

Lifelong learning programs growing

By BARBARA GEDDIE

Continuing education programs are changing the offerings of universities in the United States by converting the educational institutions from a four-year system to a life-long source for acquisition of knowledge, according to Larry D. Lauer, director of the University's Division of Continuing Education.

Directors of continuing education across the country are exploring means and methods of bringing the pursuit of study to more people as industry and business expansions require people to have more knowledge, Lauer said.

Four-year academic programs should not be the end of a college career, Lauer said, explaining that subjects not studied in a four-year program can be explored at one's leisure for the rest of his active life.

"Continuing education is a vital part of professional and personal growth," Lauer said. "The need to update professionally, retrain for new skills, and solve complex domestic and social problems requires a life-long learning commitment. Such life-long learning brings work and study together into a unified, continuing process

of individual growth. For many people, this process functions best when they utilize the resources of a university."

Lauer pointed to TCU as one of the leaders in the exploratory programs of continuing education by referring to the University's newly established program of assessing non-college learning for the purpose of granting academic credit.

University resources "have long been available through traditional classroom studies. Now, they are also available through assessment of life experiences for the purpose of academic credit," Lauer explained.

"At TCU," he continued, "college credit for non-college learning can be obtained by taking advanced standing examinations or by portfolio assessment. Information about advanced standing examinations is available from the office of Admissions.

"While this program is not restricted to certain age groups, it is primarily designed to meet the needs of experienced adults. Younger persons are not likely to have the extensive and in-depth experience which qualifies for academic credit."

The basic idea underlying the "assessment of prior experience for academic credit is that what a person knows is more important than how he or she learned it," Lauer said. "At TCU, a procedure involving written communication requesting credit for prior life experiences is known as a portfolio."

The student prepares a portfolio in each specific course and requests experiential credit. A maximum of 18 semester hours of undergraduate credit can be earned by portfolio assessment.

The brochure issued by the Division of Continuing Education stresses that the division is designed for persons over 22,

that special rates are extended to senior citizens and TCU alumni, and flexible degree plans are offered. Courses are taught in daytime, evening and week-end sessions. The division offers the full resources of the University.

The Bachelor of General Studies program, originating in Lauer's office a year ago, permits adults to get acceptance of credits more readily than in the past. The program enables persons to study in several different colleges and to obtain credit here for the studies.

Credit classes are conducted during regular terms. Non-credit classes are conducted Feb. 3 through Feb. 19, and at various other times.

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More scholars scheduled for Green Honors Chair

The University will continue experimenting with guest scholars this semester as part of the Green Honors Chair program, according to Dr. William Wiebenga, dean of AddRan College.

Dr. Isaac Bashevis Singer, internationally known Yiddish writer, and composer Gian Carlo Menotti will be visiting Green professors this spring. Dr. Donald C. Stone will occupy the Green Honors Chair for the entire semester.

Last semester the University was forced into implementing the new program when chemist Dr. Jacob Bronowski, selected as the fall Green Honor Chair professor, died. The University was then unable to make arrangements for a full-time speaker.

One asset of having several speakers is that they "represent significantly different fields," said Wiebenga.

Dr. Keith Odom, director of the Honors Program, added that the campus is exposed to more ideas and "the more we have the better off we are."

On the other hand, according to Odom, one major disadvantage is the lack of time for preparation on the part of the interested student.

For example, a student may want to read material the speaker has written, so he can ask questions on the topic. However, since the speaker appears for only one week, the student lacks the time for proper preparation.

At times "fairly bad questions" are asked, Odom said, because students, with the exception of those majoring in the topic discussed, do not have enough background. This presents a problem, noted Odom, because "visiting people shouldn't be for just majors."

Odom and Wiebenga agreed that another problem with having several visiting professors is that it demands more time of everyone participating. However, since the program does offer more exposure to the campus, it will be continued this semester, despite some of the disadvantages.

The visiting Green professors program will continue during the fall semester, however, the spring 1977 semester "probably" will have only one Green Honors Chair professor scheduled, Wiebenga said.

Budget reduced by \$1,500

Debaters' travel funds cut

The debate team will be unable to travel as much this semester as it has in the past, because almost a fourth of its travel budget was spent to hire a graduate assistant.

That expense became necessary when the Speech Communication Department withdrew \$1,500 that had been designated to pay the graduate assistant. The position was not filled before the year began, so the designated money was reallocated to a graduate assistant for the general speech program, said Dr. Ralph Behnke, chairman of the Speech Communication Department.

