

Textbook becomes family affair

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"Now, you just put two pieces together, melt them and add a little bit more metal so that the total thickness doesn't have to be any greater than the original two pieces."

Co-author Kevin Bowditch, 24, holds a degree in welding engineering from Ohio State University and now lives in San Diego, Calif. The younger Bowditch wrote seven chapters "about some of the new things like robotics which are beyond even me," according to his father.

A welding textbook becomes out of date and must be rewritten about every three years, according to Bowditch.

"With Kevin's help, I've made this latest revision technically correct in every way," he said. "There were slight errors in earlier editions which he caught and corrected."

THE NEW EDITION — "a complete rewrite," Bowditch calls it — is written so that a seventh grader could understand it.

"Some of our earlier revisions were

written at about an 11th- or 12th-grade level," Bowditch said. "We got it down to about 7th by changing some of the big words and making the sentences shorter. The reading level of some of our vocab. ed students is probably sixth, seventh or eighth grade."

Obviously, Bowditch is a great believer in vocational education.

"Every student needs to have a salable skill of some kind, so that they can make a living after high school," he said. "You can even use that skill

to put yourself through college. I sure did."

"While other kids were working as soda jerks, I was making big bucks as an auto mechanic. And I didn't have to work as many hours to make enough to put myself through school."

About 20,000 copies of the 1983 edition will be sold, Bowditch said. The book is published by Godheart-Willeco of South Holland, Ill.

To celebrate the new edition, the Bowditchs hosted a dinner at The Buggy Works restaurant in Farmington Hills on Dec. 28.

Ferris inducts honor student

Robert Kocembo of Farmington Hills was among twelve students recently inducted into the Ferris State College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), national leadership honor society.

Kocembo who is majoring in optometry at Ferris is the son of Robert and Lynette Kocembo, Farmington Hills. He attended North Farmington High School.

ODK recognizes and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, social service, religious activities and campus government, journalism, speech and the mass media and creative and performing arts. Students must also be in the upper 35 percent scholastically of their school and for the academic year. Membership qual-

ifications include exemplary character, responsible leadership and service in campus life, superior scholarship, genuine fellowship and consecration to democratic ideas.

Ferris, which is celebrating its Centennial in 1983-84, is recognized as a state and national leader in health, technical and professional career-oriented education. FSC offers over 110 educational programs through its Schools of Allied Health, Business, Education, General Education, Pharmacy and Technical and Applied Arts, and one of only 15 colleges of optometry in the nation. Nearly 11,000 students attend classes on the college's 600-acre, west-central Michigan campus in Big Rapids.

District seeks to sell land held in reserve

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nance" on the land, Wallace said, so the board can afford to take its time.

"We'll wait and see what develops in the future," Inch said.

In any event, the district won't make a lot of money if it decides to sell. State law dictates that money gained from land sales must be used for building

and site purposes, including debt retirement. The money can't be used to buy books and pay teachers' salaries.

The matter will be discussed further — but probably not resolved — at future board meetings.

The board meets next at 8 p.m. Tuesday, at the central office, 32500 Shiawassee.



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