

# Self Education

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Students should have a channel through which new course ideas could be presented to the faculty and administration. Faculty members could then decide if they were interested or capable of teaching these courses. If not, the administration could search the outside community for either qualified instructors or other institutions capable of providing the desired courses. With this channel opened and faculty/administrative help students would have a dramatically broadened liberal arts education. Student interest, motivation and creativity would be challenged while an education fulfilling the needs of the individual student was being obtained.

I presently know of no such channel existing or readily available to students. If there is one it should be widely publicized and presented in the freshman packets.

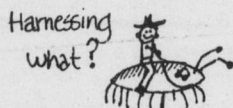
I'd like to see courses offered in nutrition, communications, and nuclear power. The nutrition course would explain the different pathways food takes through your body and what the effects of pesticides, preservatives, artificial flavorings/colors are. Also included would be comparisons of different diets ie meats vs. vegy, macrobiotics, fasting and purification etc. A communications course of my liking would teach the technical aspects of radio and television production, how to gain access (use) of public media, and also explore the influence media has in our country as part of the fourth establishment. Nuclear power is rapidly becoming a major issue in the United States. The need for unbiased discussion and information could be critical to our future.

I challenge the Guilford faculty to provide these courses and others that students want. I challenge the administration to open a channel of communication - to draw on the resource of student creativity, helping them develop and partially design new courses. finally I challenge students to design and publicize new course ideas - even if it takes a year or more before realization of their ideas.

To accomplish these purposes a new section will become part of the Gopher College News. This section will simply state the title of the course and a brief description. Any student with a course idea should get it to Tane

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It is my hope that the faculty and administration will read this column and take steps towards implementation of the courses. By doing so the goals of which James Gutsell talks about promoting intellectual growth and freedom, self education through the classrooms and stimulation of natural curiosity might be accomplished. Most important students might find courses within and outside their major necessary to fulfill their personal educational needs.



A gardening magazine is out with the astounding news that one hope for meeting U.S. energy needs in the future may lie in none other than cockroaches.

*Organic Gardening and Farming* magazine explains that methane fuel can be obtained from a gas produced by the bacteria which live in the bellies of many different kinds of animals.

One of the creatures which produces this gas the most efficiently, says *Organic Gardening*, is the common cockroach. The magazine adds, however, that the specific techniques to harness the fuel produced by those crawling roaches has not yet been solved.



A 15-year-old Texas boy, wearing a wig and women's clothing, successfully freed his 13-year-old younger brother from a Dallas county juvenile detention home by pretending he was his mother.

The Home's chief probation officer, Don Smith, said that no one in the place suspected they were being taken in by a confidence scheme. According to Smith, the 15-year-old simply telephoned last month, imitated his mother's voice and said "she" would be stopping by in several weeks to take legal custody of the younger boy.

The unidentified youth then sashayed into the detention facility, decked out in a blond wig and his mother's clothing, signed the necessary papers and took off with his brother.

## Gopher College News



### Zodiac News

#### White House High

President Carter's Middle-East peace efforts have won him approval from an unlikely quarter - Cairo's hashish smugglers.

A Cairo newspaper reports that smugglers had been trying to flood the market there with a new brand of hashish dubbed "Carter, a man of peace."

Police say they have made several arrests and broken the ring. The White House has had no comment on any aspects of the reports.

#### FUTURE SHOCK

"English 100" isn't a very catchy course name, so a university in Pennsylvania has come up with one better suited to its students' interests.

Next semester, Temple University will be offering an introductory literature course titled "Incest, Adultery and Murder," a course the catalog says will deal with "taboos and otherwise illicit blood relationships."

Required reading for the course will include such shockers as *Wuthering Heights*, *Oedipus Rex*, and *The Scarlet Letter*.

### U.S. or BUST

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization service has announced it will hold a hearing to determine whether to send Mexican student activist, Hector Marroquin, back to Mexico.

Marroquin has asked for political asylum in the United States. He fled to the U.S. in 1974 after Mexican police launched an extensive search for students belonging to a radical political group at his university, allegedly in connection with the shooting of a university librarian.

Marroquin had quit the group the preceeding year. Two of the five students hunted by Mexican police have since been killed by police, while a third - who was arrested - simply disappeared.

Marroquin returned to Mexico in secret earlier this year to see a lawyer. He was arrested by U.S. Immigration authorities as he tried to

re-enter the United States. He is currently serving a three-month jail term for attempting "illegal entry" into the United States.

Marroquin's attorney, Margaret Winter, has filed a federal court challenge asking the Immigration agency to give Marroquin a full hearing, so that the student leader can explain his reason for seeking political asylum.

Marroquin contends that if he is "excluded" by the U.S. Immigration service, he will be handed over to the Mexican police, and will be killed.

The Immigration and Naturalization service has announced that Marroquin will be granted an "exclusion hearing" to decide if he will be allowed to stay in the United States. The service said, however, that the student activist will not be permitted to talk about his request for political asylum at the hearing.

## FLASH

The FBI is reportedly trying to track down and question a 29-year-old Colorado man who has been mailing low-grade uranium waste material to hundreds of America's power elite.

The *Village Voice* reports that Leigh Hauter has mailed the dirt-like material along with a cover letter to members of Congress, Governors and leading business executives to dramatize the hazards of a nuclear industry.

The letter warns each recipient that the dirt-like substance is low-grade radioactive waste product; the letter invites them - if they doubt the warning - to check it out with their own geiger counters.

Hauter's letter also stresses that the material was not stolen from a guarded atomic site. He says he gathered the waste in public areas - lying along streams, on public roads and in fields near where uranium mining and processing are taking place.

The letter adds - in its words - "You have just come in contact with radiation. There is no practical means for limiting access to this material. . . . It is a necessary by-product of the nuclear industry."

While the FBI has been attempting to reach Hauter, he told the *Voice* by telephone from Colorado that he has not gone underground. He stated: "I just thought this would be a great time to visit a lot of my friends who happen to live in the remote sections of the Rocky Mountain region."

### Equality?

The California State Bar Association has voted overwhelmingly to push for the criminalization of prostitution.

Delegates to the annual meeting of lawyers in San Diego last weekend passed by a 321 to 117 vote a resolution which calls for the removal of criminal penalties for the act of accepting money in return for sex.

The vote followed debate in which prostitution laws were called "ironic and hypocritical." Proponents of resolution also argued that existing laws work primarily against women, especially poor women, and that male customers of prostitutes are rarely arrested or prosecuted.