

Workshop focuses on older students' needs

A workshop on "Transitions and Adaptations in Life" will be held Thursday, April 15, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The one-day workshop, sponsored by the Michigan College Personnel Association, will focus on the needs of the older, returning student.

The workshop will consist of eight segments. Dr. Max Rains, a professor at Michigan State University, will deliver the keynote address. He will discuss "Transitions and Adaptations: Growth or Deterioration."

Other topics include coping with reality, teacher/learner perspectives, stress and the family as the helper, leisure as an adaptation to change, the male sex role and the problems and needs of minority students.

The cost of the workshop is \$15 including lunch. Advances registration is required. To register call Larry Soldan at OCC at 476-9400.

Volunteer's ready if draft comes back

By Suzie Rollins Singer
staff writer

If the United States ever begins drafting young men for the Army, Mel Rycus will be ready.

He is one of 405 persons who will act as local draft board members should the Selective Service system become activated again.

"I wanted to be on top of the situation... and the only way to get on top of things is to get involved," he said.

Rycus, a West Bloomfield resident, volunteered to become a draft board member about a year ago. While attending an Optimists Club luncheon, he heard an announcement soliciting vol-

unteer recruits for the board positions. "I asked that my name be sent in, received a questionnaire, then was interviewed by reserve officers and eventually selected by the governor," he said.

RYCUS SAID he did not want to be sitting back and then find that all of a sudden draft boards were popping up all over the country.

According to Paul Frakes, state director of Selective Service, more than 1,603 persons applied for the 405 Michigan positions. About 850 were interviewed.

VOLUNTEERS were selected on

their ability to answer questions regarding their decision-making processes. To apply, they had to be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and not a recruit or a member of the armed services. Applicants could not have served on the board for more than 20 years.

"Since the Selective Service went out of business in 1974, we had to look for all new people," he added.

Should a draft take place, Selective Service board members would be responsible for making judgmental decisions on whether a potential draftee is eligible for a deferment because he is a conscientious objector or suffering a hardship.

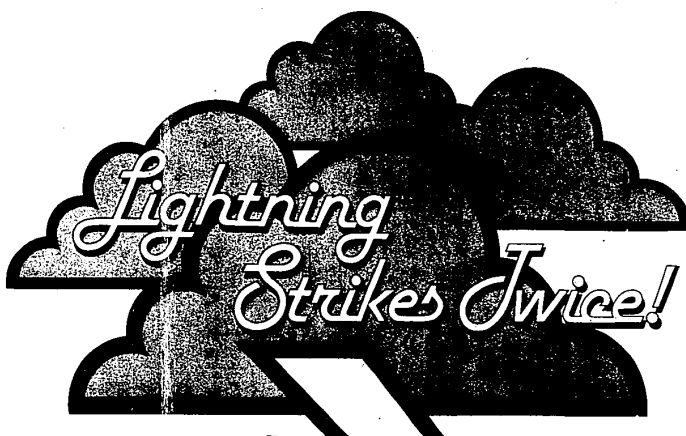
Persons who object to the war, want

desk jobs away from combat, are ministers or are studying for the ministry, or have financial or psychological hardships may be eligible for special consideration, Frakes explained.

"During the training, we teach the men and women what questions to ask and how to make those types of decisions," Frakes said.

Later this month, during a two-day session, Rycus will be trained as an official volunteer Selective Service board member.

In the event of a military draft, Rycus and other volunteers in Oakland and Wayne counties will report to an assigned board office and begin registering draft-age American men.



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