

Saturn sparks OU program

Educators have taken a tip from an auto manufacturer to develop leadership and improve administration.

The new program for K-12 personnel which began this fall at Oakland University is based on the General Motors Corp. Saturn experience.

"We started as GM did with Saturn — with a blank page and an eye to all of our markets including students, the schools and the community. There were no preconceived ideas," said OU Professor James Clatworthy, coordinator of the program.

DWIGHT DAVIS, president of the American Association of School Administrators,

has asked Clatworthy and Jacqueline Scherer, OU professor of sociology, to report on their project at the association's February 1986 meeting in San Francisco.

The topic will be "Bringing Saturn Management Style into School Administration: Vision on Reality?"

Clatworthy said innovations include an internship in which participants combine theory with action.

They must work as a team in their respective districts to complete a project on school improvement or quality of learning life.

The program stresses a team approach to problem solving. It helps train teacher-administrators who will look at a school or school district as a total learning system with knowledge of how budgeting, personnel and curriculum interact.

SCHOOLS ARE going to face a shortage of administrators, as well as teachers, Clatworthy said. The new program will help some teachers make the step from classroom to administration with the skills to relate to both areas.

The program has been developed to meet or exceed the American Association of Schools Administrators' competency guidelines. Working with the Meadow Brook Leadership Academy, local school superintendents and curriculum directors will serve as guest faculty working with OU professors. The leadership academy is a cooperative project of OU, and the Oakland and Macomb County schools.

Persons who complete the program will receive an education specialist degree in school administration.

Teachers, administrators, or staff with a master's degree can obtain more information about the program by calling OU at 370-3050.

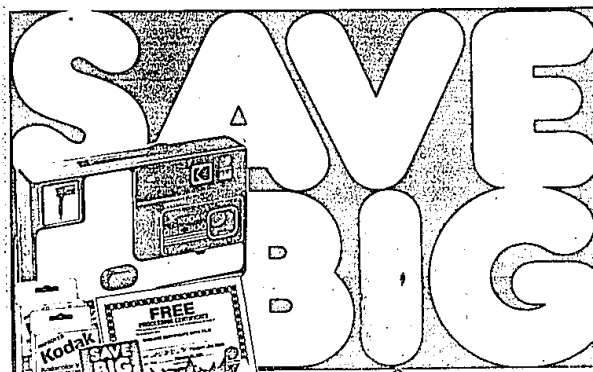
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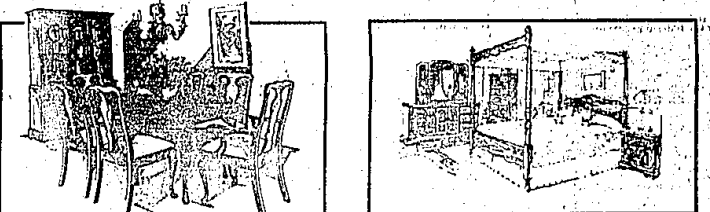


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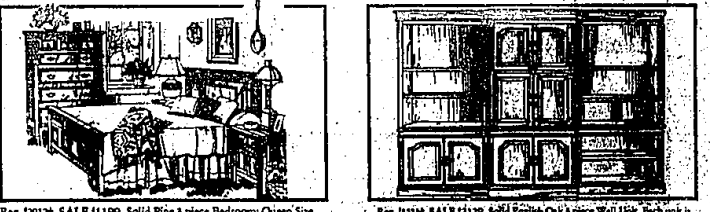
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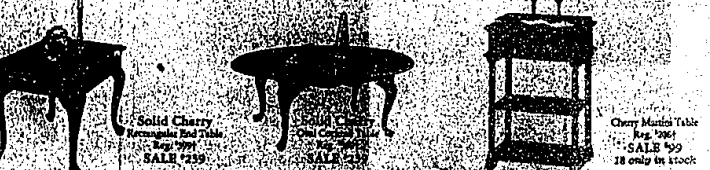
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