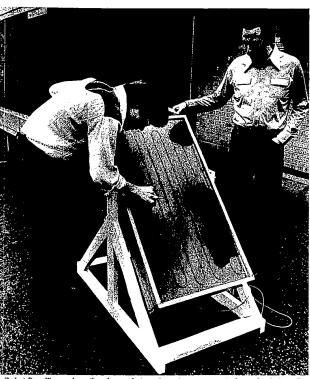
# Students tap into power of the sun



Student Dave Warren cleans the solar panel atop uthfield-Lathrup High School as teacher Don axim loons on. Students at the school are tapping

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the sun's power as part of a study of alternative energy sources. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

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The use of solar energy is a question
concerning many people today. The
advance architecture class at Southfield-Lathrup High School has
attempted to understand the capacities
Presently, there are three major
projects underway. A solar panel has
seen placed on the roof outside the
classroom to capture the sun's rays.
The solar collector is connected to a
pump that circulates water through
the sun-heated panel and into a radiator. As an experiment, the radiator
was placed in the classroom closet and
the temperature rose to more than 100
degrees.

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"The object is to run tests and see the capacities of solar heating," said archizecture teacher Donald Maxim. 'Next year, when the juniors come back, we will elaborate on it." Juniors Jerry Wenceck and Dave Warren set up the solar panel. Seniors Jeff Kersten and Dave Ukrop have constructed a model of a house to show how solar energy can heat a house.

SENIORS Kevin Coykendall and Don Kirk have built two versions of a frame house. One model shows how a

Doll that have consider shows how a consideration of the construction. The other shows how a house can be built with better use of material for more efficient energy savings.

The idea for the projects began last year when the students first obtained information on solar energy.

"I try to find projects that are meaningful to what's going on in the field at present and in the future." Maxim asid. "It should mean something to the students and have educational benefits.

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These solar projects give the students a better understanding of the energy problem and makes them more aware of problems in the future. The more people aware of the problems, the better off we will be.

As for future developments, Maxim said he wants to harress the solar energy to heat the classroom at Soutifield-tathrup. But for the present, students will continue to test and improve the present systems.



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