To hire a graduate assistant, the debate team then had to dip into its \$6,200 travel budget.

One tournament that had to be scratched because of the smaller budget was this week's contest at Northwestern University. A TCU team reached the quarterfinals of that tournament in 1974.

"We could either go to Northwestern or let more people travel," said debate coach Jim Kitchens, explaining the decision not to compete in the tournament.

Instead, the squad will send teams to tournaments at the University of Texas and Southwestern Kansas this weekend. The UT tournament will be more helpful than Northwestern, said Kitchens, because the debaters will be facing more teams from their own district.



STICKING OUT HIS TONGUE to get the full flavor of his sticky cotton candy, this boy heads for another booth on the midway at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The show will continue through Feb. 8 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center. Admission to the grounds cost \$1. The cotton candy is extra.

Photo by Eric Males

Bicentennial art show best in town

After bringing home the groceries and discovering I had bought a Bicentennial carton of liver (embellished with an eagle, the Liberty Bell and a Minute Man), I have not been too keen on things Bicentennial. Bicentennial events concerning a) 1776, which wasn't the start of the Revolutionary War, the start of the nation, or the starting point of the Constitution, or

American Revolution. They are portraits of the men and women involved in the fight.

Students of art, of course, can spend hours in the museum studying the development of a unique American art

style, the different fads in poses and paints and all the other details art study involves. But the striking feature of this exhibit is that lay people can look and see what the heroes and villains they have read about since grade school really looked like.

"There he is!" I said when Baron Frederick William Augustus Henry Ferdinand von Steuben glared back at me from the wall. All my life I had been ziping past a monument to him in downtown Utica, N.Y., but for the first time I really got to look at the man who trained the starving soldiers at Valley Forge into an army.

The entire exhibit evokes the same reactions. One is often amazed at the difference between the myth and the man—Paul Revere, for instance, is not some fanatic beating his horse, but a calm square-faced craftsman holding a silver bowl. Martha Washington looks much more intelligent than the character that is so often portrayed as sitting home knitting socks for the brave soldiers.

But other pictures elicit the shock of recognition. Thomas Jefferson has always come across in his writing as a man who strongly believed in human rights—and as a slave-holder. In his portrait he looks like the ideal of the free man, and of the rich Virginia farmer.

Amos Doolittle is hardly the most famous person of the Revolution, but he has preserved, in colored lithographs, the battle scenes of Lexington and Concord. That he had the lithographs for sale eight months after the battle is as remarkable as today's instant wirephoto service. And he reconstructed from maps, visits and interviews, the battle that put into action what men had been saying in secret.

The museum might be crowded, and you might feel lost in the expanse of faces you think you remember. But there are tapes and guides to help you. And a book to buy and take home. Step over to Amon Carter to see what could be the only perceptively arranged Bicentennial exhibit in Texas.

—LISA DEELEY SMITH

Opinion

b) Texas, when the western frontier of the colonies was eastern Ohio, make little sense to me.

However, there is one fascinating Bicentennial event in Texas—and it will be here only four more days.

