

# Harrison High students get taste of medicine

Nearly 800 Harrison High School students Wednesday were treated to a sampler of medical careers.

Encompassing 13 topic areas, the mini-sessions were 45-minute conferences scheduled to coincide with second, third and fourth hours. Students were given their choice of three, to the regret of some.

"When you're interested in the medical field, you don't know what you want... well, three choices aren't really enough to make some kind of decision on," said one participant.

Brainchild of Harrison counselors Jill Turley and Ann Areeda, the medical career mini-conferences are the first of several such career days to be

offered at Harrison throughout the school year.

"ALSO PLANNED" is an evening conference on business and management. This January conference, open to the Farmington Hills public, will offer experts on careers in food service, secretarial work, nutrition, banking, insurance, personnel, hotel, restaurant, auto sales and computers.

Later, career days will be held on the trade and technical field, public services, and professional occupations.

Topic areas included in the medical careers sessions were: dental assistant, dental hygienist, dentist, medical

technologist, nurse and occupational therapist.

Also offered were: optician, paramedic, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, psychologist and veterinarian.

As might be expected for the medical profession, most of the conference leaders placed primary emphasis on higher education.

"It helps to know carpentry if you have your heart set on being a physical or occupational therapist."

diety relieve some of his work."

She handed out lists of Michigan schools with a dental-hygiene curriculum and courses in dental assistance.

Even though college courses in emergency medical service are not readily available, a paraprofessional must take at least 300 hours of specialized training to qualify for the Southfield Life Support Units.

"Not only do you have to be able to give of yourself, you should be innovative. You're often involved in designing and making adaptive equipment," said Betty Bayne, occupational therapist.

"Knowing psychology is also important, because you've got to know how to motivate these children," she said.

For an aspiring physician or pharmacist, high school and college curricula should be heavily slanted toward math and sciences, said Dr. Mervyn Ross and Neil Brown.

Fringe benefits are offset by things

like malpractice suits, which are on the increase.

"As for the opportunity for advancement, you can do anything you want," Dr. Ross said. "You can go into corporate work, be a school doctor, a teacher, or do missionary work."

Skills for success were listed as understanding, love of learning, insight, good ability to diagnose and most of all, care for humanity.

"You'll have to be dedicated. As a doctor, you'll have to resign yourself to not being able to get away for any length of time," Dr. Ross said.

This is why he sees group practice as a thing of the future.

"YOU'RE RELIEVED of some of the pressure, although you have added responsibility to your partners," he said.

A nursing degree backed by a four-year college nursing curriculum is more desirable than a diploma from a two-year institution, said Margaret Zelinsky, nurse.

"It gives you more flexibility in scheduling, salary, and allows you to go into management, where you'll be in a better position to change things," she said.

It has the added benefit of hospital preparation which most two-year programs don't have, she said.

# Lawyer blasts no-fault as 'obscene legislation'

By JACKIE KLEIN

"No fault insurance is obscene legislation and can be soundly defeated in Michigan."

That's the contention of Harry Philo, a Detroit attorney who waged a 10-week battle in Wayne County Circuit Court to get the law declared unconstitutional.

Philo detailed the "faults" with no fault at a recent meeting of the Southfield Bar Association. He concluded by urging members to circulate referendary petitions to have the law repealed.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Horace Gilmore has declared nine sections of the no fault legislation unconstitutional. His ruling, which in effect means an added \$160 million in payments to policy holders, is being appealed by major insurance companies.

Philo maintains that "About 80 percent of the population hates no fault," according to the polls, he said. "At least 85 percent have been sold a bill of goods."

When the legislation was passed in 1973, no fault was equated with

motherhood, flag and country. To be against no fault was like advocating sin."

The Michigan Trial Lawyers' Association recognized the deficiencies in the law and considered it absurd, discriminatory legislation, Philo said.

"The association sought an injunction against the law going into effect," he said. "It's a good thing the injunction was denied. If we had won, nobody would have understood how lousy the law really is."

INSURANCE COMPANIES spent millions of dollars on propaganda to get no fault into the auto reparations system, he said.

"The first year, the insurance industry claimed no fault would reduce premiums. The second year, the industry said the law would prevent long legal delays and court congestion. By then, people were getting the idea they were getting ripped off and their rates weren't being reduced."

Attorneys representing insurance companies realized the no fault law was discriminatory. The insurance industry spent time and money attacking lawyers who were making money on auto reparations."

Philo claims power structures benefit most from no fault because big business isn't required to pay expensive insurance premiums to protect motor vehicle victims.

"About 600,000 car owners are too poor to buy no fault insurance," he said. "High risk drivers are forced to buy policies financed at an interest rate of 87 percent. It costs the average person \$800 in annual premiums."

Insurance companies are getting a \$1 billion annual take instead of \$700 million and agents are getting 15-25 percent commissions on this extra \$300 million.

"Students, women, retirees, the unemployed and other 'have-nots' are getting shafted while the 'haves' are

being rewarded by the law.

"Before the law we had a fabulous auto reparations system and civil remedies. Now many persons are excluded from recovery for damages, pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, disfigurement, humiliation and apprehension. And collision coverage is up 150 percent."

PHILO ARGUED in court that no fault unconstitutionally burdens the right of people to travel freely because specified insurance must be purchased or the driver is subject to penalties.

"The 600,000 who can't afford to buy no fault have three choices," he said. "They can drive as criminals, buy insurance and give up other necessities or stop driving their cars."

Philo also argued that the law grants privileges to railroad companies, drunk and reckless drivers, large manufacturers, motorcyclists and others. No fault grants immunity to those responsible for accidents and denies civil damages to victims, he added.

"Judge Gilmore upheld the constitutionality of the law and in reality watered down a criminal act by ruling against a few sections. Wayne County Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman said no fault is no good."

"Insurance companies have filed an appeal in the Michigan Supreme Court to bypass the court of appeals. The supreme court is a political entity

## OCC hosts businessmen for 'Update'

The Graduate Placement Office of the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College will hold a luncheon meeting for personnel managers in business and industry on Wednesday.

The meeting, termed "Information Update," will enable faculty members and department chairpersons to describe the marketable skills with which Orchard Ridge graduates come into the job market. Guests will also become familiar with the Graduate Placement Office, laboratories and classroom facilities.

The Graduate Placement Office, designated "The GROPSHOP" (Graduate Opportunities for Placement), coordinated by Barbara Kabenell and Mary Washington, was initiated a year ago to assist the graduate of a two-year program on the Orchard Ridge campus in finding a satisfying job related to his area of study. This service, available at no cost to students, includes generation of resumes, identification of interested employers, and encouragement of occupational planning.

Swallow This



by Don Bosco

You and your family may not be sauce lovers, but all homemakers should know how to make a good sauce - Cream Sauce, White Sauce, Mayonnaise or White-Wine Sauce. To perfect the art of sauce making, the Mary Ann menu has the method, but the purpose - which, in the case of white sauce, is primarily to glaze food. The chicken, fish or meat should be placed on the serving platter, and the sauce then lightly spooned over it. When the platter is put in a hot oven or under the broiler, a thin crust and appetizing film is achieved. Try admiring your next dinner meal with a delicious sauce.

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