

Students help Lathrup slip into past

By CARL STODDARD

The master architect of grand designs at Southfield-Lathrup High School is considered by many to be social studies teacher Dave Butler.

Butler initiated the redecorating plans for the first room with its early American decor in the school's social studies wing and has been responsible for subsequent improvements.

"I think we're kind of fortunate to have Dave," said social studies teacher Sally Mathias. "He's kind of a spark plug."

Butler said he decided to decorate the first room about four years ago. It was not the first room in the school to get a new look. A group of students in a Spanish class repaired the language center's bright graphics in the spring of 1972.

If Butler was not the first, he has proved to be the most energetic. Every year, one or two rooms in the social studies wing have gotten the Butler treatment.

His next project will be his most ambitious: dedicating a double room at one end of the hall for use as a study center. Cost of the project is expected to exceed \$2,000.

A TOTAL OF eight rooms have been redecorated in the wing, each at a cost of \$20 to \$30. Students raised the entire amount for the projects and did most of the work themselves after school and during lunch hours.

"You try to consider what is being taught, why it is being taught and where it is being taught," Butler said. "Where is important."

The room says something. It makes a difference. You get a better response." Social studies teachers in the wing say the classrooms have improved learning atmosphere and have given students a better understanding of the subjects.

In addition, school officials say vandalism and littering have been reduced as the wing began to look less like a school and more like Greenfield Village.

People said the kids would tear it down as soon as it went up," Butler said. "It's been four years and it's still here."

When evaluators from the North Central school accrediting board visited the school, he said they were impressed with the cordiality and the positive attitudes they found among the students.

The changes have also led to a sharp decrease in thefts. One item was stolen several months ago from a classroom, Butler said. "Peer pressure from other students forced the student responsible to return it. Since then, the wing has been free of rip-offs."

EVEN THE CUSTODIANS like the wing, Butler claims. "You talk to them," he told a visitor. "They'll tell you this is the cleanest wing in the school."

Butler maintains that the biggest advantage to result from the Americanization of the classrooms is the increased awareness students have gained of American history and the general human environment. Students have scored better on tests and shown more interest in the subjects taught in the wing, said Butler.

Students are gray-walled institutions where learning is a chore rather than an adventure, Butler said.



Southfield-Lathrup's American History room is among those decorated. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

Despite the importance he places on surroundings, Butler said he isn't sure parents should be required to foot the bill.

"There are things you could never ask parents to provide," he said. "We call these things necessary frills."

Transformation is due to Dave Butler

By JILL LUBLIN

The social studies students at Southfield-Lathrup High School have a reputation for doing worthwhile projects for their school and for their city.

For the past four years, the students have been decorating the school's entire social studies wing, including the rooms and halls. They raise money for decorations and necessary materials by selling Fresh Pops.

The decorating, now near completion, is done without taxpayer assistance. It is all done by student help," said Robert Harding, Social Studies department chairman.

Funds were also raised this year with candy sales for turkeys and baked goods donated to more than 100 needy Southfield families for Thanksgiving.

And every year near Christmas time they have a clothing drive for the Indians residing in Northern Michigan on Bay Mills Indian Reservation," said Harding.

The first major decorating accomplishment this school year is the early American Flag collection now hanging over a stairwell.

THE STUDENTS are decorating one room at a time and one side of the hall at a time.

Rooms are decorated to reflect the type of class in the room at the time of decoration. A theme is chosen from ideas submitted by the teacher and students and then carried through.

The psychology class chose to make their room depict a psychiatrist's office. An American history class decided to have their room feature famous American paintings. It's titled the American Art Gallery.

Other rooms are called the Early American Room, the Super Patriot Government Room.

A mural of the Arizona desert is the center of attraction in one government room. The sociology class chose to color their surroundings all blue since it is known to have a soothing, tranquil, calming effect.

One American History class decorated their room in Tudor, the architectural style at the time the English came to America.

THE STUDENTS brightened the halls in the wing with red, white, and blue wallpaper. On one side of the hall, historical newspaper front pages line the wall. On the other side are pictures of past presidents with biographical information. A giant American flag also presides on a wall at the landing of one of the stairwells.

Harding is proud of what has been accomplished so far. "It's all very good, excellent," he said. "We have visitors from all over the metropolitan area coming here and looking at our rooms."

The social studies department has its own concept about students and teachers. "The staff is composed of all different kinds of personalities. A student that is hopefully taking three or four different social studies classes will be able to meet the teacher to see if they have compatible personalities," Harding explained.

