

OU's Continuum Center marks 15th anniversary

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Oakland University's Continuum Center, celebrating its 15th anniversary this fall, brought together a large number of its peer counseling trained alumni for a banquet in the Bolstorff Inn.

The concept of peer counseling was new to the nation when it was instituted by the university in the mid-1960's. It has since served as a model for countless community agencies in the country.

Continuum Center alumni have helped establish the Birmingham Community Women's Center, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan in Petoskey and the Center for Human Development in Manistee County, Fla.

Four hundred-thirty persons have completed the center's peer counseling training. Some continue to serve as trained group leaders for the center's workshops, but many have taken their new-found skills into a variety of careers.

Among the alumni at the fall ban-

quet were a grief counselor at a Rochester funeral home; the only female fall director in Florida; directors of education for a Birmingham church; and a counselor for Pontiac Women's Survival Center.

ONE OF THE high points of the banquet was a dialogue between the oldest and youngest group leaders present; 81-year-old Connie Young of Farmington Hills and 24-year-old Julie Blum of Orchard Lake.

But reminiscing was the order of the day, led by Lowell Ecklund, OU's dean of continuing education. He told of the center's inception in 1965 with programs designed to meet the needs of middle-aged women who wanted to re-enter school or begin careers.

It has since diversified its clientele and operations so that it now serves men as well as women, from young adulthood to old age. Along with changes in clientele have come the shifts in the way services are provided.

But through it all, assisting adults in

self-exploration, planning and decision-making remains

the same as it was 15 years ago — committed to the belief that people can assume responsibility for directing the



Adele Weaver (at left), a West Bloomfield resident and Continuum Center coordinator for gerontology training, turns over the podium to Connie Young, Ms. Young is 81 years old, a Farmington Hills resident and the oldest of the peer counseling alumni.

personal and career aspects of their own lives.

In the past 15 years, more than 40,000 participants have been served with the center's services, constantly updated, diversified, switched, to meet the changing needs of the clientele.

ALONG WITH this evolution came the parallel development in the training of group leaders, known as peer counselors. This was training offered to those who had completed the original

programs of personal growth and career development.

As the acceptance of the use of paraprofessional counselors grew, the center expanded its efforts again; this time to train the counselors for specific groups.

Elinor Waters is director of the center, on the university's campus in Rochester. Betty White of Bloomfield Hills is coordinator of the center's older adult programs.

Lutherans dedicate sanctuary Sunday

A \$340,000 new sanctuary will be dedicated at services at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Officiating at the dedication will be Rev. Dr. Raymond Heine, bishop of the Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

The sanctuary is the final phase of construction of the church facility located at 35300 West Eight Mile Road. It was designed by Lindhout and Associates, architects, and the general contractor was T.H. Marsh Construction Co. It features a warm and functional worship area seating 290, and a nine rank Moeller pipe organ which is presently being installed.

The congregation moved to its present location in 1975, when it built the first unit at the site. The congregation of 350 members is presently served by the Rev. Lowell L. Anderson.

Pastor Anderson arrived a year ago, after having served a parish in Grand Rapids for 11 years. The former pastor is the Rev. Eino M. Tuori, who now lives in Minnesota in retirement.

A dedication banquet for members will be held Saturday evening. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:45 Sunday service when Pastor Tuori will preach. The dedication service in the afternoon will be followed by a fellowship hour in the parish hall.

The congregation welcomes guests join the festive services of thanksgiving.

Finns to host holiday bazaar

The annual holiday bazaar of the Finnish Cultural Association is set from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday Nov. 7 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 8, in Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile Road.

A variety of handmade items will be available, including clothing, toys, wall hangings and Christmas decorations. Finnish baked goods, including pasties, bread and pastries will also be available.

A variety of Finnish imported items, such as books, jewelry, dishes, glassware and other items will be for sale in the import shop.

new voices

MR. AND MRS. BRUCE J. CAMPBELL, 22561 Dover Hills Court, Farmington Hills, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born Oct. 20 in Providence Hospital.

The infant's grandparents are Milford A. Campbell of Novi and Dolores Campbell of Williamsburg, Mich.; and Mr. and Mrs. Archie R. Morden of Saginaw.

Conference deals with the love and conflict of 3 generations

An all-day conference offering 10 separate workshops called "Three Generations of Love and Conflict" will be given in Orchard Ridge Campus, J Building, Oakland Community College, Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Subtitled "A Conference for American Families," the event is the first of its kind cosponsored by the Women-Centers of Henry Ford Community College, Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College and University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Orchard Ridge Campus is located on Orchard Lake Road, between 11 and 12 Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

Registration and orientation begins at 8:30 a.m.

Workshops run concurrently so participants may attend two of their choice before lunch; two after lunch; and two after a 4:30 p.m. supper.

Luncheon speaker is Maryann Mahaffey, president pro tem of Detroit City Council and deputy chairperson for National White House Conference on Families.

The \$20 fee includes lunch. A fee of \$23 is charged if the participant stays for lunch and supper.

AMONG THE workshop offerings is "Family Politics, Power Shifts," dealing with maintaining intimacy and resolving conflicts within a changing family structure.

Others are "Surviving Unemployment and Forced Retirement," "Support Systems for You and Your Aging Folks," and "Homemakers Rights in Michigan."

"The Nurturant Male" deals with shifting roles and rules for men as women and children change their roles. "Alternative Life Styles" is geared for the unmarried or divorced who are living with parents or a roommate, or alone.

"Race and Ethnicity in Suburban Families" is geared for the racial or ethnic minority family who moves to the suburbs.

Other workshops are titled "Single Parents," "Working Parents with Latchkey Children" and "The Trying Teens."

REGISTRATION forms will be sent on request by calling Schoolcraft College, 591-6400, ext. 430; or Oakland Community College, 478-9400, ext. 509. Advance registration forms will give the participant preference to attend the desired workshops for each desired time frame.

All advance registration checks must be made payable to Schoolcraft College and mailed to Bursar-Conference for American Families, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 48152.

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