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Psychology dept. chairman *Introducing...Sheldon Alexander*

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One of the first old red brick houses many students pass on campus, as they walk down deserted Putnam street, is the Psychology Clinic at 702.

Housed in this building, and the research lab next door, are integral parts of the campus psychology department, according to Sheldon Alexander, department chairman.

The Clinic and the University Health Center are staffed by advanced doctoral students to give them experience in field settings.

"In each case there's a senior faculty member to make sure things are going well," Alexander said.

Research is of major importance in the field of psychology and WSU is continuing to be the site of important research projects, even while keeping up its teaching commitment, Alexander said.

"An awful lot of teaching goes on in the Psychology department," he said, "but research is a major part of our activity, and with a doctoral program, it's a necessary part."

Alexander, who earned his doctorate from the University of Rochester, came to WSU as department chairman in 1973.

Previously, Alexander had worked for the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md.

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News Briefs

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New look at aging

The WSU School of Medicine is holding its Fifth Annual Basic Medical Sciences Research Colloquium March 30 and 31 in WSU's Scott Hall.

The medical school plans to take a biological look at the aging process during the two-day colloquium, entitled "Cellular and Molecular Aspects of Aging."

The program will bring together leading national experts on the subject, including Dr. Vincent Cristofalo of the Wistar Institute, Dr. Caleb Finch of the University of Southern California, Dr. S. Mitchell Harman of Johns Hopkins, and Dr. Robert Terry of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

For additional details, contact Dr. George Dambach at 577-1584.

Winkelman man lectures at WSU

The senior vice-president for management and organization development for Winkleman Inc., Harry Matelski, will address the second annual Louis A. Baum Retail Lecture at 1 p.m. March 31 in the WSU Community Arts Auditorium.

phasis on topics such as Urban, Black, and Social History.

Guest speakers include UAW President Douglas Fraser, WSU President Thomas Bonner, and Detroit Free Press Editor Joe Stroud.

Mini-workshops

A number of academic self-improvement workshops will be held March 31 in the WSU Achievement Center, 112 State Hall.

The first of these morning programs begins at 9:35 a.m., the second at 10:40 a.m., and the final one at 11:45 a.m. The sessions are 55 minutes long.

Programs in Monday's schedule, in the order of their meeting, include the following:

- Writing your paper.
- Test anxiety reduction.
- How to separate from home without leaving.

WSU strengthens cancer research

In a move to strengthen WSU's cancer research and clinical programs, WSU President Thomas Bonner has named WSU Associate

Although there is an extensive undergraduate psychology program at WSU, Alexander said the graduate program is nationally renowned and involves over 200 students.

"We have an excellent graduate program," he said. "It's also a very large one. My impression is that it's the largest at Wayne State."

Alexander's particular interests in social psychology are human communication, motivation and organizational behavior.

Some of the top-notch research going on through the department includes alcoholism, psychopharmacology (effects of drugs on the brain), industrial psychology, and clinical psychology.