

Course trains preschool teachers

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Kathy Wood, director of The Early Learning Center in Farmington, will launch a new course oriented toward a professional career in "Early Childhood Development" set to begin in January.

It is designed for those seeking certification for day care and pre-school agencies; those who wish to attain an associate of arts degree, or a bachelor of arts degree.

It has been hailed as "innovative"

by Don Nichols, dean of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, who will be cooperating by offering the basic general studies required for the degree aspirants.

"THE JOB MARKET is way down-hill for anyone with a degree to teach K-12 now, but it is a different matter altogether for those certified to teach pre-school," said Nancy Bates, administrative assistant at the center.

She said the idea for formulating the new course came after "a couple

workshops Kathy gave. We became acutely aware there was a need for this."

Both Mrs. Bates and Ms. Wood stressed that the course was designed "not so much as a class, but more like a career oriented program."

They emphasized that whether the students choose to go for certificates or degrees, they will have enough specific skills to enter the job market immediately.

Ms. Wood added that those who finish a one-year course and decide to go on for a degree "would have a means of support for the next two or three years of schooling."

The practical experience with pre-schoolers, which is an intrinsic part of the course, will be done in conjunction with the youngsters who now attend the Early Learning Center sessions at 2700 Farmington Road. "And the students will undoubtedly be recipients of Ms. Wood's philosophy," Mrs. Bates said.

Ms. Wood bases her philosophy on assumptions about the growth and development of children.

"EVERY PERSON is very unique, and in planning the educational program, we respect the individuality of each child," she said. "Along with respect, we as teachers must take into consideration the developmental level at which each child is functioning and not particularly according to his chronological age in terms of months or years."

She also said she believes there are critical periods in which the child is most vulnerable to a lack of appropriate stimulation, and it is at these times that innovative programs for the early learners are necessary.

She considers all aspects of the child's development: mental, religious, physical and psychological, "for they

make up the whole person," she said.

"Through providing children with learning experiences, developing personal relationships, allowing self-expression and creativity, plus providing guidance appropriate to each stage of growth, we will find a child achieving his personal worth and satisfaction with life."

The Early Learning Center is part of John Wesley College's program for total human development.

MS. WOOD holds a master of education degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Detroit, an MA in human development from Wayne State University and a BA in education and psychology from Treve Nazarene College.

Her educational experience is supported by six years as director of two day nurseries and kindergartens in the Detroit area and a teacher in Southfield's Christian School. She is the mother of two children.

She worked as a graduate assistant to the chairman of Family and Consumer Resources at Wayne State University, has developed numerous workshops in Early Childhood Education, and has done counseling and creativity workshops for day care centers.

Ms. Bates believes the course is tailor made for someone who is planning a second career.

"I'm talking about mothers who love children, yet their own children are gone. It's almost like being all dressed up with no place to go. For them, I cannot think of a more likely career to get into."

Registration begins at the center on Monday, Jan. 5. For a complete brochure on "Early Childhood Education," address requests to Nancy Bates, Center for Lifelong Learning, 2700 Farmington Road, Farmington, 48024.

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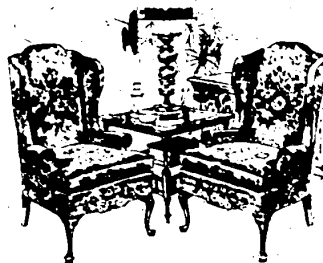
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