

Craft Center 5-year-old program offers instruction individual help to students, staff

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A student bends patiently over a sewing machine, patching his blue jeans amidst the clatter of a loom. Nearby, a talented woman frames a prized photograph, while an interested group watches a potter demonstrate his skills. It's a scene typical of the Craft Center, located on the ground floor of the EMU's new addition.

"The Craft Center was created about five years ago because of student interest," says supervisor Tom Urban. "It was planned right into the new addition."

The fully-equipped center, is open to anyone affiliated with the

University. It provides shops and sells materials for ceramics, woods, photography, jewelry, lapidary, graphic arts and textiles.

The center is busiest during fall term, according to assistant supervisor Jim Bourdin, but as Christmas approaches, people often find themselves waiting in line to use the equipment and space.

The center's staff offers free advice and informal instruction. Staff members include University work-study students and several professional craftspeople from the community.

Formal instruction is available in weekly workshops, taught by

the supervisors, knowledgeable student staff members, or local artists. "Sessions are usually scheduled at times when the center is least busy — usually during the evening or late afternoon," Urban says.

Workshop enrollments are usually limited to 10-12 students, who meet weekly for six to eight weeks. Occasionally a one-day workshop is offered.

Registration for fall term workshops begins at noon today.

Bourdin expects the photography workshops to be especially popular. Several ceramics classes are scheduled, in addition to workshops in textiles, graphics, silkscreening, calligraphy, jewelry and metal working, and stained glass. Separate offerings in bicycle and wheelchair repair will also be featured.

"Other workshops may be added if students express interest in areas not covered by the current schedule," Urban adds.

Tuition costs, which cover instruction and materials, vary for each workshop.

To participate in most workshops, students must be members of the center. Cost is \$4 per term. But several workshops are also open to non-members, at \$1 above the regular tuition cost.

Members and non-members are equally welcome to use the center's facilities during open hours. A 50-cent fee is charged to non-members for single-day use of the center.

Center's hours are 9:30- 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursdays; Friday, 9:30-6 p.m. and weekends from noon to 6 p.m. The woodshop has separate hours which are posted in the center.

For further information, call 686-4361.



Photos by Douglas Kennedy

Larry Evans (above) and Cheryl Reed (right) are two participants in Craft Center programs. The center offers classes, individual advice and a place for craftsmen to discuss their projects and techniques. All students and their families are welcome to use the facility.



Fall classes in practical law set by People's Law School

The People's Law School will resume classes beginning Wednesday evening. All classes are free and open to the public, at the Lincoln Community School cafeteria, 12th Avenue and Jefferson Street, from 7 to 9 p.m. The last class, set for Nov. 29, will be held at Harris Hall.

Nina Johnson, coordinator for the Community Legal Education Project and the program's organizer, says getting into the classes may be a problem.

"One of the confusing things people misunderstand is that there is no registration," Johnson says. "People can come to one or several classes."

Johnson says the classes will be informal lecture and discussion sessions, with role-playing and guest speakers.

A class on consumer law will work with an actual contract, Johnson says, an indication that none of the classes should be anything to sleep through.

But the goal of the classes, which are funded by the Student Bar Association and the Lane County Legal Aid Service, is

strictly an academic one, Johnson says.

"People shouldn't come expecting legal advice," Johnson says of the classes, which are taught by law students who are prohibited by law from giving legal advice.

A schedule of upcoming classes and the topics they will cover:

Oct. 4 — Being a Tenant; Oct. 11 — Ins and Outs of Welfare and Food Stamps; Oct. 18 — All About

Wills; Oct. 25 — The Long Arm of Criminal Law.

Nov. 1 — Taking Your Case to Small Claims Court; Nov. 8 — Perils and Promises of a Consumer; Nov. 15 — Law and the Family; Nov. 29 — Legal Research for the Beginner (at Harris Hall, south conference room).

Further information can be obtained by calling Johnson at the Legal Aid office, 485-7194.

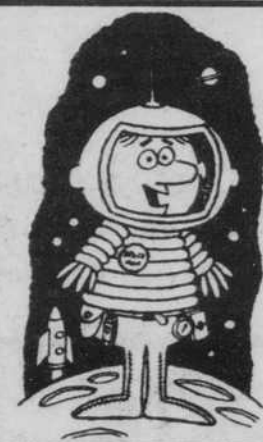
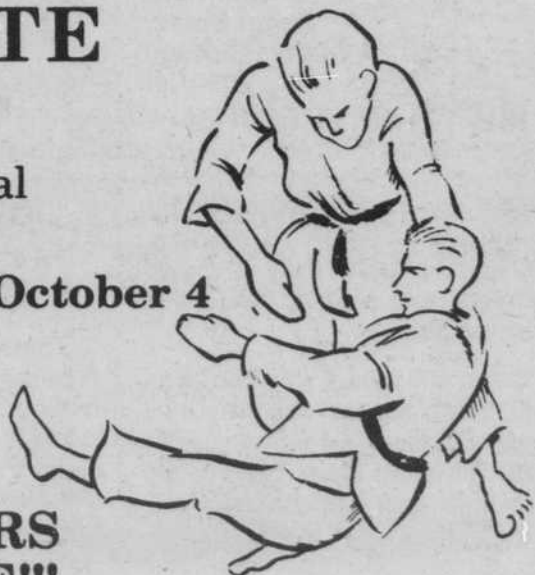
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