

Degree in Urban Studies tailored for modern life

By BARBARA BRUMM
Student demand has prompted the University of Michigan at Dearborn to offer a new bachelor of arts degree program in Urban and Regional Studies.
"This program is part of a movement on campus to construct different and diverse programs within the liberal arts tradition which would be applicable to today's student professional and job needs," said Dr. Eugene Arden of Southfield, U-M Dearborn provost and dean of academic affairs.
"Students have asked us to form a program like this and we hope that what we teach in this new program will help graduates earn a living by preparing them for today's new jobs."
Emphasizing that the new program is not a radical departure from what a college program traditionally is, Arden said, "Instead, we have pooled together various

existing courses from many departments on campus into one effective curriculum.
"WE ARE just offering new options for students to take. Individual departments couldn't handle these options so we need a whole new program to make these options available."
Over 90 percent of the courses that will be included in the program are already offered at U-M.
Only four new courses will be added to the program. Two of the courses will focus on urban civilization and the other two will be research and field experience courses.
All courses will be available at U-M Dearborn by September. These graduates will deal with both the physical environment and culture and physical design of the city plus focus on how the city functions and what the economics of the city are.

"FOR THE first time we will have an academic concentration program that reflects the urban orientation of the campus," Arden said.
Besides the program giving students career preparation, the courses also, according to Arden, will prepare students for graduate school and law school.
"Hopefully, we will be able to expand our program here to be attractive to people who want not only just to work in city government but to those who have other careers related to the city, such as journalism and health care."
Students may specialize in three major areas within the program including public policy (including public finance and administration), urban environment (including environmental science and contemporary social problems), and urban civilization (including

urban literature, art, and the black experience).
THE EXPECTED enrollment for the new program this semester is 50-100 students. The program is open to only freshmen, transfer students, and community college graduates.
This program is the first one to be offered under U-M Dearborn's new experimental Division of Interdisciplinary Studies.
"We hope other programs will follow. We are thinking about instituting a new environmental science program and a new communications curriculum on campus in the near future," Arden said.
"We have the resources on campus already, all we have to do is pool these resources together into one program and so give students more options and more fields to major in to better prepare them for today's skills."

Raising teens just different, young caseworker explains

By JACKIE KLEIN
Raising teenagers today is no harder than it ever was. It's just different.
That's the assessment of the Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance Commission's new caseworker, Mrs. Martha Harold. She's a part 24 year old who understands kids because her own experiences as a teen are not far behind her.
"Parents are faced with a different set of situations today, but kids have always asserted themselves," she said. "Mothers and

fathers used to be worried about polio. Now they're concerned with keeping their kids safe from drugs.
"The drug problem will be solved, but parents will have different problems to contend with."

other circumstances and he doesn't want to be labeled 'different'.
"IT SOUNDS trite, but the most important thing for parents

to do is sit down and listen.
"It's not always what the youngster says that's as significant as his non-verbal behavior.



MRS. MARTHA HAROLD

MRS. HAROLD has been with the Southfield agency for two weeks, replacing Robert Cross who was promoted to supervisor in the Oakland County Youth Assistance Program.
She attended Case Western Reserve University for two years and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in social work and concentration in psychology.
Part of her field training in college was working with teens. After graduation, she was employed for two and one-half years with the American Red Cross in Pontiac counseling servicemen, veterans and their families.
Her new job involves preventative and rehabilitation programs for youths up to 17 and their parents.
"NO CHILD has a problem that doesn't affect his parents," Mrs. Harold said. "Sometimes, kids deny they're having difficulties as we try to draw them out. But if the young person is unwilling to talk, we can't help him."
The juvenile division of the probate court, which funds the program, doesn't require a youth to be counseled unless he wants the service, Mrs. Harold explained. Parents must give approval.
Mrs. Harold said she hasn't been in the community long enough to establish any definite patterns. But she believes the biggest problem between youth and adults is lack of communication.
"Heaven help the kid who says 'I like my parents.' He's subject to peer pressures and a variety of

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