

# Schoolcraft Continuum Views College Scene

By BETTY MASSON

You're tired of volunteer work, your children don't need you as much as they used to when they were little, your husband is involved with a hockey team three nights a week, extra money would come in handy, and you're thinking about going back to school and getting a job.

If you've decided what area you want to get into, you'd better do some research first. This was the advice of Nancy Dufour, director of Schoolcraft College's women's continuum center.

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Originally scheduled for a classroom in the liberal arts building, the seminar had to be moved to a larger lecture hall in the forum building.

Turned out for the 9:30 a.m. seminar. Sessions continue for five hours Tuesday mornings. You may learn about topics to be covered by calling Mrs. Dufour at the college.

The director said she is planning workshops May 2-5 to discuss "New Career Opportunities for Women" as well.

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back to school is a good idea, according to all four speakers, Adele Weaver of Livonia, Virginia Myrtle of Plymouth, Pat Hausmann of Westland and Doris Campbell of Livonia.

"I think most women are selling themselves short," said Mrs. Campbell, who is the only female in the mechanical design program at the college. She has a 3.7 average and "wipes out the guys."

"There's nothing wrong with going back to school just to learn something," she said.

One of the things you learn, according to her, is "to look through the long hair - you find a whole bunch of fantastic guys."

"You look at things differently, and people look at you differently," said Mrs. Weaver.

"Going back to school has made a difference in my life. It's interesting," said Mrs. Myrtle.

"Everybody's the same age here," was Mrs. Hausmann's comment.

"The professors like to have our older women in the class," said Mrs. Weaver. "Because we are more mature and we are not afraid to open our mouths."

All agreed that going back to school does present problems.

You have to let your housework go a little.

Getting into the habit of studying again is not easy, and all advised starting with one course in a subject in which you are interested.

Not all did it this way. Mrs. Myrtle started with two courses, worth seven credit hours, and found herself getting up at 5 a.m. every day to study.

But it does get easier.

"The first semester, I felt like chucking it. Since then, I've never felt that way," said Mrs. Weaver.

The speakers also recommended starting in a small college.

"But start, even if you're not sure what you want to take," they said. Studying and talking with others will help you make up your mind.

Mrs. Myrtle recommended starting with the human potential seminars offered by the college. Registrations are being taken at the college March 28 and 29 for two new sessions.

The first begins April 2 and is geared toward career decision-making. The second starts April 17 and is a basic course in exploring goals and potential. The cost is \$16.50 for in-district students, and registration hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 6 to 9 p.m. both days.



SMALL MODELS for the April 5 fashion show-luncheon to benefit St. Mary Hospital in Livonia include several daughters of physicians at the hospital. That's Parvia Ghandchi (above) and (from left, below) Ruth Ann Waller, Heidi Lafata and Andrea Ghandchi. The luncheon in Raleigh House, Southfield, will begin at 11:30 a.m. and a few tickets for \$7 still may be obtained from staff members at the hospital or from Mrs. Dieter Rohl, 16206 Alpine Drive, Livonia. Styles from Saks Fifth Avenue for women and children will be modeled by members of the Friends of St. Mary. (Observer photo by Maurie Walker)

## Alumni Set Reunion

Mercy College of Detroit Farmington is assisting with Alumni will celebrate their 10th annual reunion on campus, 8200 W. Outer Drive, on Saturday, March 31.

Kathy Wildern of Young Singles Plan Dance

The Beth Abraham-Hillel Young Singles Group (18 through 30 years) will hold an April Fool's masquerade ball and dinner at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31. It will be held in the upper rear annex of the synagogue building, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

Reservations should be made by calling the synagogue office.

Farmington is assisting with plans. Cocktails will be served at 12 noon with a sirloin luncheon set at 1:15 p.m. Special tributes will be paid to the classes of 1943, 1953 and 1963.

Proceeds from the event will go to the alumni scholarship fund.

Tickets are available at the alumni office, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Box 123.

# Western Wayne YWCA Is Taking Enrollments

Friday, March 30, is the deadline for registration in classes offered by the YWCA of Western Wayne County in Livonia and Dearborn.

To enroll, call or visit the YWCA, 1034 Monroe Boulevard, Dearborn. The yearly membership is \$3.50.

Each Wednesday, the YWCA offers a variety of activities in Livonia. These include painting, yoga, exercise, needlecraft, modern crafts, camping for beginners and "potpourri," which explores a new topic each week. Play groups for preschoolers are available.

Topping the sports schedule for the family are five indoor golf sessions taught by a golf pro and outdoor tennis lessons. Both will be limited to six students per class.

Yoga and exercise offer two different approaches to physical fitness.

Swimming includes scheduling for all levels, from mother-tot water adjustment through advanced swimmers and senior lifesaving.

A new offering, "water safety aide," is for boys and girls ages 11-17, who have completed junior and senior lifesaving. Those successfully completing the course will qualify to assist a water safety instructor.

The creative arts scheduling includes a variety of courses offered both days and evenings. The courses include custom drapery, sketching and oil painting, sculpture and a fun course called "design and materials." This includes experience with mosaic, batik and weaving. Students will make their own hand looms.

There also will be courses in tapestry rug hooking and dyeing.

Amateur sewers will profit from a course called "Unravel Your Sewing Problems." It is designed to answer questions about plaids, zippers, appliques, collars and cuffs, pockets, hems, buttonholes and sleeve fittings.

There will be a course on quick knit sewing of children's clothes using the Bishop method.

The Thursday morning "sampler" is designed for those who enjoy variety. Each two-hour session will feature a creative workshop. The opening session will be on Ukrainian egg decorating. This will be followed by mornings of oriental cooking and tasting, macramé and flower arranging.

Bridge players may attend refresher courses, and there will be folk guitar classes for persons 13 and over.

Play groups for children 2½ to six are available for mothers enrolling in Tuesday or Thursday morning programs.

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