

Elderly hot meals program to expand

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A second program designed to deliver hot meals to senior citizens will be available in Farmington and Farmington Hills within two weeks.

Marian Coker, director of the nutrition project for the Oakland Livingstone Human Service Agency (OLHSA) said

the meals will be delivered by paid volunteers who will pick up one from the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building.

The state funded program will operate alongside a federal project which is already supplying meals to area seniors.

Difficulties in finding a site for the

state program delayed its implementation, according to Ms. Coker.

The federal program is located in Mercy Center in Farmington Hills. The Center refused the state program after considering the possibility of being held liable for any flaws in the operation, according to Ms. Coker.

Unlike the federal program, the state

program criteria restricts membership to those who have a medical need for the delivered meals.

Such a medical need is certified by a physician and the Oakland County Health Department.

The state program offers meals which conform to special diets.

SENIORS CITIZENS who required

special meals due to high blood pressure, diabetes or other conditions were unable to receive home delivered meals under the federal program.

The federal program is less stringent in its requirements. If a doctor, nurse, social worker or hostess of a senior citizens' center informs the project that a senior needs to have a meal delivered, he will be added to the list of subscribers. About 110 meals per week are delivered in Farmington.

The federal program limits home delivered meals to 15 per cent of the total amount of hot meals served to seniors in one area.

In Farmington Hills that percentage includes meals served at the Senior Citizen's Gathering Place.

This system is in part responsible for the waiting list of about 20 persons in Farmington and Farmington Hills, according to Loretta Conway, director of the Gathering Place for seniors.

Drivers in the federal program complain that many hospital-bound subscribers return home to discover they've been cut off from the meals.

"WE'RE TIGHT WITH THE MEALS," Ms. Coker said. "We can't hold a meal open for a small period of time."

"Very seldom is it for a very long time," she said of the meal cut-off.

In another case, parents of a 31-year-old retarded son receive the home delivered meals under the federal program. But the son isn't eligible for the meals.

He will be under the state program, according to Ms. Coker but his meals will cost \$1.35 a day because he is under 60-years-old.

The state funded program will offer seniors one main meal at noon and a soup and sandwich snack for later in the day.

Schoolcraft students get tuition boost

Student tuition will go up \$1.50 a credit hour at Schoolcraft College next fall.

The board of trustees gave 8-0 to a flat increase after expressing unhappiness with the state funding process.

President C. Nelson Grote said a tuition increase is practically mandated by the State Appropriations Act, which assigns tuitions a "fair share" of overall funding. The "fair share" is deducted from the state appropriation, whether or not the college charges the full amount.

For the semester that begins in late August, residents of the Schoolcraft district will pay \$17 per credit hour, non-residents, \$27.50, and out-of-state residents, \$40.50.

The last tuition increase occurred in 1976.

THE TUITION hike was made across-the-board, but trustees and administrators offered other ideas for future consideration.

Richard Hayward suggested a "sliding scale" — charging more per credit

hour to a person who takes only a few hours and less per hour to one who takes a full 15-hour load. The purpose would be to encourage more full-time registrations.

Mark McQuesten noted it's cheaper to educate liberal arts students than vocational-technical students and suggested tuition scales to reflect that.

Grote said one solution would be to charge tuition by the "contact" hour rather than the credit hour. A student taking a four-hour English course has four contact hours, but a student taking a four-hour chemistry course has seven contact hours — four lecture and three laboratory.

Board Chairman Paul Y. Kadish had no qualms about raising tuition though he has long favored keeping it low. Although the college has nearly 10,000 students and the district 140,000 voters, only 3,000 yes votes were recorded in the recent tax hike election. "Our student body has spoken loud and clear," said Kadish.

For about five years, local property taxes have made up about 30 per cent

of Schoolcraft's revenue, tuition and fees 30 percent and state appropriations 40 percent.

IN ADDITION, a number of fees will be hiked in fall by administrative action.

A new "drop-add" fee, to be paid by persons dropping or adding a course

during the late registration period, will be \$2.

Commencement fee will be raised \$5 to \$15.

Private music lessons will be hiked \$32 per semester to \$56. Grote said this \$4 a lesson charge hasn't been changed for about eight years. The increase is the first of two, he said, to bring the price closer to actual cost.

Senior living in clusters

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carpeting. A former Detroitier and a widow, Mrs. Nemeth pays \$43 a month rent.

"My daughter heard they were going to build a project and she signed me up for it. I waited a long time to get here," she said.

Though Mrs. Tosolan said many tenants have cars, SEMTA bus service is provided for weekly shopping excursions and doctors appointments. Classes are taught in cooperation with the Livonia Public Schools though the project is in Westland, it is in the Livonia School District).

"Senior citizens are more self-sufficient today than 20 years ago," Mrs. Tosolan said. "We offer a full program of activities — the city also provides many programs."

Management rules prohibit children from playing near the senior citizen buildings.

"But we have placed seniors in the townhouse area with families," she said. "The people living there like the kids and have adapted well. We have some senior citizens babysitting for mothers who work."

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