

SAFERIDE

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sexual assault by men is a valid perception.

"The idea that 'all men are potential rapists' is not a dangerous stereotype to be eliminated, but a rational female reaction to potential danger," Briggs wrote.

"It should not be construed as an assault on the general morality of males."

This idea was the topic of hot debate Friday night as the court heard arguments before a crowd of about 200 people, mostly Saferide supporters.

Hepner characterized the stereotype of men as potential rapists a "low blow" to himself and his gender.

He argued that women's fear of walking alone at night "is a perception and not a fact," a statement that elicited several mocking chuckles.

Hepner warned of the dangers of such perceptions based on differences, which he likened to the rationale behind white supremacy, anti-semitism and homophobia.

"By just saying that women are assaulted on campus, you are ignoring the whole problem," Hepner said. "[Safety] is a human issue."

Since 1986, when Saferide started, about

50,000 women have used the service. Fewer than 20 men have requested rides from OPS in that time.

"If Saferide were offered to men, these figures could be 1,000 times different," Hepner said.

Hepner used the example of Lane Transit District as a model for harmonious transportation for both sexes. Hepner told the court that LTD had had no reports of assaults in the last 20 years.

Two University law students defended Saferide against Hepner's complaint. Although their argument was somewhat uninspiring after Hepner's animated testimonial, Bruce Hayes and Rhonda Fenrich addressed relevant sections of the ASUO Constitution.

Hayes and Fenrich offered the court an alternative interpretation of Section 2.4, suggesting that in the case of women's safety at night, sex is not an "extraneous consideration," but a relevant consideration.

Hayes also emphasized the need to consider the intent of the constitution writers, which he claimed was to provide equal access to activities.

The court ultimately based its decision on the "plain" meaning of the constitution, placing more emphasis on women's need for access to activities than men's need for access to Saferide.

ELECTION

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recalled."

Bills said an elections board will be formed and the cost of the election, including ballots, computer work and the expense of staffing voting booths, will likely run between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Steven Briggs, Constitution Court chief justice, said court members have not yet decided how the signatures will be verified. He did not have a time estimate as to when that process will be completed.

Wilson and King were asked to swear that the signatures were valid when they turned in petitions on Friday, and Briggs said the court may rely solely on that oath. Another option is to hire an outside party to verify the signatures, Briggs said.

The Constitution does not set forth any time line for special elections to take place.

CHANGES

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shop will help explain the new laws and their effects on international students.

In other changes, international students can accept internships only if it is a graduation requirement. At the University, only the International Studies program requires internships.

International students will still be allowed to work in the U.S. for one year after graduation beginning the day after the student graduates, but only in a job related to their major.

Critics are disappointed that INS eliminated the "need based" employment regulation. Because students must now wait 60 days before they can take a job, irrespective of financial need, those who are in financial need will suffer from these regulations, said Amy Yenkin of the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers.

The regulation will also create an inferiority complex among international students because they can only be employed at jobs that no one else is willing to take and will also limit students to low-paying jobs with only large employers, said Naghmeh Moshtael, a junior from Cameroon.

"International students come here for education. We are part of the active, productive part of society," Moshtael said. "By limiting our opportunity (the government) is limiting what society gets."

Others point out that the regulations will hurt small employers because "small companies do not have the levy to negotiate with INS," said Sureish Nathan, a senior from Singa-

pore. Nathan also sees a contradiction in the regulations.

"On one hand there is shortage of labor in the United States," he said. "On the other hand, they are restricting opportunities for international students to work."

"Although international students might be equally qualified, they have to wait 60 days before they can be hired," he said. "Basically (international students) are out of the competitive job market."

Students and advisers also said they were confused and disappointed by the new internship regulation. Students said they see this regulation as a way of limiting opportunities.

"(The regulation) is another device to limit us," Nathan said. "The University should seek out avenues to practice what you learn."

Mostael put it differently. "Where is this ever going to stop?" she asked. "We will not be receiving the same level of education as residents."

Although international students may work for one year after graduation, they can work only in major-related jobs.

There is a lot of gray area in what major-related areas mean, Nathan said.

"In a job interview you compete with people from all areas," he said. The job criterion (employers use) is not what you majored in."

The regulations contradict University efforts to internationalize, Frank said.

Mostael summed up the sentiments this way: "We are paying for it," she said. "We will expect the same treatment and opportunity (as resident students). It's not free, not a favor. (Our) least expectation is to be treated fairly."

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