

U. NEWS

ARIZONA

Breaches of anonymity on evaluations reported... About a dozen student complaints citing breaches of anonymity in U. of Arizona student evaluations of courses and instructors has resulted in a memo urging department heads and deans to ensure student privacy. "The validity of this process is completely destroyed" if policies governing anonymity are not followed, states the Nov. 21 memo from Belestino Fernandez, UA associate vice president for academic affairs and interim director of the University Teaching Center. The memo states that the complaints range from faculty weeding out negative forms to peering over students' shoulders as they fill out forms. "The evaluations matter more than students imagine," Fernandez said. They are used in annual performance evaluations of every UA instructor and play a role in a professor receiving promotion and tenure. No policy exists at UA regarding the evaluations. ■ Pila Martinez, *Arizona Daily Wildcat*, U. of Arizona

ILLINOIS

Undergrads lack basic skills... College undergraduates do not work hard enough at their studies and lack basic academic skills, according to a survey of 5,000 college faculty members. More than two-thirds of the faculty surveyed in the Carnegie Foundation poll said teaching students skills they should already know is often necessary. Sixty-seven percent said college standards have lowered. More than 50 percent favor stricter admission standards. The survey found education teachers the most aware of students' shortcomings. Their responses differed sharply from teachers in other departments. ■ Mark Gates, *The Northern Star*, Northern Illinois U.

NORTH CAROLINA

Play-Doh spells exam relief... Law school students at the U. of Cincinnati who are stressed out from studying for their semester final exams can take a break and go play in the law library's play room. The library has stocked a room with games, toys, puzzles and Play-Doh to help students unwind, said Taylor Fitchett, director of the library. "We noticed students were very frustrated around exam time. So to remedy the student's frustration, the library began to serve soft drinks, coffee and candy. "It is just a stress reliever," she said. "The students really love it." ■ Sandy Wall, *The Daily Tar Heel*, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

UTAH

Boycott doesn't deter interviewees... Despite boycotts of Exxon's job interviews by some geology and geophysics students at U. of Utah, one more person interviewed than last year, according to Administrative Assistant Donna Thomas. Boycotters showed their displeasure at what they felt was an ineffective response to the Alaskan oil disaster. Some students said they didn't participate in the boycott because they felt Exxon was not at fault. Graduate student David Mason said, "If they offered me a job, I'd take it. If blame is put on anyone, it is the oil industry for not pooling its resources." ■ Heidi Sorenson, *The Daily Utah Chronicle*, U. of Utah

CALIFORNIA

Reverse discrimination? The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights is investigating the possibility of reverse discrimination against white applicants at U. of California, Berkeley, by maintaining illegal quotas for specific minorities. The focus of the investigation will center on fall 1989 first-year student admissions to the College of Letters and Sciences. The complaint was filed by a local computer expert Arthur Hufter. He compiled UC Berkeley admissions statistics to establish a pattern of discrimination against white applicants by maintaining quotas for African Americans, Hispanics and Filipinos, said Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action. UC Berkeley Chancellor Ira Michael Heyman said the university has not breached any legal boundaries. "The undergraduate student body has a diversity unmatched among campuses with high academic standards," he said. "Yet these achievements are not at the expense of quality." ■ Allen Lue, *The Daily Californian*, U. of California, Berkeley

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Sororities change bid policy... Sorority Rush at Stanford U. will no longer promise a bid to everyone who participates, following a 5-2 Intersorority Council vote in favor of abandoning the system. Gamma Phi Beta President Dawn McGuiness said, "In the past, a sorority had to accept a woman they didn't like, and sometimes both ended up unhappy." Kari Murnane, Pi Beta Phi president said the Pi Phis originally wanted to preserve guaranteed Rush because it was "nicer on the girl's feelings," but she thinks the unguaranteed system "is more honest." McGuiness added the new system is less elitist. "This makes Rush a lot clearer, even though it sounds elitist. In actuality the old system was just as elite. Now, we're correcting it by letting people know what we really think," she said. ■ Jill Daniels, *The Stanford Daily*, Stanford U.



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