Rare course studies convicts and converts

By LISA GEYER

The course description of Dr. James Farrar's "Religion and Contemporary Prison Reform" class is "a study of expressions of religion in prisons, and of the priestly and prophetic functions of religion in contemporary trends in corrections."

This may mean little to some students. but the course is probably the only class of its kind offered in the country.

"As far as I know, this is the only course in which we seek to look from the perspective of religion—what it did to establish the prison system, what it is doing to reform the prison, what it ought to be doing and how do you get the job done," said Farrar.

Another aspect making the course unique is that students will be directly involved with prisoners in the Federal Correctional Institute (FCI). Each student is required to be involved in certain programs at the prison where he will be in face-to-face contact with prisoners.

Students also are required to keep a journal of their experiences at the prison to be shared with classmates. This is done because the prison has several programs, and not all students can be involved in each one.

The course got its start when the University began encouraging revised curriculum in its departments by asking professors what new courses they felt should be added. Dr. Farrar, who had been active with volunteer work at FCI, suggested the present "Religion and Contemporary Prison Reform" class.

The class is made up of students with a variety of fields of interest. Religion and criminal justice majors and also Fort Worth policemen constitute a majority of the class.

Farrar plans to bring some speakers to the class this semester. Last year various ex-prisoners, wardens, a caseworker and prison chaplains spoke 'o the students.

"I think it will be a really interesting course because for the first time I am going to be able to apply what I've learned in the classroom in an outside situation,"

said sophomore Diane DeLaney, a student in the course.

"We hear a lot about what prisons are like but you can't really tell unless you're there," said sophomore Donald Pinkerton. "I'm excited about going out there (the Institute) and meeting with them (the prisoners) and talking with them."

Junior Steve Kreuzkamp thinks Farrar has built a good foundation for what he feels is the essence of the course—the actual contact with the prisoners.

"This is the first class at TCU that I've taken that will enable us to get practical experience instead of book experience," he explained.

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Ministers Week provides 'balance'

Approximately 600 ministers attended this year's Ministers Week which came to a close yesterday afternoon with a luncheon speech by Dr. Kenneth Teegarten, General Minister and President of the Disciples of Christ Church.

Campus Minister and one of the program committee members for the event, Dr. Roy Martin said that Ministers Week was a rousing success.

Dr. Sydney Ahlstrom, professor of American history and American religious history at Yale University; Bishop Joseph Johnson of the Fourth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Shreveport, La.; and Dr. T.J. Liggett, president of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Ind. delivered the endowed sermons and lectures.

"This year's Ministers Week program offered both variety and balance to the participants," Martin said. "A Black preacher (Johnson) exemplified the style of his religion: a very vibrant, active and an exciting speaker.

"Dr. Ahlstrom, who is a leader in the Lutheran church, and did a fabulous job of talking about the history of religion, particularly pointing out how the Reformation and the American Revolution came about under very similar circumstances and for many of the same reasons.

"And Dr. Liggett spoke of the ethical questions on the religious scene. So overall, there was a great deal of balance."

Johnson presented sermons Monday through Wednesday evenings, speaking on "The Triumphant Adequacy of Jesus," "All is of Grace and Grace is for All" and "Even We Have Believed in Jesus."

Ahlstrom lectured Tuesday through Thursday in the mornings, speaking about "Divine Providence and American Nationhood." The lectures dealt with historic developments in the Christian faith, particularly as they affected the United States.

Liggett also delivered three morning lectures, centered around the theme of "The Incarnation and 20th Century Christians."

Two afternoon sessions were led by professors in Brite Divinity School. Dr. Glenn Routt discussed "The Theology of Peanuts" Tuesday afternoon and Dr. Charles Kemp spoke Wednesday about "The Minister and Recreation."

The University has sponsored Ministers. Week for over 40 years in cooperation with University Christian Church. Clergymen from Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico, as well as Brite graduates, students and professors were invited to Ministers Week by the University.



IT'S NOT UNCOMMON in a men's dorm to see residents walking down the hall to take a shower, clad in nothing but shorts, a bathrobe or a towel. However, Pete Wright residents had some trouble showering Thursday, when all the water in the dorm was shut off. As a result, some residents sauntered over to Tom Brown to try the shower facilities there, clad in nothing but shorts, a bathrobe or a towel. The water was shut off so maintenance men could clean out the boilers.

Evening college growing up

Whatever happened to Evening College?

