

## Dealing with middle age is short course subject

Registration is open for a six-week course at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College dealing with the challenges facing the maturing women.

Those interested can register from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in room K104 or through the mail. Cost for the class, beginning Jan. 20, is \$27.

The class will be from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on six Tuesdays in room J-409.

Two Farmington area social workers, Bernadette Davis and Margaret Myers, both masters of social work in private practice, will present the seminar.

It will deal with the identity chal-

lenges which confront the mature woman in contemporary American culture.

Mrs. Davis is a University of Michigan graduate currently operating her own clinic in Farmington Hills.

Her experience includes 10 years as a therapist specializing in individual and family therapy. In addition, she has taught on the college level and has presented seminars on women's issues.

Mrs. Myers received her master's degree in clinical social work from Wayne State University. Her 11 years experience in clinical and psychiatric settings has been focused on individual, marital and family therapy.



BARRY RANKIN

## Accountant opens office

Barry Rankin recently opened his accounting practice, Comprehensive Accounting Services, in Farmington Hills. The new business is designed to serve the bookkeeping, accounting and tax needs of the small- and medium-sized business.

Rankin attended Walsh College, where he received a degree in accounting.

Prior to starting his own business, Rankin served as senior accountant for Lloyd I. Ruby, CPA. Previous to this, he was office manager and controller for L&M Heating Inc.

## Rate appliances for energy use

When you shop for a major appliance, you probably compare prices. But do you find out which model will cost less to operate?

By comparison shopping for an energy-efficient appliance, your electric bills should reflect the energy savings.

Prior to a shopping trip, look at your last electric bill to find out the cost of each kilowatt-hour. This will help determine the operating cost of each appliance you consider.

In the story, check the EnergyGuide label which gives a number called an Energy Efficiency Rating, or EER. This tells you how efficiently the appliance uses electricity. The government requires that EnergyGuide labels be displayed on refrigerators, freezers,

clothes dryers, water heaters, ranges, ovens and room air conditioners.

The EER usually ranges from seven to 12, and the higher the number, the more efficient the unit. At a rate of 12 cents per kilowatt-hour, a 5,000 B.T.U. air conditioner with an energy efficiency rate of 7.0 could cost \$59 in electricity each year, while a similar unit with an EER of 8.8 could cost \$47 annually to run. If the second unit had a higher purchase price than the first, it could still be the better buy in terms of energy efficiency.

The EnergyGuide label also gives EERs for the least and most efficient models of the brand of appliance you're considering. As an example, you look at a refrigerator with an EER of nine and

the label indicates that the least efficient model has a rating of eight, while the most efficient model is rated 10. You can then judge the efficiency of the model you're looking at.

The EnergyGuide label includes a chart showing how much it will cost to run the appliance each year depending upon how many hours it is used and the

cost of electricity in your area. Since you already know your electricity rate, locate it on the chart and note what your energy cost for that appliance will be for various amounts of usage.

The kilowatt-hour is a measurement unit that shows how much energy an appliance uses.

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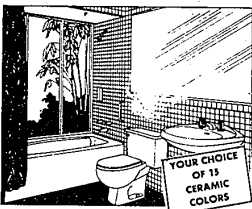


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