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Evaluation

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in his department, and added "that for the most part, we don't have GTFs teaching (lower division biology) classes."

Capaldi said the problem with using GTFs to teach is a financial problem rather than an academic one. And he also maintained the real issue is dedication to undergraduate teaching, not the fact GTFs are used as teachers.

"We have completely changed our courses and curriculum so that everyone meets with a faculty person once a week in addition to the two lectures. We have faculty members permanently assigned as a GTF advisor, and if that isn't dedication to undergraduate programs, I don't know what is," Capaldi said.

Moreover, Capaldi added two University biology professors have received grants to deal with improving undergraduate education in biology.

The Strategic Plan recommends teaching assistants "should be given proper orientation and direction prior to beginning a teaching assign-

ment" and GTFs should be evaluated "on at least a quarterly basis by regular faculty and students."

Ramsing acknowledged language barriers may pose a problem for some students in some departments, but said steps are being taken to correct this.

"There are programs in place to help GTFs who have not taught before to become better teachers — there is a concerted effort on this campus to improve teaching delivery," Ramsing said.

As an example, he noted the University has implemented a Supplementary English Language Training program (SELT). According to Ramsing, its purpose "is to upgrade the English language skills of international students in performance in an academic setting."

Although international GTFs are not required to participate in the program, Ramsing anticipates it will be required within the next two years. "We're kind of getting our feet wet this year," Ramsing said.

Ramsing added that while not all departments conduct faculty evaluations on a regular basis, all teaching GTFs undergo student evaluations and most departments offer some type of GTF supervision.

Hunt also acknowledged there are concerns with language skills of foreign GTFs, but reiterated Ramsing's observation that speech tests are administered to foreign GTFs.

However, Hunt went a step further than Ramsing and suggested shades of racism may be cloaked in the state board's rhetoric.

"While you have to have good English to communicate and lecture, and while many GTFs support the (language skills) program, I also think that good old-fashioned American racism had better be mentioned and recognized."

"There are always some in a class who will give an instructor of color or of foreign origin bad reviews, not because their English is bad but because they are of foreign origin or of color," Hunt said.

Bils

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that she had merely typed the paper, not that she had actually written it." This incident led to the tampering with a witness charge.

The second-degree criminal trespass charge arose from an incident April 3, 1987 at the Lane County custody referee's

office, the stipulation read. Bils obtained unauthorized access to his confidential file, in which he read something he found offensive. Bils "created a scene" in the office, and after repeated requests to leave, Bils was arrested.

If Bils had been convicted, he could have served more than six years in jail. However, with the guilty but insane ruling, that time is converted from a jail sentence to time under the supervision of the psychiatric review board, Larson said.

A hearing date of Jan. 8 has been set to work out some of the conditioned release details, Larson and Bils' attorney Dan Goff both said. Bils, currently residing in Monterey, Calif., may be able to remain as an outpatient as long as he remains under the care of his psychiatrist and the psychiatric review board.

Both attorneys expect the particulars of the release to be decided before the hearing date.

Goff, no relation to Skillings-Goff, said it is unusual for an academic violation to be brought to criminal charges. "It's stretching things a bit, in my opinion, to say an academic violation is criminal," he said.

There still may be the possibility of disciplinary ac-

tion from the University, although the decision probably won't be made for another month, Goff continued. There was a meeting scheduled for this Monday, but it was canceled until University student conduct officials can study the issue further.

Bils, 32, is currently on medical leave from the law school, and while there is no set limit to the length of leave, Goff said Bils is not planning to return to the University anytime in the near future.

"Willy is on medical leave now, and he won't attempt to do anything academically until the reason for the medical leave is alleviated," Goff added.

"Bils is a danger to himself and others because of his mental illness," Goff continued. "I think it's in everyone's best interest to get him out of an explosive situation."

Bils was unavailable for comment.

Bils began making headlines in June 1986 when he started a campaign against the ASUO Insurance Program, citing problems with claim payments. In early 1987, Bils requested the resignation of then-ASUO President Steve Nelson and Legal Services Attorney Karsten Rasmussen on charges of mismanagement and conflict of interest in dealing with the insurance program.

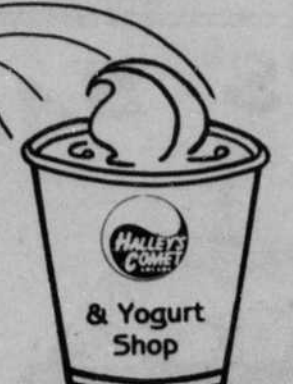
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