterans Education) provides veterans with information on the GED (high school equivalency) test and ways of "brushing up" on their education before entering college.

Lewis Bregni, a freshman from Farmington, administers a test to veterans interested in the PAVE program and helps them determine their weak areas. They are then required to take 12 hours of "programmed learning" at Orchard Ridge per week.

The programmed learning allows the veteran to study at his own pace while taking tests periodically to measure his achievement.

Both programs are an "extended arm" to veterans who have served their country and now are entitled to the benefits.

"I think it's a good program and is helpful to a lot of veterans," says Washington. "But I wish they would explain it better when you're getting out of the service."

Most veterans are just anxious to leave the military behind them and don't take the time to read all the pamphlets they are given, including those on educational benefits, when they are discharged, he said.

"I thought that as long as I started to use my benefits within eight years of my discharge, I could collect them all," Foster said. "A lot of veterans think that. But you have to use them up within eight years."

It takes about six weeks to get the first payment from the Veterans Administration so those interested in starting college in the winter should visit the veteran's office soon, Foster said.

The office is open from 9

a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday on the second floor of "J" building. The campus is located at Orchard Lake and I-696.

Veterans who are having problems with their studies are also entitled to \$50 additional for 12 months for tutorial fees. The veterans' office is in the process of lining up a list of tutors for each subject which will be available to all veterans at Orchard Ridge.

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Making presentations were Miss Evelyn Collier, for cheerleaders; James Wedderburn, for girls basketball; Sandy Graham for girls swimming; Jim Hansford for girls tennis; Robert Wolf for golf; Brad Osterhout for cross country; Leahley, Rust LaRoue, Sheldon Kaye for junior varsity football and Ralph Weddle for varsity football.

Welcome was extended by Dr. Ray Renberger, high school principal; with James Garrison, Athletic Boosters Club president, offering comments. The invocation was given by Dr. Samuel Prisk, board of education trustee. He also acted as master of ceremonies.

Cheerleading awards went to varsity girls Amy Chaiken, Nancy Dommer, Cindy Fisher, Dawn Hapala, Val Howder, Karen Molter (captain), Judy Moody and Sandy Munro. Junior varsity awards went to Debbie Barnes, Debbie Coppola, Sheraine Dodd, Cindy Goff, Linda Green, Leslie Knight, Karen Pearson and Ingrid Staltmanis (captain).

Girls basketball awards went to Helen Alexander, Orietta Barros, Theresa DeWater, Lana Fisher, Vicki Garrison, Cheryl Graft, Kathy Higgins, Sue Klamick, Cathy Knowlton, Valerie Layland, Patty Meyrelles, Diane McCammon, Julie McQueen, Helen Moody, Ann Paschke and Marina Warp up.

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BENNY M. KOSS, 17605 Hillcrest, Livonia, has been appointed vice president of Boyce Vandring operations throughout the U.S. The company is a subsidiary of Canteen Corp. He has been employed by Cigarette Service Co. since 1958.

U-M Experts See Slower Economy As Outlook In '74

The year 1974 will be characterized by slower than usual economic growth — but no recession — a decline in automobile sales and added inflation as a result of the energy shortage.

These predictions have been made by University of Michigan Profs. Saul H. Hyman and Harold T. Shapiro as part of their 1974 forecast at the opening of the university's 21st annual Conference on the Economic Outlook.

The forecast, prepared annually by the U-M Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics, is based upon the Michigan Quarterly Economic Model, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

It includes these highlights:

"Compared with six per cent real growth for 1973, we forecast a rise in real gross national product (GNP) amounting to only 3.2 per cent for the year 1974. Residential building and the volume of purchases of consumer durables are forecast to be the principal factors underlying the subnormal growth rate for the year.

"The poor growth performance will be accompanied by a minuscule one per cent increase in productivity and an unemployment rate averaging 5.2 per cent for the year as a whole and rising during the year. The overall rate of inflation is forecast at 6.6 per cent.

A period of very slow real growth — an annual rate of 1.5 per cent — is forecast for the first half of 1974. Hyman and Shapiro estimate that 1974 will register an increase in current dollar GNP of \$103 billion to a level of about \$1391 billion for the year.

The 1974 forecast assumes a moderate increase in federal spending, substantial increases in state and local government expenditures, easing of monetary policy and declining interest rates, a leveling off of farm prices but price increases resulting from the energy crisis.

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