

# Legal, career, tax courses open at OU

Individuals needing to take the personal assessment inventory required for entry into the Legal Assistant Program, offered by the Division of Continuing Education at Oakland University, may register now for the Jan. 10 tests.

The inventory measures skills and levels of abstract reasoning. It will be conducted from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center on campus near Rochester.

Prepayment of a \$25 application fee is required. To register call 370-3120 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Oakland's noncredit paralegal evening program starts Jan. 16. It has successfully offered quality training for legal assistants for 14 years and has been approved by the

American Bar Association.

A free seminar to introduce students to the legal assistant field will start at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, in the Oakland Center on campus. Call the continuing education office (above) for a brochure and to register.

**WAIVER EXAMS** for the Accounting Assistant Program, offered by OU's Division of Continuing Education, will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, on campus.

Advance registration and payment of \$10 per exam are required. To register, call 370-3120 during office hours.

The waiver exams allow enrollees

sufficiently experienced in accounting to be excused from taking two courses in principles of practical accounting required in the 15-month Accounting Assistant paraprofessional program which begins Jan. 16 on campus.

**CRITICAL UPDATES** for paralegals in the area of bankruptcy and collections and computer-assisted research are offered by OU's Division of Continuing Education beginning the week of Jan. 16.

The 14-week courses, part of the Legal Assistant Program, also may be taken individually.

Bankruptcy and Collections covers the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978,

systems for administering claims outside of bankruptcy, consumer credit and debt collection practices, including garnishment, judgment, lien and repossession.

Class will be conducted Wednesday, beginning Jan. 16, by specialists.

Computer-Assisted Legal Research provides an introduction to computerized legal database for research, including hands-on experience using Westlaw. Attorneys as well as paralegals may enroll. Enrollment is limited.

Richard L. Beer, library board administrator, will conduct the class Mondays, beginning Jan. 16, in the Adams-Frait Oakland County Law Library.

Both are 12-week courses, to be conducted from 7-9:30 p.m. For registration information, call the Continuing Education office, 370-3120, during office hours weekdays.

A **THREE-SESSION** course covering how to plan a sensible 1989 investment program that reduces tax burdens will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 17-31, by the Division of Continuing Education.

Janet Krakowiak, certified financial planner from Rochester, will cover tax-saving strategies, managing money and selecting from the variety of investments available. Tuition is \$30 per person or \$35 per couple. It includes a reference plan-

ning work book.

For information, call the Continuing Education office, 370-3120.

**LEARN EFFECTIVE** test-taking strategies designed to increase your score on the LSAT (Law School Admission Test) by enrolling in Oakland University's LSAT preparation workshops this winter.

Offered by OU's Division of Continuing Education, the LSAT workshops will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 24 to Feb. 9 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on campus near Rochester.

Tuition is \$165, including all materials. The six-session course may be repeated once without charge. To register, call the Continuing Education office, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The next LSAT exam is scheduled for Feb. 11.

All sessions are taught by experienced college teachers who have a master's degree or above. They also have been trained in standardized test preparation. The course includes reading comprehension, reasoning skills, description-dispute questions, argument evaluations, special writing sample classes, and time practice tests with in-class feedback.

# Seat belt use cuts insurer's payouts

Injuries and related costs resulting from motor vehicle crashes have been reduced dramatically as a result of Michigan's safety belt use law, according to a two-year study of accident claims paid by League General Insurance Co., Southfield.

The company, which is a member of the CUNA Mutual Insurance Group headquartered in Madison, Wis., insures nearly 70,000 vehicles in Michigan. Michigan's seat belt law went into effect in July 1985.

League General president Robert E. Vanderbeek said the effect was to reduce the number of front-seat occupant injury claims by 5 percent during the first year of the law

(1985-86) and 13 percent during the second year (1986-87). The study figures were adjusted to account for the increase in insured vehicles over the three-year period.

**OTHER FINDINGS** from the insurer's study:

- Fatal and severe injuries showed the greatest decline, dropping 25 percent from 1984 to 1987. Serious and moderate injuries dropped 20 percent.
- Total cost of injury claims dropped 25 percent over the previous year, and 15 percent since the law went into effect.
- The greatest decrease in costs in the second year of the law were

associated with loss of income (down 19 percent) and medical benefits (down 16 percent) compared to the year before the law took effect. These figures were adjusted to account for inflation as well as the increase in the number of insured vehicles over the three-year period.

"MICHIGAN'S safety-belt-use law has been very successful as illustrated by the figures in this report. Just think how much more we could benefit if belt use was higher than the current 45 percent rate in Michigan," Vanderbeek said.

"The study also showed that front-seat occupants who were reported

wearing belts were only half as likely to suffer severe or fatal injuries as those reportedly not buckled up," according to James H. Saalberg, coordinator of the study and director of special projects for the Southfield-based company.

"These figures indicate a strong relationship exists between severe injuries and not wearing a safety

belt," Saalberg said.

Currently, 31 states and the District of Columbia as well as 40 foreign countries have passed safety belt use laws.

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The books were presented to the library by Consul General Klaus Schrammeyer, after a luncheon Thursday on the OU campus. Professor

Thomas Casstevens, of OU's political science department, solicited the gift to increase the sources available for students' term papers.

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