

# Flint-M symposium to look at quality of urban life

The University of Michigan-Flint is sponsoring a symposium, "The Quality of Urban Life," Wednesday through Friday.

It will be conducted by the Flint-M urban studies and Right-to-Read programs and the public affairs committee.

The symposium will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Sarvis Center.

Keynote speaker will be Basil Zimmer, a professor of sociology and chairman of the urban studies program at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

He will discuss "The Relationship Between Developing Metropolitan

Structures and Their Effect on the Quality of Community Life in the Future."

Zimmer was an associate professor of sociology at Flint-M from 1956 to 1959.

He headed two studies of the Flint area and published reports on them. His Flint Area Study evolved into the New Flint concept in 1957.

The proposal to create a new city with Flint and some surrounding areas never became a reality. The old Genesee County Board of Supervisors refused to call an election on incorporation and the Michigan Supreme Court

ruled such incorporation invalid.

A panel discussion will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Four specialists from the U. of M.'s Ann Arbor campus will discuss how universities can work with community and government agencies in research into urban problems.

The specialists are Stephen Withey, research program director of the U. of M.'s Institute for Social Research; Donald Warren, director of its Program in Community Effectiveness; Robert Marans, associate professor of architecture, and Sandra Newman, assistant research scientist at the Institute for Social Research.

The panel discussion will be in Room 1 of the Mott Community College Student Center.

At 1:30 p.m. in the same room, the panel will examine current research on the quality of urban life and how it relates to Flint.

Warren will discuss ways to break down barriers between researchers and the community. Withey will discuss how people feel about the quality of their lives. Marans and Sandra Newman will explain a recent study of the quality of urban life in Detroit.

At 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Flint-M Surge Building, Kenneth and Yetta

Goodman will moderate an open discussion on teaching the urban child to read.

Goodman is a professor of education at the U. of M.-Dearborn, and Mrs. Goodman is an associate professor of education there.

At 2 p.m. in room 1117 at Flint-M's Court St. building, the Goodmans will discuss "Miscue Analysis," or ways of improving communication between the teacher and the urban child.

At 7:30 in Sarvis, Robert Green, dean of the College of Urban Affairs at Michigan State University, will speak on "Factors Related to Educational

Achievement."

At 9 a.m. Friday in the Surge Building, Charles Warfield, professor of education at Western Michigan University, will lead a workshop on "Alternative Structures of Urban Education."

At 10:30 a.m., Geneva Smitherman, professor of English at Wayne State University, will lead a workshop on "Black Idiom, Black Style and Reading."

At 1 p.m., Walden Baskerville, a counseling psychologist for the Kalamazoo Public Schools, will lead a workshop on "Eliminating Self-Defeating Behavior."



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