# **Growing Old**

## Don't fight it, learn to deal with it, says OCC course instructor

Barbara Majoros decries the famil-lar myths and sterotypes that loudy proclaim aging is to be feared, hated, and definitely not discussed.

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Majoros, a social worker and short
course instructor, takes that philosophy
into the Oakland Community College

life in a retirement home with the loss

She cites several purposes for the

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## Living in slow time

\*Four years later, I came back to school and the first psychology class did it for me. I knew just what I wanted to do.\*

\*TAI CHI and Rosman's work as a therapist are not in conflict with one another, he contends.

\*People have so much anxiety and some for wherapy and some have attended my classes in Farmington.

\*People with arthritis report they have less discomfort after practicing Tai Chi.\*

\*Rosman says the art has not made its

mark in this country as yet and hasn't many practitioners.

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"With Tai Chi, the nice thing is you don't have to think, 'be tells them. The tours of the less you can do the house its a fist, it is gentle.

"Let your mind go blank, keep your hand curved in a posture of energy, a dil of energy, I ask you not to think, to relax. Don't drop the ball, white lit's powerful, li's very fragile."

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of decision making powers. Experiencing physical bandleaps and losses is one of the many highlights of the class. All of the students simulate hearing loss, visual impairment and the loss of touch. They also find themselves wathing the campus balls with cames and walkers.



Barbara Majoros

When they return from this stroll their attitudes and feelings are totally different toward the elderly and hand-capped. They experience the difficulty of walking up and down stairs, opening doors and most of all they experience the impatience and stares from other students.

Majoros also uses films, slides, guest speakers and field trips to enhance the learning process.

"This class is strictly upbeat," she id, 'combining factual information

along with a touch of humor, which is needed if we are to really see our true-atilitudes toward aging!." The age range of her students has run from 18-72, which is exciting to her because everyone has so much to share with each other."

MAJOROS divides her time between MAJUNUS divides her time between teaching, counseling, and filming edu-cational programs for seniors on cable TV in Madison-Heights. She is also a member of the Intergenerational Com-mittee for Oakland Schools, helping to

spearhead a drive that will make edu-cators aware of serilor adults as an un-tapped resource.

The aging specialist says the field of gerontology is fascinating, and one that is growing due to a desire for change— and knowledge. She admit to staying awake in the wee hours of the morning thinking of new ideas and new ways to stimulate, educate and help people of all ages.

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Registration for her class can be::
made by calling Oakland Community
College, 471-7500.

### Ski clinics offered to the blind

A series of cross country ski clinies for the blind will take place at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. At 11 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 14, 28 and Feb. 4, voluniter guides will lead skiter age 10 and up through basic instructional clinics on cross country skiling. Proper use of equipment, correct

Job club set

Job Club, to aid the unemployed in researching the job market, begins at 1:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday beginning Jan. 30 for three weeks in YMCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Avenue.

Registration information is given by Sue Cadwell, in the Y, during regular office hours, 581-4110.

methods of dressing, and cross country techniques will be discussed before ski-ers are led onto the course for some practical esperience. Cost for the program is \$1 per per-son, per clinic. The fee includes trans-port

points, equipment and instruction.
Preregistration is required.
Glen Oaks is at \$0500 13 Mille Road
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Roads. For registration call Farmington Hills Farks and Recreation Department, 474-6115.







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