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New course aimed at building self esteem

By LORRAINE MCCLURE

FARMINGTON—Claire Oriana believes that if there is a national disease in the United States, it is lack of self-esteem.

"We bawl out our husbands and pick on the kids—for all their weaknesses, real or fancied. Our whole society is based on negative ideas. It's time we started emphasizing our strengths," she said.

The Farmington resident has packaged up her cure for lack of self-esteem in a new class called "Human Potential Seminars" that will be offered for the first time for credit when off-campus classes begin this

spring in the Center for Lifelong Learning and Human Development, 2700 Farmington Road.

IF THERE was a motto for her course it would be "Dare to try, dare to believe," a phrase she uses several times while she winds up to tell about her self-study course based on the participants' strengths.

"Negatives aren't allowed in my class. When I ask you to give me a list of your strengths I have people look at me like they are wondering who is this crazy lady—because we don't use them. We don't even think about them, so we sometimes don't even know they are there."

"I've tried this in other classes and

students are hard put to come up with three or four. But by the end of the course they can fill three or four sheets," she said.

The premise of the class is to start thinking about these things, "then we can build on them and then you can go," she said.

MRS. ORIANA got her master's degree in adult guidance and counseling after raising her family and getting a divorce so she claims a first hand experience in making the first step in getting back to school ("a pretty scary experience"); the lack of self-esteem that accompanied this, and "even the inability to set goals."

All of these are included in her

human potential seminars aimed to "get you to begin to believing in yourself."

"This is not a course on positive thinking," she said. "It is getting you to realize that you are not subservient, but a unique and separate person. Getting you to find out what is important to you. Getting you to sort out priorities. Getting you to make value clarifications. Getting you to look at yourself in a positive way."

Mrs. Oriana class will begin Wednesday, April 9, and run from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday through June 11. Registrations may be made by calling the center's new offices at 477-2800.



CLAIRE ORIANA

Farmington plans music for summer

FARMINGTON—Very likely Farmington will be the center of a light-hearted, fun summer.

The plans which Doug Gaynor of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission and Marlow Belanger of the Farmington Community Arts Council are making, could have the whole community in a pleasant whirl.

Gaynor and Mrs. Belanger announced this week their plans for an eight-week "Summer Series in the Park" Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The series will begin in late June and run through mid-August.

In addition to area-musical groups who have agreed to perform, the Gaynor-Belanger team are turning improvisations for local talent which they hope to showcase.

Talented local performers—individuals, family groups, instrumental groups, dance ensembles, orchestras and other performers—are being encouraged to contact Gaynor at the recreation department, Mrs. Belanger (listed in the book under Roger Belanger, Quail Hollow) or leave a name at one of the Farmington district libraries.

GAYNOR SAID, optimistically, "We are looking forward to some really fantastic entertainment. We aren't announcing the location for the concerts yet, but it will be someplace where families can bring a picnic basket, the youngsters can play on the swings and everyone can enjoy the concert."



MARLOW BELANGER

The Community Band and Jazz Band under the direction of Paul Barber have agreed to give six Tuesday and Thursday concerts. The Detroit Concert Band is signed for at least one concert, and Bill Harrison, community band musician, is already coordinating dates for several other local groups. The Oakway Symphony is another which has given a commitment.

The idea is to get the whole community involved, and since the recreation commission and the Community Arts Council represent both Farmington and Farmington Hills, the summer series will follow that tradition.

To really focus on kinds of talent, Mrs. Belanger is selecting days dedicated to certain types of entertainment. So far, she is certain there will be chorus day, family day, jazz day, old times day, youth day, community day, ecumenical day and instrumental day.

Gaynor, who came to the recreation commission from Southfield last December, may be new to the community, but not to successful recreation programs.

HIS FARMINGTON area community pride is already firmly in place. "I feel programs like these are going

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Fire damages construction

Farmington Hills fire chief Larry Schreffler surveys the remains of an apartment complex hit by fire early Wednesday morning. Residents living near the complex said the fire department responded to the fire about 2:30 a.m. and remained at the scene for about six

hours. Firemen at the scene said the building, at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, was under construction and not occupied at the time of the fire. No one was reported injured. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

New tax cut won't help, small businessman says

By CORINNE ARATT

As an industrialist of 30 years standing in the Farmington area, George Moore is vitally interested in the role of the small businessman in today's economy.

He is chairman of the boards of three companies which he founded—Moore Production Tool, Sun Steel Treating and Water Saver Systems. Although the companies do a world-wide business, he considers himself a small to medium size businessman.

Before consenting to give his rec-

ollections to the tax cut bill which President Ford signed last week, Moore said, "It is not to be a criticism of either the American government or the American way of life."

"That's not my purpose. I am concerned that small business needs more spokesmen. Our legislators still don't completely understand our needs. We must be more vocal and make ourselves heard."

Q. You've mentioned taxes and the role they play in stimulating the economy as one of your prime concerns. Will the tax cut President Ford recently signed help the small businessman?

A. Let me backtrack before answering. Until now there was a seven per cent tax credit for small business. In other words, when we needed to buy a new machine, we would immediately get a seven per cent tax credit from the purchase to apply against the current tax bill. The new tax cut boosted this to 10 per cent. But, I think we need a greater tax incentive. I think it should be the same as in many European countries. There should be a large investment credit so we can expand, really stimulate this economy, get moving and create more jobs.

Q. Then when we talk about tax and investment credit, we are really talking about credit to expand and in-

crease. As I understand it, this would create more jobs?

A. Definitely. You see, now we businessmen are putting our own money in or borrowing money to do this, but we need greater credit from our taxes. Seven per cent was no incentive to go out and borrow money to invest in equipment and 10 per cent won't make much difference.

It hardly pays to keep expanding—to keep buying new equipment if it costs 80 per cent of the total price anyhow. The inflated price of machines is astronomical.

Q. You mentioned European countries.

A. Well, take Italy, for instance. The government will give you something from 40 to 100 per cent tax credit depending on what you have and the product involved. England will do the same thing. Canada will let you write off new machinery in two years.

Q. This helps the businessmen buy new machinery, expand and employ more people?

A. That's right. And it creates more tax income because the company makes profits from this equipment and pays more taxes. What our government did with that restriction seven per cent credit is just sh-

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Fire damaged construction at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. Small businessmen need help (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

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