

Architectural film series features designs from medieval to modern

Everything from the disintegration of Venice to the design and construction of medieval castles will be covered during a two-day architectural film series in Southfield next month. The series is at Lawrence Institute of Technology Jan. 3-4.

The films, sponsored by LIT's student chapter of American Institute of Architects, will be shown in the architecture building auditorium on campus. LIT is at Ten Mile, west of Northwestern. Films will be shown continuously from noon to 11 p.m. both days.

Admission is \$1.50, or \$1 for members of the student group.

The schedule includes:
 • "A City Awakens," the story of a city coming to life, without narration, will be shown noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday and again Thursday. It will be presented also at 8 p.m. Wednesday.
 • "The Towers," story of the Watus Towers built from bottles, crockery and seashells by immigrant Simon Rodilla, will be shown at 12:15 and

3:15 p.m. both days, and at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday.

• "Cages," an animated film of man's dependence on authority, is featured at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. both days and again at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

• "Energy, Less is More," about the need to reduce energy consumption through changes in designs, will be shown at 12:40 and 3:40 p.m. both days. It also will be shown at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday.

• "Frank Film," a flood of 11,000 photos of Frank Lloyd Wright and his work, will be shown at 1, 4 and 9 p.m. Wednesday and 1 and 4 p.m. Thursday.

• "Venice Polluted" concerns the ecological imbalance that is causing the disintegration of Venice. Showings are at 1:10, 4:10 and 9:10 p.m. Wednesday and 1:10 and 4:10 p.m. Thursday.

• "Joshua in a Box" is an animated film that raises questions about humankind's need for limitations and is shown at 1:25 and 4:25 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. It also will be

shown at 9:25 p.m. Wednesday.

• "Jackson Pollock," the modern American artist, is featured at 1:35, 4:35 and 9:35 p.m. Wednesday.

• "Our Changing Cities" looks at unemployment, crime, social conflict and the impact on cities. It is presented at 1:45, 4:45 and 9:45 p.m. Wednesday. On Thursday, it will be repeated at 1:45 and 4:45 p.m.

• "Citizen Harold," a cartoon about fighting city hall, will be shown Wednesday at 2:05, 5:05 and 10:05 p.m. Wednesday.

• "Medieval Castles" concerns the design and construction of castles. It is shown at 2:15, 5:15 and 10:15 p.m. Wednesday. Thursday it will be shown at 2:15 and 5:15 p.m.

• "Sky" explores the sky over a one-day period of time. Shows are at 2:35, 5:35 and 10:35 p.m. Wednesday and 2:35 and 5:35 p.m. Thursday.

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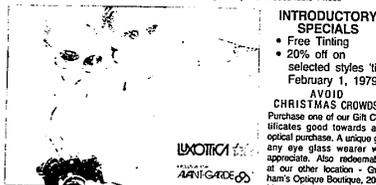
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Improvement sought in reading skill program

A group of 35 ninth graders at Southfield High School are finding that knowing how to read better makes every class easier.

They are enrolled in a program known as "Ninth Grade Block." Students in the special program study English, science, mathematics and reading in one uninterrupted, three-hour block every morning.

The goal is to increase student reading levels while improving upon basic, ninth grade academic skills.

Class evaluations last year showed that 46 per cent of the students in the block program increased their reading scores by 1½ to 2 grade levels.

Teachers work with the same students in a coordinated effort to teach the four subjects. Basic math, science, reading and language art skills are reinforced and strengthened by keying off one another, according to school officials.

The Ninth Grade Block Program was an idea suggested by teachers at

two summer curriculum workshops. The program was started in the '77 school year and was revised and expanded this year.

This year more skills will be emphasized further and tests will be given before and after the course to gauge its impact.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS has applied for a grant from the Michigan Department of Education to continue the program and expand it at both Southfield High and Southfield-Lathrup, where the program is enjoying similar success judging from reading improvement tests.

Mrs. Joan Cowell, a reading and English teacher at Southfield, said an unexpected benefit of the program is that students are showing up for class more often lately.

Absenteeism for block students was half that of students outside the program.

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