

# Self-perpetuating teaching program answers requests

TAMU professors have improved their instructional techniques in a program that perpetuates itself.

It is an Enhanced Teaching Workshop, developed and conducted by Dr. Glenn Johnson when demand and his time mesh. There is no lack of the former.

Johnson has conducted three workshops for TAMU faculty. Two are in the wings. Each has been the result of professor's requests.

Education Dean Frank Hubert has a keen interest in the status of the workshops. He noted the program has had a positive re-

sponse from most of the TAMU colleges.

Inquiry has come from Illinois. An educator there learned of the Johnson strategy through the University of Houston.

A three-day program in its present format, the workshop provides college professors introduction to new teaching techniques. It deals with behavioral objectives through interaction analysis, constructing and analyzing test items and microteaching. In the latter, participating professors present a five to 10 minute segment of instruction for videotape recording and playback to

critique.

"No single technique is a panacea," emphasized Dr. Johnson, until recently head of the Educational Curriculum and Instruction Department. "But the workshop adds to the instructor's repertoire for use in the classroom where it's appropriate."

He limits the size of each workshop to nine, for a practical reason. "When a group reaches 10 or more," the professor explained, "a non-verbal participant emerges. We want each participant talking and interacting."

Johnson believes a need and interest in such programs exists in

the field of higher education.

"We've had nothing but positive feedback," he observed. "Most important, there is every indication that the people who have participated to this point have been volunteers."

In its present format, and unfunded status, three workshops a year are the most Johnson feels he can handle. They are usually in January, May and August. This May, a workshop for the College of Liberal Arts will be conducted. One for the College of Agriculture is planned in August.

"I'd like to see some sort of funding that would allow us to

run a center for the enhancement of college teaching," Johnson added. With such support, it would be possible to conduct a three-week workshop for faculty and "really put them through the total process, so it would become a part of their teaching behavior," he said.

The workshops began as special instruction for graduate assistants for teaching, at their request. Graduate Dean Dr. George Kunze was invited to sit in on the third day to have input. The dean and graduate students suggested the faculty might benefit.

The first workshop involved one representative of each of the TAMU colleges, after the deans agreed to give it vocal support. The College of Geosciences, through Dr. Kenneth Brundidge, requested the next. The third was also for geosciences, but two vacancies occurred.

## Classical music to highlight OPAS concert

Lawrence Foster will conduct the Houston Symphony in a Beethoven evening, April 29, in Rudder Center Auditorium.

The OPAS-sponsored concert will begin at 8 p.m. with the overture to "The Ruins of Athens," Op. 113.

The Triple Concerto, Op. 56, will highlight the first part of the program. Soloists will be Ronald Patterson, violin, Shirley Trepel, cello, and Albert Hirsh, piano.

The second half of the concert will be devoted to the Symphony, No. 3, the "Eroica," Op. 55.

During Beethoven's life the ideals of freedom and the rights of man swept Europe with Rousseau and Voltaire as the leading voices. Beethoven had the desire for political and artistic freedom. He expressed this desire through his music by stretching the boundaries of the Classic musical forms as far as possible.

Beethoven was one of the first musicians who refused the aristocratic patronage which Haydn and Mozart had accepted.

Admission to the OPAS concert will be by season ticket or by single admission. Tickets are on sale at the Rudder Center Box Office.

## USSR receives illegal goods

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite the big increase in its trade with the United States, the Soviet Union is still receiving some U.S. strategic goods through illegal channels, Commerce Department officials say.

The department has disclosed one such deal involving a neutron generator from a firm in Colorado Springs, Colo., that was diverted from a non-existent university in Turkey through Vienna and London, and finally to Moscow.

The generator, which a department spokesman said can be used to detect defects in equipment, was delivered to the Soviet purchasing agency in January of last year.

"It is most unlikely they did not know it was improper," said Hugh Dolan, chairman of the Commerce Department Appeals Board.

The Commerce Department said Kaman Sciences Corp. of Colorado Springs supplied the generator and was an innocent party to the transaction.


It was never paid the \$9,500 value of the generator, which was one reason the transaction was discovered, Dolan said.

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