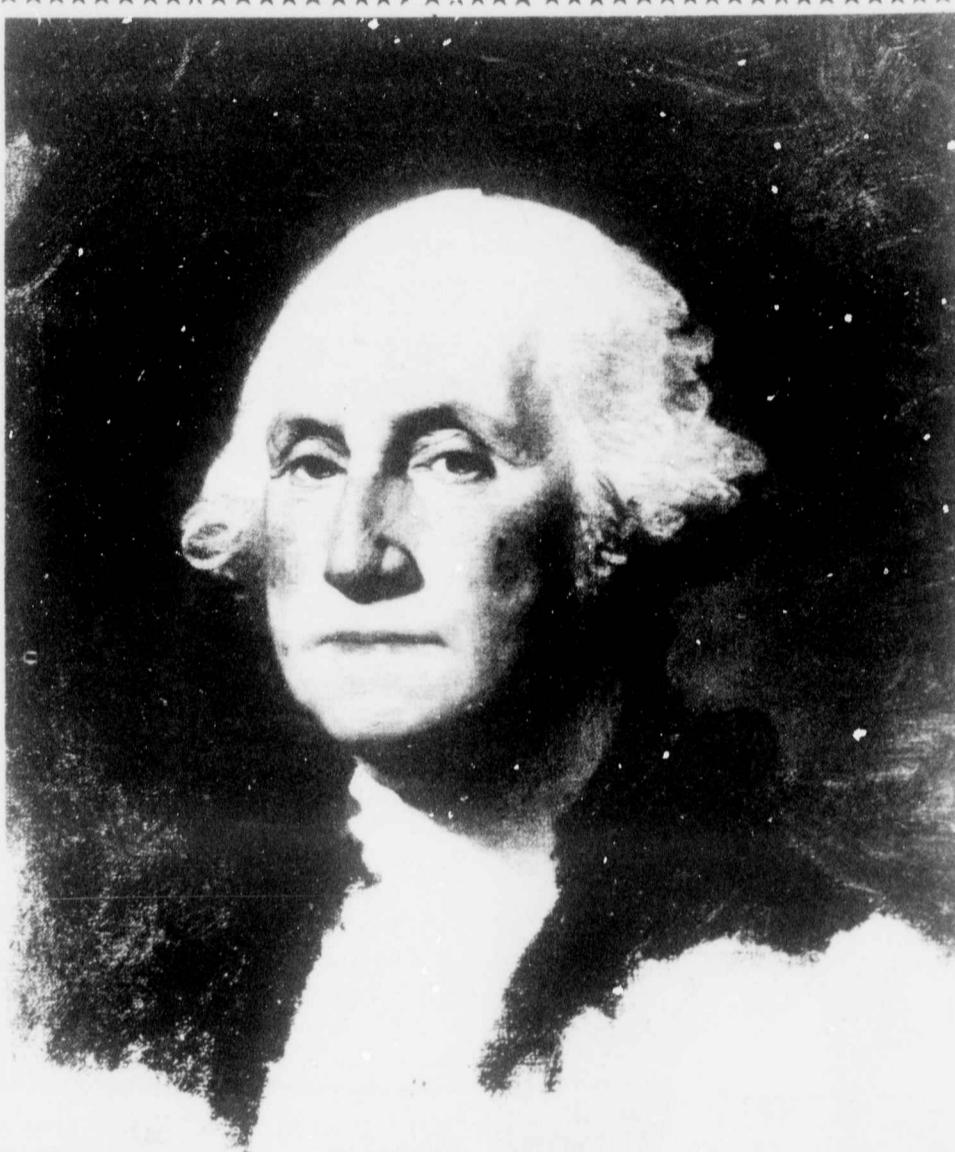
Amon Carter Museum of Western Art has imported a whole gallery of paintings from the United States and France on the

Letters

The Daily Skiff welcomes reader feedback in the form of letters to the editor. Letters must be typed, double-spaced and not longer than 300 words. They will be edited for space, grammar, libel and taste. They must be signed with name and classification or title.

Guest opinions must be cleared with the associate editor before submission. The deadline is Wednesday morning of each week. These, too, will be edited.

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But 999-00-1068 has never received terse notes with the amount of his fine filled in, threatening to turn his debt over to the Business office. He has never been accosted at registration and asked to pay up before he can get his I.D. punched.

Because 999-00-1068 is a status two being, and all those status two people—otherwise known as faculty and staff—never have to return a book. Oh, they get requests each semester asking them to bring the books back. But they never pay a fine.

This nonsense hurts more than students. One professor wanted to put a particular book on reserve for the entire class to read. That book has been checked out since 1973.

Riffle through the charge file on the library loan desk and you'll see books, all charged out to status

two people, that were due as far back as 1971. I didn't see any books that have been due since the 60s, but I didn't look very hard.

On Dec. 11 the library suggestion box contained a complaint that the 25 cent-a-day fine is too steep.

"We honestly feel that the four-week loan is sufficiently long," the reply stated, "that no one should ever need to keep a book over past the due date." The reply is absolutely correct. No one should keep a book for over a month in a four-month-long semester without letting someone else have a chance to check it out or without paying a fine. And there should be no partisanship.

Actually, I'm now reading Newman's book. I checked it out of the Fort Worth Public Library. After their three-week loan period, they insist everyone returns his books or pays his fine, no matter who he is. So there's no real need for 999-00-1068 to return his five-month overdue book for a while, unless someone else wants to read it.

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Caldwell contract may be terminated

A proposal to terminate the retainer the House of Student Representatives has with lawyer Craig Caldwell was one of the first orders of business Tuesday under new President Jay Case.

Caldwell has been receiving \$100 a month to be available to the House and students for routine legal advice.

"A hundred dollars a month is too much to spend and not enough use is made of the lawyer's service to make it worth the expense," Case said.

