Seminar to focus on Premenstrual Syndrome

Many Faces of PMS' in Dimensions, in Informational publication published by Huttel Hospital.

"The Dimensions article pointed out that in 1842, a French scientist words that in 1842, a French scientist words the problem of the PMS of the PMS

the 'subject were published in 1930 alone.
-Finally, in 1931, Robert Frank, M.D. a New York endocratioolgst, described the scope of premenstrual symptons that women had experienced. But it was not until 1953 that a British physician, Katharina Dallon, published the article, "The Premenstrual Syndrome," in a British journal that fully called attention to the subject.
While PMS is not new, researchers and physicians are still looking for the cause or causes of the disorder that manifests itself in many different ways: abdominal cramps, breast tenderness, fatigue, depression and crying spells, cravings for certain foots, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, constipation and difficulty concentrating, to anne a few.

LICHTEN IS ONE of those researchers. Rather than psychological, Lichten now believes most of the less severe problems are caused by a hormonal imbalance.

mbalance.
His research began with Kohn.
By the time she came to Lichten,
Kohn was in such a state "that she
begged me for a hysterectomy."
Lichten recalls, She was 23 at the time. Kohn's discomfort began when she first started menstruating at the age of

"It WAS SICK RIGHT from my first period," she said in the Dimensions article. "Things got progressively worse as I got older and I would lie in bed with three heating pads and take Demerol for the pain.

"I felt so sick the week before each period that it anyone even spoke to me at times, I would go just crary," she added. Kohn said she tried a number of physicians and therapies over the next several years. One of those was birth control pills to control the hormose levels in the body. She took them for 2'w years, but stopped when she suffered some side effects.

"I was '17, and when I told my gynecologist bow much pala I was in every month, he just told me it would go away when I had children. Having

Women --- as consumers vital role in raising the medical profession's awareness of PMS.

- Dr. Edward Lichten PMS researcher

children at that age would have been a high price to pay to get rid of my cramps." Kohn said. She came to Lichten's attention at the height of one of those severe at-tacks of pain.

"DR. LICRITEN WAS the first person who said to me 'there is something wrong with you." Noha said treatments, Lichten told Rohn about an experimental procedure that he had been working on. He called it LUNA — an acroopy for Laparascopic Uterios Nerve Ablation — "hamed after Luna, the goddess of the moon." It involves an incision at the navel and severing of the uterine nerves.

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Five weeks later, Kohn had her first post-surgery period. She felt no pain and the premenstrual discomfort never

came. The procedure had worked.

LUNA, Lichten explained, is used to relieve women who have dysmenor-rhea or painful menstruation. Dysmenorrhea is only one of several manifestations of PMS.

Lichten believes strongly that only through education will the problem of PMS be solved. He believes that the first place to start is with the medical profession itself.

In that regard, he recently conducted a seminar on PMS for doctors, but the response was very poor.

"EITHER THEY'RE not interested or not into it or they didn't have time," he said. "It's funny because I see the people after they see the other doc-tors."

ONE OF THOSE times was a recent seminar in Canton Township in conjunction with Janton Barber, a West and women has suffered a severation which were the seminar down or the seminar at 7 pm. complain to their doctors. The presume Center at Farmington and Five Mile about 11."

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language which would open the door to many cultures proved too much to resists a couple of years ago after she read a newspaper article about Experanto.

She phoned the ELINA headquarters in California and signed up for the introductory postal course as well as the intensive introductory course at San Francisco State University. "To not said the befor a housewife for the

Francisco State University.
"I pot aside being a housewife for the first time in my life," she said. Not only did she sit through three hours of introductory classes, she audited classes at other levels.
For Latonky, whose last language lesson and been in university level French, the fun with Esperanto was that it didn't take years of concentrations.

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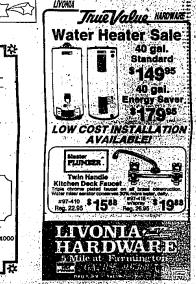
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Initiated

Three local teachers have been initiated into Ington for 15 years, teachers third graders in Beta Eta Chapter of international Delta Keppa Forest Elementary, Donna Tinberg (at right) is a Gamma Society, an honorary society of teachers. Barbara Hendershot, (at left) a teacher for in Clarenceville Junior High School, where she Farmington Public Schools for 18 years, teaches also directs the Drama Club, Chorus Line, and first graders at Beechtwe Elementary School. Sponsors the National Junior Honor Society's Chapter Novalis (in center), a teacher in Farm-

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'Lockup' aids cancer battle

The American Cancer Society has scheduled the Detroit area's first Great American Lockup for Aug. 14-18 at Tally Hall on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

During the Lockup, according to chairwoman Dolly Schiciano, participants will be lovided to "jall" friends, relatives or co-workers at the Hunter's

personalties and evening lockup ses-ations for the general public will take place Wednesday through Saturday. Committee members Beverly Lopa-tin of Bloomfield, and Sky and Jam-io West Bloomfield, and Sky and Jam-io Waby of Bloomfield Township are developing community "hit lists" of po-tential candidates.







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