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background in critical reading and writing skills," she says.

The center's program is based on the same principles as the ones offered by Evelyn Wood, Lesyk says. It is better, however, because it focuses specifically on textbooks and because it is a distillation of the most helpful elements of other programs, he says.

Mike Murrow, the Learning Resources Center's speed-reading instructor, is a graduate of Evelyn Wood's course. He says that while there is nothing wrong with Evelyn Wood's course, there is also nothing that makes it worth ten times the cost of the University's course.

The techniques used in both courses are similar, Murrow says. Hand-pacing techniques that force the eye to move more quickly across text are used, and students usually can expect to increase their reading rate 20-25 percent in the first lesson.

Hubin says he does not want to discredit Evelyn Wood's program, but he says students should know that there is a comparable speed-reading alternative available to them on campus for a fraction of the cost.

Gould

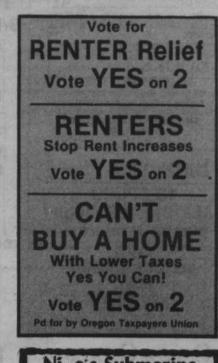
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French course. All GTFs are expected to attend Gould's class to learn what she calls the "rationalist-direct method of teaching," which concentrates on developing one-on-one French communication between the teacher and the student.

"Communicating with people is what teaching is all about," Gould says. "I think it's very important to interact with my students."

Learning a foreign language can be difficult, but most of Gould's students say having an entertaining teacher makes it easier.

"She is so unique, so bubbly and full of non-stop energy," says Heinka Peterson, a student in Gould's class.



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