

Youth job outlook grim unless you're low income

By Carol Azilian
staff writer

Although most Oakland County high school and college students face dim prospects of finding summer jobs, there are a few glimmers of hope for youths from low-income families.

Area job placement supervisors agree that only the most aggressive and skilled students will get summer employment.

But Oakland County youths from low-income families need only meet income guidelines and be quick in applying for some 1,500 job opportunities throughout the area.

"THERE'S NO indication that the

7-course dinner to benefit OCC concert series

A special benefit performance will conclude this season's Elegant concert series at 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 22 at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake.

Featured artists will include Karin Hancherlain, pianist; Dorothy Berry, soprano; Enrico LaRocca, tenor; Cheryl Pelrie, violinist.

A seven-course French dinner will be prepared by Chef Richard Benson of Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

Proceeds will help continue the concert series.

Tickets are \$22 per person, \$10 of which is tax deductible. Students and senior citizens will be charged \$10 per person and earn a \$6 tax deduction.

Reservations may be made with the Office of Student Activities before April 21, 360-3113.

Job market is picking up," said Alan Scott, assistant director of Placement and Cooperative Programs at Oakland University.

"Students must be more aggressive, look and work harder to find job opportunities."

His assessment is backed up by the Michigan Employment Security Commission's forecast. Although statistics aren't available yet, an MESC spokesman predicts that the youth unemployment rate in the Detroit area will be higher than last year.

Last summer, the jobless rate for youths in metropolitan Detroit was 26.9 percent. Statewide, the rate was 26.5. The overall unemployment rate for Michigan was 14.3 percent last summer.

SOME JOB placement supervisors say more youths may be unemployed

this summer because adults are taking jobs that youths normally would qualify for.

"Adults are willing to accept jobs in restaurants, for example, that youths usually apply for," said Gloria Kennedy, director of Southfield's Community Placement Program.

"We're encouraging students to be willing to accept maintenance jobs at condominiums, mow lawns or baby sit."

Scott said he's telling students to hone up on their technical skills. "Students with a background in engineering, computer sciences or business will have an easier time in the job market," he said.

SCOTT SAID Oakland University's placement service provides listings of job opportunities with local businesses and manufacturers, as well as part-

time work at major out-of-state entertainment centers such as Cedar Point, Disneyland and King's Island.

In addition, students may try their hands at a number of federal government positions.

Among them are typists with the Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D.C., engineering aides for the Defense Logistics Agency in Los Angeles, or educational research assistants for the Department of Education in Washington. Deadline to apply for those jobs is April 15.

OAKLAND YOUTHS ages 14-21 from low-income families will have an opportunity to apply for some 1,500 jobs through a federally funded county program.

"We hope to place more youths this year than we did last year," said Harold McKay, director of employment and training for Oakland County. Jobs include maintenance and library aides, clerical assistants, and landscape workers for township, city and county offices, public schools and local parks and recreation departments.

Applications will be accepted at the

Southfield Community Placement Center, Troy YIP, and the Southwest Community Employment Service in Walled Lake beginning in late April.

IN ADDITION, Oakland County offers an on-the-job training program for adults. Employers pay half the wages, while the federal government picks up the other half of the tab.

The program has a fairly high suc-

cess rate, supervisor Donna Patterson said. Last year, 74 percent of the 1,000 adults who were placed in training positions with local manufacturing and service industries were hired by the firms.

"The jobs are primarily for unemployed persons with few skills, ex-offenders, minorities and the handicapped," said Donna Patterson, supervisor of the program.

Heart rehab course starts May 4 at OCC

Cardiovascular rehabilitation classes will be offered beginning Wednesday, May 4, at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake.

Designed for people with cardiovascular problems, the program is the second of its kind in the nation based at a community college.

Registration information is available from an admissions counselor at Highland Lakes Campus, 360-3067.

ALTHOUGH THE program is designed for persons who have had heart surgery, a heart attack or stroke, people being treated for coronary artery disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or asthma also may benefit from the class.

The program is intended to improve the student's outlook, increase stamina,

enhance cardiac stress awareness, reduce cardiac risk factors and promote cardiovascular fitness through conditioning, said Rita Foudman, OCC exercise physiologist and program coordinator.

A personalized exercise plan is developed after reviewing the medical history and stress test results of each student.

MEDICALLY supervised exercise sessions are scheduled 6-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each includes 10 minutes of warm-up, 25 minutes of aerobic activity and a 10-minute cool-down period.

A lecture/discussion period will be held 7-9 p.m. Mondays, focusing on medication, stress, behavior modification, cholesterol, first aid and diet and weight control.

Sales language lunch talk topic

"The Hidden Language of Sales" will be discussed by David Hoyt at a luncheon meeting of the Women's Commercial Real Estate Association.

The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Jacques Restaurant in Birmingham.

Hoyt, an associate broker with Real Estate One Commercial Inc., is a speaker on various aspects of industrial real estate and sales communications skills.

The meeting is open to non-members. Cost is \$12 per guest. Reservations may be made with Marion Cohen, 335-0820.

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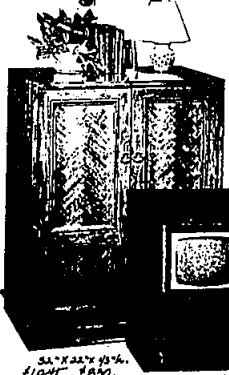
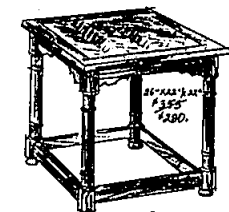
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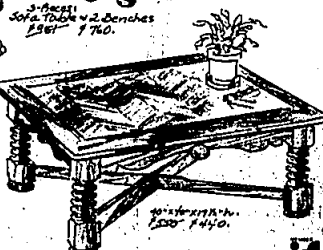
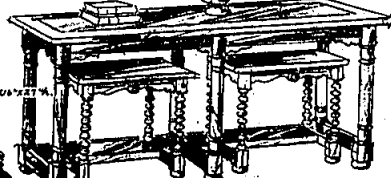
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