

Scholarship Deadline Is Jan. 17

Women who wish to continue their education may still apply for the 1972-73 Merit Scholarships given by the Center for Continuing Education of Women.

Applications are available at the center, 330 Thompson, Ann Arbor. Completed applications are due at the center by Jan. 17.

The merit scholarships are for women of all ages who are admitted to an undergraduate or graduate degree program on any U-M campus.

Up to 20 scholarships will be awarded for use in the 1972-73 academic year. Grants of \$500 to \$2,000 will be made on the basis of the need of each winner.



By MARGARET MILLER Women's Editor

One of Oakland Community College's most charming faculty members might be seen as a shining example to younger sisters everywhere. She's Dr. Christine Gram of Farmington, head of the economics department at the Orchard Ridge Campus. Dr. Gram is sister of two well-known ladies - Federal Judge Cornelia Kennedy and Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer, attorney and member of the Farmington Township Board. "And I've always been 'the other sister,'" Christine Gram says.

SHE HAS GREAT admiration for her sisters, she went on, and they've always been very close. But she couldn't help feeling mightily pleased when one of her colleagues read the "other sister" description and told her: "Chris, you don't have to be identified that way. You can stand on your own."

For Christine Gram, mother of six, has in the last eight years earned both a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. She has served on the Oakland Community College faculty from the earliest days of OCC and has been elected by the seven-member Orchard Ridge economics faculty to be its chairman.

She also was married a year and a half ago to Henry Gram, chairman of the business department faculty at OCC's Auburn Hills campus. They met through teaching activities. Her children, by her former marriage, are Mrs. Jeanne Reyer of Plymouth; Robert Harris, who is married and lives in Westland; John, 22; Jim, 21; David, 15, and Gregory, 13.

DR. GRAM and her sisters are daughters of Elmer Groefsema, a well-known Detroit attorney. "I guess I grew up thinking

Women on the Go Dr. Gram Shines In 'Other Sister' Role

everybody got all A's," said this youngest member of the family. She began her college education at Wayne University "partly because it was close to home and partly because I didn't want to follow two smart sisters at the University of Michigan as I had at Redford High."

Married after a year at Wayne, she transferred to U-M and was in the third year of a pre-medical course "when I got pregnant and that made pre-med absolutely impossible."

It was at that point she switched to economics because it was a field she had enjoyed. HER DECISION to go after a master's degree came in 1963 "when my baby started kindergarten." It took two years because she was also employed by the Michigan Osteopathic Association in Farmington.

The doctorate, conferred last summer, was earned in the University Center for Higher Education, and her special field was a study of collective bargaining in schools in Michigan. "I went all over the state collecting information," Dr. Gram said, "and I really enjoyed the study - all but putting the data into the computer. I got pretty mad at that computer at times."

AS A MEMBER of the OCC faculty, Christine Gram has come to feel the community college has an important role to play in the wider education picture. "I didn't start out that way," she said. "I used to think college was only for the talented."



DR. CHRISTINE GRAM (Evert photo)

those wanting technical training." She also feels the community college is a great boon to women whose educations were interrupted by marriage and a family. "Most of them would not otherwise be able to go back to school," she added. "Community college brings college where the people are."

THE "OPEN DOOR" policy of schools like OCC is often misunderstood, she said. "The fact that we accept all students doesn't mean we have low standards," she said. "Our students have to do college work in order to pass courses, and now that we are accredited most of our college-level courses are transferable to four-year colleges."

She finds the OCC student body an interesting one to work with and commented that the county's new selective service policy means

"we lost the kids who were in college to avoid the draft, and that's just as well." Dr. Gram said she likes the system of faculty election of department chairmen, one result of collective bargaining for college faculty, she pointed out. As it works at OCC, she spends half her time teaching and half in administrative work. "This way," she said, "you are relating more closely to others in the department and to the students. When you get to administrative you lose sight of teaching students, which is the main aim of the school."

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WASHINGTON - A quarter-million-dollar "Help Young America" program has been announced today by the Colgate-Palmolive Co. as a major 1972 campaign to help five of America's leading youth groups reach their current goals.

The Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Boys Clubs of America, Girls Clubs of America and the Camp Fire Girls will share in the \$250,000 contribution following a national vote to be conducted by Colgate-Palmolive Co. in early 1972. David R. Foster, president of Colgate-Palmolive Co., in announcing the "Help Young America" program at inaugural ceremonies here (at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel), pointed out that the program marks the first time that these five leading youth groups have united in a single youth promotion effort.

"THE COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO. is pleased to initiate this cooperative program between American business and American youth," the executive stated. "Our aims are common - to help our young people help themselves to a better America. Too often today, the progress potential of our ambitious youth is lost sight of amid the concern for the problems of this generation." "We at Colgate hope that this program will help lead these young people to achieve a better tomorrow. We want, also, to focus national interest on their needs and to suggest new avenues for others to follow in supporting the goals of young America."

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