Alzheimer's program will aid families

It's a way to bring health care pro-essionals and family members to-tether to discuss America's fourth-

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But members of the Alzhelmer's Discusse and Related Disorders Asso-ciation, Southfield, hope their up-coming family care training work-shop also raises public awareness about the disease.
"Of all the terminal diseases I've worked with, none has the potential for driving families apart as does al-zhelmer's Disease," said program

coordinator Marjorie Failer. "A loi of people just can't cope." Alzhelmer's claims an estimated 100,000 lives annually, according to the association. For most victims, it's a lingering death, requiring ex-traordinary patience and care on the part of family members. For fami-ities, the strain is great.

THE TRAINING session on Friday, Nov. 6, at Beaumont Hospital. Royal Oak, will teach family members how to cope, Fuller said.
"It's really the first time we've brought professionals and family members together," she said. "In the

The free workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is financed by the Micingan Department of Mental Health.

Workshop speakers include Catherine Upton, a geriatric specialist on the Beaumont staff; attorney Rich-ard Bloom of Southfield; and Dian Wilkins, executive director of the as-sociation's Detroit chapter.

A RECENT state task force pre-dicted Alzheimer's Disease would become one of Michigan's major health issues in the next four dec-

An estimated 120,000 Michigan residents will be afflicted by 1990. The report said. That number is expected to triple by the year 2030. Family member care is important, Fuller said, because most Alzheimer's patients respond better to treatment at home than in nursing facilities.

But home care can be draining both financially and emotionally, she

said.
"There are simple ways we show caregivers to help make their lives easier," Fuller said.

THE ASSOCIATION is also lobby-

about Alzbelmer's and its effects. Though many Alzbelmer-related deaths go unrecorded, association is key goal.

"We don't feel families should be driven into poverty," Fuller said.
But the association's legislature agenda also includes items ranging from new recertification standardi autopsies for Alzbelmer's fatalities. Autopsies, medical experts agree, provide the best opportunity to learn

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Some 1,500 Michigan high school students and parents will be on Oakland University's Rochester campus as guests Sunday for the 22nd annual open house and scholarship competition.

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more than 70 academic programs.
Seniors can compete for academic scholarships valued at \$4,000 to \$6,000 each. Juniors and seniors may attend the open house, but only seniors may register for the competitive scholarship examination.

The program will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m. starting in the Lepley Sports Center and then switching to the Oakland Center. University faculty and financial aid personnel will

ulty and financial aid personnel will be on hand to answer questions.

Campus tours will be provided, and OU students will be present to share their college experiences.

Students must preregister for the program by obtaining an invitation from their high school guidance offices or by contacting the OU Admissions Office at 370-3364.



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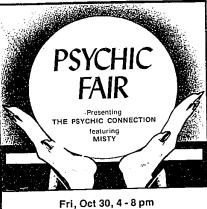
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