

LIT students practice what teachers preach



LIT reports a growing student population and continuing building program at the Southfield-based college. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

Youth award deadline nears

The Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance Commission will sponsor its fifth annual Youth Recognition Night at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 22 at Southfield-Lathrup High School auditorium, 15301 Twelve Mile.

and beyond the call of duty" during the past year, according to PYG Chairperson Peggy Frank. Robert DiGiulio and Marvin Last are co-chairpersons of the youth recognition program this year.

Deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, Feb. 22. The forms are available from Mary Rowland at the human resources department. For more information, call the department at 354-4864.

Youth temporarily living outside of the community may also be considered.

Young people will be judged on service to the community; service by an individual within a club or organization; outstanding humanitarian act; achievement by an individual based on overcoming personal problems and setting an example to assist others.

Judges will select a number of nominees for special awards and they will receive certificates of recognition.

Students named to honor roll

Nine Southfield students have been named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University at Marquette. A Southfield student has also earned a place on the honors list at Walsh College in Troy.

students on the list achieved those scores. On the list of students earning a 3.25 grade or better are Paul Kangas, Douglas Menzies, Jeanne Clark, Rosalyn Feldman, Elaine Grawburg and Jeffrey Kremer.

Southfield resident Sue Matheson was named to the Walsh College honors list, representing students achieving a B average or better, with no grade below a C during the spring semester.

Stephen DeWalt, Mary Cremering and Janice Keegan earned four-point averages last fall, receiving an A grade in all subjects. Only 281 of the 1,483

"Theory and practice" is the motto of Lawrence Institute of Technology (L.I.T.) in Southfield. These are the words on the college seal, adopted in 1932 and according to President Richard Marburger they still express the school's purpose.

"Several features of this concept make L.I.T. unique among colleges today," he said in a 1977 annual report. "Our programs are especially relevant to the current needs of students and society."

L.I.T. was founded in the midst of the Depression and dedicated to the principle that everyone should have the opportunity of a college education.

There were no restrictions on entering students concerning race, sex, color, creed or national or ethnic origin, said Wayne Buell, chairman of the L.I.T. board.

"The only requirement was that the student qualify for admission and have the desire to succeed," Buell said. "The unusual feature of L.I.T. gave working students a chance to earn their degrees by attending evening or day college or both. This was unique in 1932 and is still remarkable."

"TODAY, AS IN the past, the courses and degree programs are selected to meet the needs of business, industry and the professions. Disciplines adapt to the changing needs of society."

Applied courses in engineering, science, architecture, business and management aren't taught at the expense of humanities, Marburger said. Recognizing that a complete education should include literature, history and other humanities, he said, a core of liberal studies is included in the L.I.T. curricula.



RICHARD MARBURGER

"A doctrine that is predominant at L.I.T. is dedication to the free enterprise system," the report says. "Most students are working in business and industry. All part-time and most full-time faculty and administration have successful backgrounds in industry, science or commerce."

"They believe in our free market economy and in a college education which reduces theory to practice. This not only helps make L.I.T. graduates eminently employable, it makes them achievement-oriented in our complex market system. More than 9,000 L.I.T. graduates have succeeded in their professions."

The year 1977, Marburger said, was exceptional. The state of the college is good, positive, strong and viable, he said. Academic achievement and enrollment reached record highs.

AN IMPORTANT step in the completion of the campus master plan, Marburger said, was the nine-story apartment building for student housing finished in August. The availability of housing, he said, opened L.I.T.'s educational programs to an increasing number of single or married men and women students from other states.

One more academic building and a student activities center are proposed. When they're completed, L.I.T. will accommodate 5,000 students as well as meetings and functions of organizations outside the college.

More than 4,700 students are enrolled in day and evening classes on L.I.T.'s 86-acre campus. About 90 per cent of L.I.T. students have come from southeastern Michigan until the apartment opened the college to more enrollees from out-of-state, other states and other countries.

"L.I.T.'s operational axiom of 'private colleges serve public purposes' was stressed when the institute concentrated on energy studies last year," the report says. "Continued interaction and communication with business, industry, technical societies, secondary schools and other colleges allowed L.I.T. to maintain its position in the mainstream of activities. These activities are mutually beneficial to LIT students and the professional community."

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