It's grown up. What was once the undergraduate Evening College at the University is now becoming a full service Division of Continuing Education, which seeks to involve adults in evening undergraduate courses, in day courses, in Graduate School study, in on-campus classrooms and in-plant meeting places, in non-credit seminars and weekend management conferences.

In this new attempt to serve the needs of adults in the Fort Worth area, undergraduate evening courses still play a role. But, as declining evening course enrollments point out, adults are in the market for more than the traditional courses the University has offered.

The University used to have a thriving evening college, growing in enrollment. In the 1950s and early 1960s, the major industries of the area had employes without college degrees and were paying

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the tuition for them to get one. UTA had not yet come into its own, and TCJC had not yet appeared.

Today the companies that used to help their employes get a degree now hire mostly people with degrees. Many of those without degrees, left to their own financial resources, are choosing lower cost alternatives instead of the traditional benefits of the smaller independent campus.

This means that our growth potential is no longer greatest in undergraduate evening courses. And it means we are going to have to change our concept of what continuing education at the University does.

The potential for increased part-time student enrollments has shifted from undergraduate to graduate. Many companies that used to reimburse tuition to help employes got undergraduate degrees are now helping them get graduate degrees.

And the companies that used to cooperate with the University in offering in-plant undergraduate classes are now showing some interest in graduate classes: we began an in-plant graduate business class at General Dynamics this semester.

Thus, what used to be the undergraduate evening college office is now becoming the point of contact for all adults and companies in the area that can benefit from making use of University resources.

Many people who now contact this office are rarely "college" age, and they enroll as full-time students. They are changing careers or beginning a new life after the children have grown. A significant number of them enroll in the Graduate School.

Helping to meet the new needs of the adult in today's complicated society by developing new program ideas has become an increasing activity of the Division of Continuing Education. We have developed a new scholarship program for adults (which, in addition to undergraduate part-time financial aid, includes aid for full-time non-traditional age undergraduate and both part-time and full-time graduate students).

In addition, programs for academic credit for out-of-college learning and special "auditing"—both University-wide programs—were developed by the Continuing Education staff.

But most of the potential for Continuing Education at the University is in completely new directions. We just are beginning to tap the possibilities related to working directly with professional, associations, businesses, government, and industry.

Contract seminars and in-plant training programs, short business training and refresher programs on campus and certificate programs for professional groups are now being developed.

This year the Program Development unit developed a Human Resources Development Program—39 short seminars are offered in-plant and tailored to meet a company's specific training needs. Several of these programs have already been implemented, and some of them will be scheduled on campus in late spring.

The on-campus "short courses" scheduled through the Special Courses unit range from business subjects to hobbies. The enrollment here is growing and the number of courses offered has nearly doubled in the last year.

The Special Courses unit has also developed programs that bring company presidents and executives to campus. The President's Roundtable and Executive Luncheon programs bring local executives into contact with leading national company presidents. The presidents of Gulf Oil Company and Memorex, to name only two, have been on campus for the program this year.

Is the Evening College dead? Well, that name is dead, and the program emphasis is changing.

But Continuing Education is certainly alive and growing. If we can adjust our thinking to accommodate new roles and potentials, I think we can all feel pretty good about the prospects for the future.

Adults and companies in this area have varied educational needs. Our task is to design programs—credit and non-credit—that meet those needs within the framework of independent higher education quality. Doing this, the University will better realize its potential to become truly a lifelong learning resource.

-LARRY D. LAUER

Larry Lauer is Director of Continuing Education and assistant professor of Radio-TV-Film in the School of Fine Arts.

Reader feedback

Editor:

I cannot help but to respond to the following paragraph from Wednesday's front page article about Igor Lobanov's comments on Soviet life: "Religious persecution does not exist in the Soviet Union, he said, although Bibles and religious book cannot be sold in most bookstores. This is because of the separation of church and state, said Lobanov. Most bookstores are owned by the state and therefore cannot sell Bibles, he explained."

Religious persecution does not exist in the Soviet Union! Please tell

Vladimir Osipov, imprisoned for his Orthodox faith.

A. Jaugelis, imprisoned for his Catholic faith.

George Vins, imprisoned for his Baptist faith.

George Fedotov, imprisoned for his Pentecostal faith.

These men are now in Soviet prisons for their religious activities. Let's look at George Vins, for example. He was arrested and terrorized by the KGB. The date of his trial was kept secret. He was denied a Christian attorney and could call no witnesses in his defense.

