

Jobs in south, west

Dean sees spot shortages of teachers

Students who have their hearts set on a teaching career should enter the field and they will be able to find a job, particularly if they are mobile, says an Oakland University dean.

For the past nine years, educators have been telling prospective students there are no teaching jobs.

Now there are spot shortages and journals are warning of a nationwide critical shortage as early as 1985, says Gerald Pine, dean of the OU School of Human and Educational Services.

"If you are mobile and ready to move to the South, West, or Southwest, you can find a job in teaching," Pine says.

Recently, OU received notices of available positions in Los Angeles County and Florence, S.C. Los Angeles County listed 100 certified openings for elementary and secondary school teachers. Florence is seeking up to 40 teachers for the 1981-82 year.

"Such announcements of available teacher positions are evidence of the growing shortage of teachers in other parts of the country," The Chronicle of Higher Education, on March 23, warned that today's spot shortages are a harbinger of a critical nationwide teacher shortage in four years," Pine says.

IN SEVERAL states, teacher certification requirements have been relaxed for areas where there is a high demand, says Pine, an Avon Township resident.

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The National Education Association, in a recent survey, found 37 states that have shortages of teachers, at least in some subject areas, Pine says.

The dean says while the prospects for a teaching position in Michigan are currently grim, there are plentiful jobs for substitutes.

The Pontiac School District recently sent out advertisements for substitute teachers and the district has been trying to recruit substitute teachers since September, Pine says.

Pine points to an interesting development in teacher education — the growing number of students who are finding educational positions in non-school settings.

Last year, Pine says, industry and business spent more money on in-house training and education programs than all the money spent for higher education in the United States.

Students who used to go into public school teaching with the expectation of a lifelong career, he says, are now enrolling in educational programs such as Oakland University's Human Resources Development Program.

Pine says these graduates are finding positions as training and development specialists, early childhood specialists, child and youth advocates,

staff development and program development specialists in hospitals, designers of educational toys and recreational equipment, educational journalists, and consultants in media production.

EDUCATION GOES on everywhere in a variety of settings and is a lifelong process, Pine says. Students need to think about educational careers in a variety of settings, not just schools, he says.

He says for those interested in public school teaching, there are critical shortages of math and science teachers and teachers of vocational and technical education subjects.

Computer education is a rapidly growing field and there are incredible demands for teachers who can teach computer programming in schools, he says.

Believe it or not, he says, in some places around the country, the demand for English and language arts teachers is growing as more schools emphasize instruction in writing and reduce the class size of English teachers.

Pine says, "If you are mobile, you can find a teaching position. If you are interested in a career in education in a non-school setting, the future looks bright."

Pair pursue a new center

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Both admit the hardest part of their new career is office management, something they're novices at.

"The ideal thing would be to have a solid business person to run the office," said McCarthy, who lives in Bloomfield Township with his wife and two sons.

"Eventually we may hire one."

EMU awards degrees

Eastern Michigan University conferred degrees upon 1,207 students at spring commencement ceremonies held in Bowen Field House on the EMU campus.

Some 824 seniors were candidates for bachelor's degrees and approximately 383 graduate students were eligible to receive advanced degrees.

The commencement address was delivered by Cathy Gulswite, creator of the comic strip "Cathy" that appears in 250 newspapers throughout the nation. Gulswite also was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the University.

Also receiving honorary degrees were Northrup Frye, literary critic; George W. Griffith, general manager of the Hydramatic Division of General Motors Corp.; Dr. Ann Sutherland Harris, art historian; and Rosa Parks, who has been referred to as "the mother of civil rights movement."

Awarded degrees from Farmington were William Walter Aydelotte, Mary Martha Cole and John David Whitworth.

Awarded degrees from Farmington Hills were Michael Darrel Ashley, Brant Alan Engel, Julia Anne Pournier, Victoria Ann Kimler, Archie Frederick Mallette, Brian Joseph Wickleskie, Ann Marie Schulkins and Stephen Robert Vivian.

Bierwirth promoted to first lieutenant

Roy C. Bierwirth, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bierwirth of 25095 Lynncastle has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of first lieutenant.

Bierwirth is a platoon leader at Fort Hood, Tex. In 1979 he earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

His wife, Michele, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Esch of 2901 Switcereed Road, Fairfax Station, Va.



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