Caldwell disagrees and said he thought his service to the school was helpful. "I feel like people are using it and I feel like it's worthwhile," he said.

"Between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15, I had 10 people call. Dec. 15 to Jan. 15, when no one was here over vacation, I got four calls. Since the semester started I got four calls, including one divorce case," Caldwell said.

Most of the questions Caldwell answers are on landlord problems. "I've mailed out a couple of demand letters, trying to get deposits back," he said.

In addition, Caldwell has helped international students, given advice on accident forms and was considering conducting a seminar for students on apartment survival, supplying all legal information a student should know.

The attorney is still available to students through Feb. 15. A final decision on whether to retain Caldwell will be made at next week's meeting after Case's recommendation has been considered in the Student Affairs Committee.

In other House action, the executive board recommended that the House appropriate \$500 to help the InterFraternity Council and Panhellenic pay off the debt of more than \$4,000 incurred as a result of the November Michael Murphey concert. The bill was referred to Finance Committee.

Case appointed Becky Hanbury interim secretary after Vicki Taylor resigned. In her written resignation, Taylor said she regretted resigning, but found it necessary after a look at her own educational situation.

Visiting Russian tour guides may invade language classes

Russian tour guides may visit the University soon and participate in Russian classes, according to Dr. John Loud, professor of Russian.

The guides are in town with the Soviet exhibition at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Visiting students and residents to the exhibit can hear guides speak Russian and learn about Siberia.

"The focus of the exhibition is on scientific discoveries and inventions, and the 19 Soviets, representing a mixture of professions, openly answer questions and explain the exhibits," said Loud. The Fort Worth area has only a minute Slavic population, he added.

The Soviet exhibition can be seen until Feb. 22, when it will move to Salt Lake City.

"Siberia, a wild and primitive land, is comparable to the American West. It is being opened up, penetrated with new

cities, industries and young people," said Loud. "And the Soviets are as curious about American life as we are about life in Russia."



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THESE TWO GIRLS are some of the thousands of visitors to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show this week at the Will Rogers Memorial Center. These girls are enjoying one of the many

rides on the midway, but if your stomach is too weak for the wild rides, the exposition also includes livestock shows, a rodeo and an exhibits building.

Photo by Eric Males

Brachman, TB-J say:

'It Sherley wouldn't affect us'

Although Sherley Hall will become a coordinated dorm next fall with no structured program, TB-J and Brachman participation should not be affected, said the presidents of Tom Brown, Jarvis and Brachman.

Frank Goode, president of Tom Brown, and Lee Middleton, Brachman president, believe little, if any, effect will result from the change at Sherley, due to the different appeal of the dorms.

"The fact that our (TB-J) program offers many attractive features is the reason people join it," said Goode. The living options to be initiated at Sherley are the same that members of

the TB-J program turned down when offered to them last spring, he said.

"People come to live in our dorms because of the programs we have to offer, not because one of our goals had been to start a coed dorm," said Jarvis president Barbara Craig.

Sherley will have only a minimal effect on participation at Brachman, the only other coordinated dorm on campus, said Middleton. Sherley will appeal to a different type of student, he said, since it is unprogrammed, but Brachman offers an academic and social program for residents.

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The women's tennis team takes a breather from practice to get ready for the team tennis exhibition Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Rickel Center. Members of the team will be competing with Dean Martin Jr.

and Coach Ken McMillan in exhibition matches. Proceeds from the exhibition will go towards the women's travel expenses and equipment.

Photo by Tom Burke

Boys draws Swaim's praise

Quiet guard bolsters team

By DAVID BENNETT

The only thing harder than getting Randy Boyts to say something good about himself is to get Johnny Swaim to stop complimenting the quiet varsity cager.

Boyts, a junior, is playing his first season for the Horned Frogs after transferring from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas. Randy was named to the all-tournament team last year at the Junior College National Tournament where he attracted the attention of Swaim.

"I came to TCU mainly because of the educational program," said Boyts, who entered M.J. Neeley School of Business with almost a 4.0 GPA. "Also, TCU is a small school, so I really haven't had any problems adjusting," he continued.

Rifle tourney won by Frogs

The Horned Frog rifle team walked off with the honors at the Central Texas Invitational Tournament at the University of Texas range last Saturday and Sunday.

In the first college competition of the spring, the team of Bill Kovaric, G. David Tubb and Allen Cunniff tallied 1,700 to beat second-place University of Houston by 28 points.