Finally he was sentenced to five years in prison and five years of exile on charges stemming from his religious activites (see Christianity Today, April 25, 1975, pf. 761).

But religious persecution does not exist in the Soviet Union! Tell that to the four women and three men who were tried and sentenced last March for their part in operating a secret Christian printing press.

But religious persecution does not exist in the Soviet Union! Explain this to Father Dimitri Dudko. Under pressure from the government, church officials transferred him in May, 1974, from his church in Moscow to a small rura! parish 50 miles away.

Why? In his sermons he frequently called for spiritual renewal, and he often showed that Soviet life failed to measure up to Biblical and moral norms. He also conduced question-and-answer sessions at the church which were attended by many young people and intellectuals, including Alexander Solzhenitsyn on occasion. Since the young people continued to come to hear him, he has been removed from his present parish. He fears that he will not be allowed to preach again.

Pardon me if I say I don't believe Igor Lobanov when he says, "Religious persecution does not exist in the Soviet Union."

Mark Young Senior



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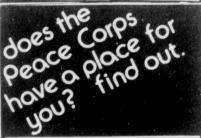
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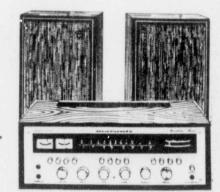
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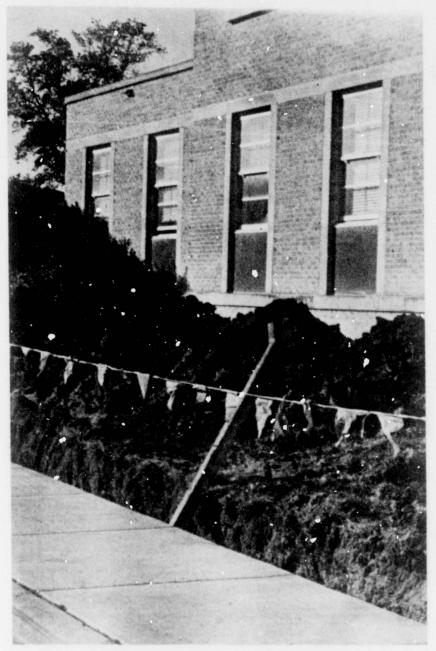
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Workmen have been tearing up the ground in front of Dan Rogers Hall for the past few days, laying pipes beneath the ground level. The only inconvenience caused has been an occasional slight detour to the other side of the mall.

Rape Awareness Day attacks legal questions

A seminar considering "What is rape?" and legal and medical aspects of rape will highlight Rape Awareness Day, Feb. 21, in the Student Center ballroom.

Seminar speakers will include Karen Duggan of the Texas Rape Prevention and Control Project in Austin; Dr. I.C. Stone of the Social Services at John Peter Smith Hospital; Officer Lou Cullon of the Fort Worth Police Department; and Judge Charles Lindsey and Margaret Franklin from the Tarrant County Task Force on Rape.

The Rape Seminar will be conducted by Tarrant County Task Force on Rape, the University's Division of Continuing Education and Programs and Services. The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration fee is \$2.

Concerts highlight weekend

The 35th Annual Fine Arts Festival will present "A Festival of American Music," beginning tomorrow under the direction of Music Department Chairman Dr. Michael Winesanker.

The University Symphony Orchestra will perform Saturday evening at 8:15 p.m. in the Ed Landreth Auditorium. Under the direction of Musical Director and Conductor John Giordano, the orchestra will perform the Symphony number 1 by Charles Ives, William Schuman's New England Triptych and "Quo Vadis" by Miklos Rozsa.

The Voices of Change, a local professional group, will perform a concert by living American composers at 3 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Included in the program are works by Thom David Mason, Paul Cooper, George Crumb, Ralph Guenther and Ned Rorem.

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Feb. 28

Guest pianist David Burge will perform compositions written by 20th century composers and a 1776 piece by Haydn on Monday, Feb. 23 at 8:15 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Featured in Burge's program is Crumb's Twelve Fantasy Pieces after the Zodiac for Amplified Piano.

Mezzo-Soprano Arlene Sollenberger and Judith Solomon, pianist, will present a concert Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 8:15 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The concert will be highlighted by a premiere performance of "Bells of Ireland", which was composed for Sollenberger.

