

Teachers

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Kellner said that instructors from other departments visit the English department once a semester to discuss the program, but he added that the discussions are too general and too brief.

Another nationwide problem, Kellner said, is the quality of technical writing textbooks. Many of the textbooks are written by English teachers who use other textbooks rather than their experience as sources for information. Also, he said, some

of the material covered in textbooks include topics once used in secretarial handbooks.

"We have reached a deplorable state in higher education when a textbook for college students devotes entire pages on how to fold a letter and stick it in an envelope," Kellner said.

"They even have pictures."

Although his study is very limited, it underscores the need for a more comprehensive nationwide survey of technical writing curriculum, Kellner said. The typical technical writing instructor wastes at least two or three classes on library tours

and explanations, six classes for oral presentations and cancels three classes for conference time, he said.

Since the publication of his article, Kellner has received letters of support from Ken Cook Jr., president of the Society for

Technical Communication, and Jay Gould, editor of the Journal of Technical Writing and Communication.

But he also has received criticism from the English department and some of his colleagues, Kellner said.

The time has come, he said, to ask what a college professor is supposed to be. The answer, Kellner said, is an expert in the field.

But, he said, he doubts a professor can become an expert by reading a book.

Anthro split seen as benefit

by Joel deGuzman
Battalion Reporter
The establishment of a separate department of anthropology will give Texas A&M an edge attracting outside research funding, the new head of the anthropology department, Dr. Hugh M. Bryant says.
The new program, which was a part of the department of sociology and anthropology, was awarded departmental status by the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board this month.
Bryant said the department separation came about not because of ill feelings between the two, but rather for the advantages of being independent.
Before the official ruling, the program had full control over its curricula but functioned under the department of sociology. Separating the departments will make it easier for the anthropology department to attract students and to receive grant money, he said.

Texas A&M anthropology students are involved in field work in Africa, South America and the Caribbean. Projects like these require financial help from outside sources, he said.
The department, which has undergraduates, 65 graduate students and 12 faculty members, has doubled in size since the beginning of the program in '71. Bryant was the first anthropologist to be hired by the university.
"It's a rewarding experience to have an opportunity to start on scratch and watch it (the department) grow," Bryant said.
The new department of anthropology offers bachelor and master of arts degrees. Students can concentrate on field emphasis such as archeobotany, archeology and terrestrial, observational and nautical geology.
One of the department's goals is to implement a doctoral program.

Foreign students to vote

by Melissa Adair
Battalion Staff
The International Student Association will hold elections today for next year's officers to fill the positions of president, secretary, treasurer and public relations chairman.
International Student Association adviser Tina Watkins said the procedure used for the elections is extremely complicated. The ISA wants its executive council to represent all countries, so no two officers can come from the same country and each country can cast only one vote for each position, she said.
Watkins said she thinks it would be fairer if each person in the ISA got to cast one vote, but there is a legitimate reason for the one-country, one-vote procedure.
The ISA wants to avoid allowing one country to control the elections, Watkins said. This is possible under the one-person, one-vote system, especially since more than 200 people represent countries like Mexico and Taiwan.
The ISA sponsors parties, sings in speakers from various countries and helps the clubs financially.
But the main focus for the ISA is International Week. During International Week — March 28 to March 31 — the ISA exhibits cultural displays in the Memorial Student Center. It sponsors a night of international dining.
The elections will be at 7 p.m. today in 701 Rudder.

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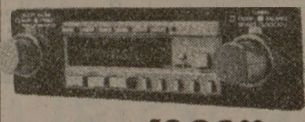
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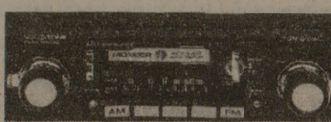


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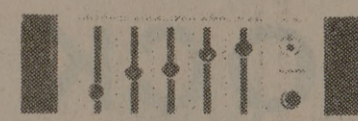
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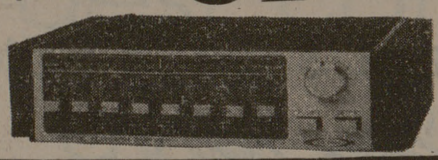
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