Kovaric and Tubb were in a battle for top individual honors throughout the meet with Kovaric pulling the win out with a strong kneeling performance of 98 and 99 and a 574 total.

Tubb was one point back at 573. Woody Childress of Houston took third with a 559.

The Frogs' second team of Ginger Gleen, Susan Rieff and Dinah Wallace finished the tournament in third place with a 1,617 total. Kim Moody and Bonnie Branscome fired as individuals.

Coach Swaim has nothing but praise for the 6-4 guard. "Randy is one of the greatest kids that I have ever worked with. He gets along great with the other players and I know that he is a credit to TCU off the court as well as on," said Swaim.

Although Boyts played at the forward position during most of his junior college career, he said, "The change to guard has not really been that difficult," and for that Swaim is extremely thankful. "He is a big guard, which I have never had before, and he has given us a great outside scoring threat," Swaim said. "He can also take it to the basket and score and his height is giving us some help in rebounding."

The Indiana native has been the Frogs' leading scorer in six of the 19 games this year and he is sinking 53 per cent of his shots from the field which Swaim said "is amazing considering that he doesn't take that many layups."

Boyts used to be fourth in the nation in free throw shooting but recently has missed a few shots and now stands at 85 per cent. In conference play he is averaging 15 points per game.

After narrow losses to Baylor and Texas A&M last week Boyts proudly stated, "We aren't down at all. This is one thing that I have really admired about this team. They are always ready to get up for the next game. This season we have grown tighter

together both on and off the court."

Boyts had the opportunity this summer to tour east Africa while playing for the Sports Ambassadors basketball team. Competing mostly on outdoor courts, Boyts and his teammates defeated the Olympic teams in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Egypt.

"Basketball has not advanced very much over there," he said, "and the referees over there are the worst I have ever seen." But he later added, smiling, "The referees here rival those in Egypt."

Swaim is especially proud of Boyts' ability to control his temper on the court. "Randy has been around long enough to know that officials are going to make bad calls," Swaim said, "and he won't let it continue to hurt him. When a bad call happens, he realizes that it is part of the game, and he may grit his teeth, but he goes right on playing."

"Players who don't have that insight will let an official's mistake affect them for the next 30 seconds and in 30 seconds a team can score a lot of points against you. Composure is one thing I have never had to teach to Randy," Swaim said.

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Frogs bounce back to nip Bears, 65-63

Frog coach Johnn Swaim has been saying all year that his team of basketball players doesn't get down after a loss and can bounce back ready for the next game.

The Frog cagers proved him right Tuesday night as they came from behind to beat Baylor 65-63 in Waco. The Bears had beaten the Frogs 71-68 last week at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"This win helps us tremendously," Swaim said. "We had just lost two heartbreakers at home and we needed this win."

The Frogs led by the final margin with 2:02 left in the game. Unlike previous games, the Frogs withstood several turnovers and a missed attempt by Baylor's Billy Carlisle to preserve the win.

The victory moves the Frogs' record to 5-5 in Southwest Conference action and 10-10 overall. Baylor dropped to 6-5 in the conference.

Baylor took a comfortable eleven point lead into the locker room at halftime but the Frogs started the second half ready to play ball.

They came out running and outscored Baylor 10-7 to cut the margin to 49-43 with 14:30 left in the game. The Frogs soon tied the score at 49 and took the lead 51-49 on a bucket by Randy Boyts.

The two teams swapped turnovers and the lead until Rick Hensley bagged a corner shot to give the Frogs a 65-63 lead and the win.

The win was the second conference victory on the road for the Frogs this season. They beat Texas earlier in the year at Austin.

Boyts led a balanced Frog scoring attack with 15 points. Tim Marion, Tom Blodsoe and Hensley each scored 12 and Gary Landers added 10.

The Purples hit 50 per cent from the floor compared to 41 per cent for Baylor. The shorter Frogs outrebounded the Bears 37-32.

The Frogs will face Texas Tech Saturday at 2:10 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The 7:30 time stated in Tuesday's Skiff was incorrect. Tech has lost only two conference games and is in second place behind the Texas Aggies.

Tennis center aide chosen

Ron Damron has been tabbed as assistant director of the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. Damron played his collegiate tennis at Texas Tech.

Damron will assist Frog tennis coach Tut Bartzen in the operation of the new million

dollar complex which was scheduled to open this spring. The proshop was damaged by fire yesterday.

Damron was the winner of 12 military post championships during his eleven years in the U.S. Army.

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