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Frogs out-recruit OU for blue chipper

By DANA ARBUCKLE Sports editor

The football recruiting wars are over and the Horned Frogs came out of them with some pretty fair country football players.

"We now have the makings" of a very competitive football team for next year," said assistant coach Ken Gire.

The biggest name to sign with the Frogs is probably Wesley Roberts of Amarille. Roberts, a 6-5, 240-pound lineman, was heavily recruited by national champion Oklahoma decided to come to Frogland.

"Of course we were extremely elated that Roberts chose TCU over Oklahoma. He wanted to go

to a school where he could play a lot of football and one that was small," Gire said.

Another feather in the Frog's recruiting cap is Greg Towner, also from Amarillo. Towner, a 6-1, 195-pound running back, had narrowed the field down to TCU and the Big Eight power Nebraska but decided Wednesday to ink with the Frogs.

The Purple recruiters were looking for defensive backs, running backs, linebackers and tight ends when they hit the recruiting trail after the season.

"We found what we wanted and fulfilled our needs real well. It was a very successful recruiting season in terms of getting what we went after," Gire said.

The Frogs signed a couple of gems from the junior college ranks. James Wright of Blynn Junior College, Brenham, and Tony Accomando of Orange Coast Junior College, Los Angeles, Ca., will figure heavily in Frog plans next year.

"Wright is probably the best tight end in America right now and Accomando is a great running back," Gire said.

Wright is 6-4, 235-pounds of strength and ability. Accomando, only 5-9, 165-pounds, led the nation in scoring with 150 points last year while playing for Orange Coast. He was a junior college All-American.

Carlton Cyle of Irving McArther, and Robert Williams

of Tulia are prep players highly praised by Gire.

"Cyle is just a tremendous athlete and he ranks up there in the Renfro class of wide receivers," he said. "Robert Williams is probably the best running back in Texas."

Williams is 6-2, 190-pounds and can run the 100 in 9.7 and the open quarter in :47.6

Purple recruiters ran into a little trouble as far as rumors are concerned about their efforts.

"Some of the recruiters tried to talk players out of signing with us for various reasons," Gire said.

"We approached the athletes with a positive attitude about our program. We were surprised by the morality of these young people in that they resented recruiters that tried to tear down a school instead of giving them a positive look at their own schools," he said.

In all, the Frogs signed 24 prep players and five junior college gridders for next year.

"The enthusiasm generated by the returning players about the next year is simply great," Gire

Head coach Jin Shofner and the rest of the Frog football staff will get a preview of what to expect next fall when spring training gets underway March 8.

Dance Ballroom quare Feb. 28

SWC suspension overruled

Court lets Aggie duo play

Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams of Texas A&M are back in the business of playing basketball. A federal judge in Dallas Wednesday gave them permission to play until the Southwest Conference conducted another hearing in their case.

Godine and Williams had been suspended after league officials met Sunday to review charges brought against the Aggie players. The charges have not yet been made public.

U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Higginbotham said the athletes had been denied the process of law; had inadequate notice of a Feb. 9 meeting; and were denied an opportunity to answer the polygraph test.

The judge said the SWC should call a hearing no

later than 30 days from now and at that time permit the athletes to exercise their full legal rights.

SWC commissioner Cliff Speegle testified in the hearing that it was University of Texas basketball coach Leon Black who lodged the official complaint against Williams and Godine that led to the

Speculation about the charge centers around possible recruiting violations. Those violations are that the players received cars and cash payments; and their families were given home appliances.

Godine and Williams will be eligible to play for the Aggies the remainder of the season. The leagueleading Ags had to play only one game without the services of the two players and they beat Houston 94-80 in Houston.

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The Purples men's team got back on the winning trail Wednesday when it defeated East Texas State 9-0 at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Randy Crawford dropped Mike Norton 6-0, 6-2, and Tut Bartzen Jr. beat Tom Adcock 6-2, 6-1. Jon Gurian defeated Snodgrass 6-2, 6-1, while Tom Mott edged John Johnson 6-3, 6-1. In other singles, Jim Allin beat Dan Hirst 6-1, 6-0, and David Kelly bested Israel Castillo 6-1, 6-

Crawford and Bartzen teamed to drop Norton and Snodgrass 6-1, 6-1. Mott and Ron Baumgardner took Hirst and Castillo 6-0, 6-4, and Kelly and Allin defeated Johnson and Robert Koch 6-2, 6-4.



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