

Speedreading classes offered by University, private concern

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Almost every student knows the pressure of having too little time to cover the reading for an exam the next day.

That's when students want miracles, but they rarely arrive on time.

In recent issues of the Oregon Daily Emerald, advertisements for Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics course are full of promise — "Eight chapters of Babylonian History for tomorrow's exam, and Kathy is waiting — you can do it!"

The Learning Resources Center has milder propaganda — "although we don't claim or imply that you'll be able to read eight chapters of Babylonian History in an hour or that you'll have a good-looking date waiting for you to finish, we do offer some advantages."

Which course to take?

Six Evelyn Wood sessions cost \$395, while the LRC charges \$30 for a four-week class. All classes last three hours.

The decision about which course to take may end right after the price difference sinks in.

But the differences may be worth it, says Edward Lamoureaux, spokesperson for Evelyn Wood.

"I know they (the LRC) haven't been doing it (teaching speed reading) for over 20 years and

Evelyn Wood has," he says.

The LRC claims to at least double a reader's speed, while Evelyn Wood claims to at least triple speed. Both claim that readers' comprehension will improve, and both allow participants to re-attend classes once they have taken the course.

Evelyn Wood and the LRC gear their programs to college readers, concentrating about 50 percent of their student courses on textbook reading.

All instructors for the LRC have taught classes at the high school or college level and have completed the LRC reading course and an instructor training course, says Susan Lesyk of the LRC.

Lamoureaux has taken the Evelyn Wood course three times and has taken three series of specialized training at the Seattle office.

What exactly do they teach in a speed reading course?

Developing faster reading habits is aided through previewing, outlining the headings and subheadings before reading the material and reviewing the material, Lesyk says.

The key to text reading is obtaining an overall view of the author's points and referring back to those points throughout the reading.

"It's a skill that takes a good amount of effort to learn and a moderate amount of effort to maintain," says Lamoureaux. "It isn't magic."

Committee action questioned

The Residence Hall Governance Committee (RHGC) approved a loan Monday that may be unconstitutional, said Joe Argast, author of the RHGC constitution and former committee member.

The decision allows the RHGC to loan \$500 requested by sponsors of a Homecoming dance scheduled for Saturday. The money is needed today to pay for dance expenses, said Samer Ramadan, dance committee chairman.

The committee approved the loan with the stipulation that at least \$300 be repaid. Residence hall presidents' councils must be consulted on grants of more than \$200, a limit that was approved at the meeting.

"I think they should use the same procedures for loans as they use for grants," Argast said.

"After putting all that work into it," he said, "they show a poor respect for the constitution by passing that exemption."

The Homecoming dance committee originally requested \$500 with the stipulation that repayment consist of dance receipts, regardless of whether the proceeds repaid the loan.

Ramadan said the request was just brought before the RHGC because the presidents' councils of the two sponsoring halls were organized so recently that they haven't received their share of interest money from dormitory room deposits.

Argast said Dick Romm, housing director of residence hall life, is the "supreme court" of RHGC and would make a final decision on the constitutionality of the loan if it is appealed.

Programs ignore statement deadline

About half of ASUO-funded programs turned in their goal statements on time, says Sheila Schain, ASUO budget director.

Program goal statements were due Monday at 12:30 p.m. As of 5 p.m., 46 of 77 groups required to submit goals had complied. Ten programs had been granted deadline extensions, Schain said.

"I am very surprised that it's so low," she said. "I expected a

lot better than this."

Schain said she was concerned because the Incidental Fee Committee, which determines which goals to accept, may not be as lenient as past committees have been in allowing late goal statements.

The committee will allow goal statements to be submitted as late as next Monday, according to IFC chairer Bart Hill. Goal statements may or may not be

accepted after that date, depending on the mood of the committee, he said.

Past-due statements will be considered on a "case-by-case" basis, Hill said.

As of Friday, six program goal statements had been turned in.

"That is pitiful," said David Gibson, ASUO vice president of administration and finance.

Gibson predicted at the time that a small number of groups would turn in goals promptly.

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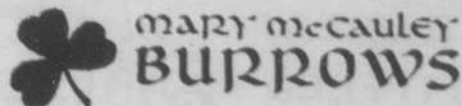
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