

Finances, new skills focus of OU courses

Personal finances and new skills for the changing job market will be the focus of non-degree evening courses offered by the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education beginning the week of Jan. 21.

For personal financial planning, the following brief evening courses will be offered on Mondays, beginning Jan. 21: Do Your Own Income Tax — and Wini, at Harrison High School, Farmington Hills, and on campus, instructed by attorneys, and Tax Shelters and Investments and Personal Financial Planning, both conducted by a financial consultant on campus.

Several evening courses about investment in collectibles, four to six weeks in length, also will be offered: on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 22, at Seaholm High School, Art for Investment will be instructed from 7:30-9:30 p.m. by Patrick J. Coffey, registered representative, National Association of Securities Dealers, and Diamonds and Gemstones: In Depth will be instructed by gemologist James R. Krol during the same time period. Also at Seaholm, Sterling Silver: Identification and Value will be instructed on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 23, by George M. Omelani, silversmith and collector.

Birmingham architect William Lyman will instruct America Antique Furniture: The Real Thing on campus on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 24. Investment value for pottery and porcelain will be explored by artist, collector and lecturer Marilyn Ross in an afternoon course at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 5.

FOR SMALL business owners or those considering operating a small business, evening courses will be offered in money management and starting and running a small business, Tues-

days and Wednesdays, Feb. 5 and 6, respectively.

Free introductory sessions to acquaint prospective enrollees with the courses will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 29. For locations, call the Continuing Education office, 377-3120.

A new business course for the inventor who wants to sell his product will be conducted by Paul G. Angott, inventor and president of Innovative Products, Madison Heights, on Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 22. Math anxiety and avoidance, stumbling blocks in many careers in today's technological job market, will be dealt with in a new math competency diploma program. A series of four evening courses promote development of math skills in a supportive atmosphere. The five-week courses may be taken individually. They are instructed by qualified teachers sensitive to the needs of math-anxious persons, under George Feeman, chairperson of the university mathematics department.

INTERPERSONAL skills for the job or home will be the subject of communications courses: on Mondays, beginning Jan. 21, Assertion Awareness, followed by Assertion in Action, a lab experience to individualize assertion behavior, beginning Feb. 4.

The Art of Listening, one of the most neglected yet important communication skills, will be offered on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 23. A self-help course based on sound research, Memory Power, will be conducted on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 24.

Information about the legal assistant inventory and about all non-degree courses may be obtained from the Continuing Education office, 377-3120.



the lively needle

Mary Kay Davis

Chatelaine holds stitching aids

Twelfth Night is the end of the Old English 12 days of Christmas and the day you get that partridge in the pear tree.

What you're supposed to do with it the first week in January is anybody's guess, but Twelfth Night is still a good time to give a present — to yourself.

Leaving partridges and pear trees to ornithologists and horticulturalists, concentrate on a gift that's nearer home. Chatelaines are those colorful ribbons that you see around happy stitchers' necks. All kinds of goodies, from pin cushions to scissors, hang from the ribbon and make the chatelaine both decorative and very useful.

First place a measuring tape around your neck and decide how long you want your chatelaine ribbon to be. (I followed directions which must have been sized to Wilt Chamberlain, and all my implements bump against my hip bones, which is disconcerting, to say the least.) Each addition to the chatelaine is called a "toy" and they extend from four to seven inches below the ends of the ribbon.

Buy grosgrain ribbon or woven tape

one inch wide and four inches longer than you ultimately want it to measure. I doubled my ribbon to make it firmer, but after all the sewing is finished, I doubt that it's necessary.

Rings are added to chatelaines to make them heavy enough to drape well. How many rings you add depends upon the weight of your toys and whether the rings are metal or plastic. In any case, they should be one inch in diameter so that ribbons will slip through easily. If your toys are heavy enough — scissors, thimble-cases, etc. — you may not need rings at all.

Placed one ring half-way over a second — top ring to the left. Thread ribbon in and out of the four edges, working from right to left. Fold the left ring over the right one. Place a third ring half-way over the second. Thread ribbon over and under third ring. Continue folding back threaded rings and adding new one until you have assembled as many as you wish. Repeat on the other side of the chatelaine.

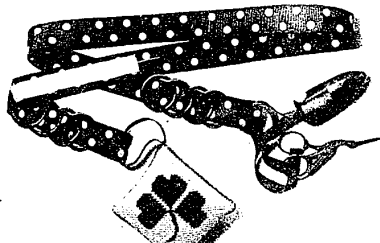
Turn back and stitch a one-inch loop at each end of the chatelaine. Thread 3/4-inch ribbons through the loops and

from them hang toys. These can be a needlepoint pin cushion, strawberry emery bag, scissors, thimble holder, needle case, tiny needle book that you can make or buy, or whatever you'd like to have handy while you stitch. More than one toy can hang from each loop, as long as you are satisfied with the chatelaine's appearance.

An 18-inch measuring tape can be stitched along the back of the ribbon.

Small pockets can be made from strips of ribbon attached to the back and holding crochet hooks, stitch ribbons, small metal ruler, or other narrow necessities. Place these pockets near the ends of the ribbon. Tape measures will bend around your neck, but crochet hooks won't.

Chatelaines are delightful and handy gadgets to have around. No more losing your scissors in 1980, which should make it a very Happy New Year!



Ribbon and needlepoint combine for a handy chatelaine. (Staff photo)



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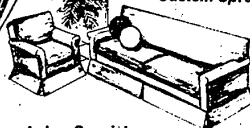
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