"We feel that when you talk about social studies, the word 'social' is important. The student learns a lot by feeling comfortable with the teacher in comfortable surroundings," he added.

The department also encourages students to be active in political campaigns. They take both sides depending on personal preferences.

"We also offer a work study program," said Harding. "It gives students training in different occupations while getting social studies credits. They have a chance to find out what the job is all about."

Students use the opportunity to volunteer for a job in a profession they are interested in and can work as many hours as they want. Approximately 17 students are participating in the work study program this semester, according to Harding.

LIMITED TIME ONLY
SHAMPOO ANY 8X12 CARPET
ONLY \$10.99
 Special Rates On Commercial Work

CALL ANYTIME
MINUTEMAN
569-1184

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

562-3232

BLACKBIRD TRADING CO.

NICHOLAS'S FINEST DISPLAY OF AUTHENTIC AMERICAN INDIAN JEWELRY AT PRICES YOU CAN AFFORD.

—ALSO—
 MAYAJO RUGS • KACHINAS • POTTERY • PAINTINGS
 MEMBER INDIAN ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOC.
 ALL ITEMS GUARANTEED AUTHENTIC

8600 W. Warren
 8 Blocks W. of Telegraph

MON-SAT 11:00-8:00
 SUNDAY 11-8:00



All by
Gold Bond

FULLY ASSEMBLED CULTURED MARBLE TOP VANITY
 17"x20" approx.

\$38.88

- Off white wood grain cabinet
- White and gold top
- in carton

Model 50
 Faucets extra

Also available in two door models
 25" x 19"
 31" x 19"

Insulation is cheaper than gas

6"x15" 40 sq. ft. **\$6.66** ROLL THE PERFECT ADD-TO TYPE



We also stock 6"x23" attic insulation as well as these other types:
 with foil, 3 1/2"x15, 3 1/2"x23, 6x15, 6x23, without foil 3 1/2"x15 & 3 1/2"x24

SALEM LUMBER CENTER

Home of Our Famous Sausages Ph. 421-7000

30650 PLYMOUTH ROAD

Hours:
 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

home fix-up is a good investment!

Fix-up dollars invested in your home—maintenance, remodeling or complete renovation—increase the value of your property. Coupled with rising real estate value, invested fix-up dollars can become profits. Doesn't it make sense to fix up around the house—if it can pay for itself—or even make a profit?

Suspended Ceiling Super Specials

Roma 30¢ sq. ft.
 10x12 room **\$36.00**

Parquet 34¢ sq. ft.
 10x12 room **\$40.80**

Fissured Solitude 36¢ sq. ft.
 10x12 room **\$43.20**

ALL PRICES INCLUDE WHITE METAL

REPLACE YOUR OWN BIFOLDS WITH... FULL LENGTH MIRRORED SLIDING DOORS

48" x 80" Opening 2 Doors. **\$78.88**

60"...Complete with gold anodized metal **\$92.88**

72"...Complete with gold anodized metal **\$108.88**

#2 Kiln Dried White Pine

Prices are per piece

	1x2	1x3	1x4	1x5	1x6	1x8	1x10	1x12
4'	32	44	60	72	80	1.20	1.52	1.80
6'	48	66	90	1.08	1.20	1.80	2.28	2.20
7'	56	77	1.05	1.20	1.40	2.10	2.68	X
8'	64	88	1.20	1.44	1.60	2.40	3.04	3.60

White Pine available right from our in-store bins. Select your own.

Also bins of select grade pine, redwood, white hard maple, and black walnut. Select your own.

TELEVISION SERVICE SPECIAL ONLY \$3

We will pick up your television set, bring it to our shop and have it checked by our TV experts. You will then be notified by telephone of the cost of repair. If you decide not to have it repaired we will return it to your home. All for only \$3.

C. B. SALES & INSTALLATION
 • JOHNSON • RCA • REGENCY • COURIER
 Antennas and Accessories

WESTLAND PHONE 525-8450

The Viking RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Join us for **New Year's Eve Dinner**

Holiday Buffet in the Banquet Hall
 5-10 p.m. **\$6.95** adults **\$3.50** children

Special Menu in the Viking Dining Room
 5-10 p.m. **\$7.45**

Serving Prime Rib, Filet Mignon, Red Lobster, Surf & Turf Platter and many more. Includes our salad bar.

Serving Shrimp, Lobster, Red Prawn, Beef, Pork, Lamb, Chicken, Fish and many more plus 15-20 seasons.

For Reservations: **477-4000**
 Cocktail Lounge • Entertainment 'til 2

38123 W. 10 Mile Farmington 1-96 & Grand River