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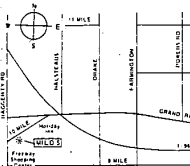
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Student Activities Bldg. Next For LIT Campus

Southfield's Lawrence Institute of Technology, the unusual urban college in a rural setting, forecasts unusual progress in the 1970's as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

In the next decade, the second largest private college in the state will provide complete facilities for 5,000 to 6,000 students. Next on the agenda for the healthy, growing LIT on its 85-acre campus at 10 Mile and Northwestern where the Rouge River cuts a path, is a \$2.25 million, 60,000 square foot student activities building.

IT IS the most important single step in the future development of the campus, according to President Wayne Buell. The two-story, three-unit building, designed by Earl Pellerin, director of the LIT school of architecture, is scheduled for completion in 1972. Its final design reflects conferences with students, alumni and faculty visits to colleges with similar facilities.

Three main units of the structural steel and reinforced concrete building will be the gym, locker, shower and exercise rooms, swimming pool and administrative and student activity and recreation areas.

It will implement LIT's philosophy of making participants out of as many spectators as possible and allow for the college's re-entry into intercollegiate competition.

Offices, committee rooms and meeting rooms in the new building will serve the needs of 38 student organizations.

Closely scheduled with the activities building is a 400-unit dormitory. LIT's first residence hall. Another three-story academic and service building will complete the quadrangle in the center of the campus and more space will be available for expansion of the library and school of architecture.

LIT has come a long way since it was conceived as a non-profit institution in 1932 in an old building in Highland Park. It was the midst of the depression, and prospects were slim that a private college with few resources could survive.

Its founder, Russell Lawrence, wanted to offer first-rate technical education on a study-now, pay-later basis through a system of low interest loans.

Shrewd management of meager resources and huge profits from investments were keys to LIT's financial success.

A 60-acre plot, at Greenfield and Eight Mile, purchased in 1949 for LIT's campus, was bought by the J.L. Hudson Co. for its Northland Center.

With the profits, LIT bought a farm which became its present campus and sold 61 acres of the land at a profit. In 1955 the college opened on a 68-acre tract with a group of three classrooms and an administration building.

In the intervening years, four schools have been added—the schools of architecture, engineering, industrial

management and arts and science.

The library complex was added in 1962 and by 1965, increases in enrollment, faculty and supporting personnel put pressures on existing facilities. Plans were drawn for a \$2.5 million, 80,000 square foot science building to house the newly created school of arts and sciences.

LIT received a federal grant of \$770,000, a federal loan of \$921,000 and private contributions of \$350,000. The science building opened in 1968, making possible new degree programs in chemistry, math and physics.

IN ADDITION to major buildings, nearly \$1 million was spent for renovations and improvements.



EIGHTH GRADE SHOP students at Clarenceville Junior High School recently constructed and presented 11 benches to Westbrook Elementary School for the playground and nature area. Installing the benches are (from left) Dan Johnson, Robert Grenier, Walt Humberger (partly obscured) and Eric Laurens. Two eighth grade shop classes participated in the project under the supervision of David F. Kinney, their instructor.

C'ville Drama Unit Offers 'Haunting'

"The Haunting," a play adapted from a story by Shirley Jackson, one of America's foremost authors, will be the fall theatrical offering of Clarenceville High School students.

Directed by Robert Gregory, drama department chairman, the play will be presented Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 1-3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middle Belt, Livonia.

Adapted for the stage by F. Andrew Leslie, the play is concerned with four people who spend several nights in a haunted house to observe happenings within it.

Advance tickets at \$1 may be reserved by calling the High School office. Tickets at the door will be \$1.50 each.

The cast, in order of appearance, includes Mikki Kozma as Eleanor Vance; Diane Margolis as Mrs. Dudley; Laurie Lessen as Theodora; Steven Schlick as Dr. Montague; Mike Sullivan as Luke Sanderson; Sandy Black as Mrs. Montague; Richard Weinberg, Arthur Parker; Mike Waack and Cheri Jones as understudies.

Assistant directors are Marcie Reed and Blaise Prebo. Dorothy Sullivan is producer.

This year, drama students will be getting a boost from parents of theater students who have organized a group entitled Theater Parents Organization (TPO). Hopefully, the TPO will be able to raise funds, during the course of the school year, to assist in sponsoring a summer theater school.

The stamp of success came to LIT in 1967 in the form of accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The accreditation was continued this month after a periodic visit by an examination committee.

LIT actually serves three student bodies and its success and growth can be traced, in part, to full-day and evening use of facilities. The college operates from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. five days a week.

Enrollment totals approximately 4,500, both men and women, with four-year bachelor of science programs offered in the daytime for more than 2,000 students and an additional 1,500 students Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Other

students are enrolled in associate degree programs Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

All members of the faculty teaching upper division professional courses have had experience in business or industry.

LIT ranks fifth among the nation's colleges as a supplier of management and technical personnel to two of the three major automobile companies. More than 100 companies visit the campus annually to recruit graduates.

More than 5,500 graduates in 40 states and 11 foreign countries hold key positions as scientists, engineers, architects and managers and the number is growing.

PO-BOX -Drugs-

'Liquid Fire' Is LSD-Plus

Questions should be sent to the Community Commission on Drug Abuse, P.O. Box Drugs, Livonia, Mich. 48141. Q. Have you ever heard of a drug called "liquid fire"?

R.B., Livonia

A. We had not heard of this term, but checked with Lafayette Clinic in Detroit and were told that "liquid fire" is a name given to LSD or some mixtures containing it.

The people there were in agreement that there was a good chance that anyone buying this runs the added risk of getting PCP instead of, or in addition to, the LSD. PCP is an animal tranquilizer and, as has been pointed out previously in this column, is extremely dangerous for human use.

Q. You seem to mention PCP quite often in your column. I know quite a few kids who use dope, but I've never heard of any of them getting PCP. Is there really any of it in this area?

S.K., Westland

A. What you hear, or rather what you don't hear, about PCP would check out with the facts. The point is that no one ever says that he is selling PCP because this drug has such a bad name. It is being substituted for just about every known mind-altering drug there is. (See previous answer for example) It's an economic thing: PCP is relatively easy to make and much cheaper. There is simply more money in it for the dealer.

As for its being in this area, the answer is "Yes, very much so." A recent raid in the Livonia area turned up 20,000 "hits" of this drug.

Q. I heard someone talking about drug-abuse, and there was mention of drugs messing up the "ecology of the human body." Can you explain what he was saying?

L.L., Redford

A. Yes, this makes a lot of sense to us. Just as automobiles and smokestacks pollute our air and detergents and fertilizers pollute our water, drugs can almost literally pollute our systems.

The chemical balance of our bodies is a delicate thing. It's a closed system just as our external environment is. Throw one part of it out of kilter, and the rest of the system is adversely affected.

Yule Cards Aid Arthritis

The Michigan Arthritis Association is selling Christmas Cards this year. Persons wishing to aid the foundation in its fight against arthritis should send \$2.50 for a box of plain cards or \$4.50 for a box of imprinted Christmas cards along with a delivery cost of 25 cents per box to the Michigan Arthritis Foundation, 27308 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, 48076.

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3 Receive UM Degrees After Summer Term

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Three Farmington students were among the 36 graduates at summer term commencement exercises at the University of Michigan Dearborn Campus recently.

Dorothy A. Gordon of 28457 Westerleigh received a BA degree with distinction.

Charles I. Bassin of 28960 Lorikay received a bachelor of general studies degree; and Sharon L. O'Dette of 25912 West 12 Mile Road received a BA.