

## SANDLER

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"Title 9," the federal code that prohibits sexual harassment in classrooms. A senior associate with the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., she is currently editor of *About Women On Campus*, published by the National Association for Women in Education. Sandler wrote a recent report entitled "Sexual Harassment and Date Rape," and is the major contributor to a new book, *Educator's Guide to Controlling Sexual Harassment*.

The lecture focused on sexual harassment in institutions and schools, defining types of harassment, and presenting solutions to problems. According to Sandler, 70 percent to 90 percent of undergraduate women have experienced some form of sexual harassment.

The phrase "sexual harassment" wasn't coined until 1973. Before that, the term was "quid pro quo." Quid pro quo became a type of sexual harassment where sexual favors were expected in exchange for advancement for women. In addition to the quid pro quo thing, there was the "hostile environment." This is the concept that actions interpreted as offensive could hinder a woman's ability to perform at work. Then, Sandler talked about pure sexual harassment, or sexual

assault. According to Sandler, 15 percent to 25 percent of undergraduate women have been forced to have sex with someone they did not want to.

New types of sexual harassment have been given names such as "sharking," "mooning," or "scoping," signs of increased popularity. Scoping, for example, is when a group of men loudly discuss a woman's attributes, usually in a cafeteria, and hold up display cards with numbers ranging from one to ten. They usually sit near the food line, so women cannot avoid walking by and being harassed.

Sandler also focused on legal aspects of sexual harassment, such as the "eye of the beholder" rule. Sandler explained that you're not just going to know sexual harassment when you see it, because what is felt by the victim is all that matters legally, not the perpetrator's intent.

"It's not what a reasonable man thinks is harassment, but what a reasonable woman thinks," Sandler said.

Now, people can sue for damages under Title 9. And this means that lawyers will be more eager to take sexual harassment cases. Sandler also spoke of sexual harassment myths, such as the beauty myth and the clothing myth. The clothing myth suggests that only women who dress provocatively get harassed.

"But, I know that if you put some women in a burlap sack, some men would say 'This is the most attractive woman I've ever seen'," Sandler said.

Sandler was invited by Sandi Morgan, of the Center for the Study of Women in Society. Professors Geraldine Richmond and Marie Vitulli, of the chemistry and mathematics departments, also helped welcome Sandler to the campus. The focus of the presentation was supposed to be the chilly climate for women in the sciences.

"I know we have a problem," Vitulli said. One indication of the situation is that there are a larger number of women getting degrees in math and science, but there are hardly any women in the faculty.

According to Kathy Trigueiro, there isn't a problem. She is a math instructor, and works with math undergraduates and peer advisers. Roughly half of the students she works with are male, and half female. But, according to Jolinda Smith, the president of the GTFs for the physics department, where there are no women professors, one major problem is that there seems to be a higher standard for women than men. "People tend to think that hiring a woman is merely filling a quota," Smith said. "If they were to hire a woman, it would have to be someone really good."

## IFC

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"With former vice president of ASUO and other ASUO executives as USSA board members, the check and balance system does not exist," the committee said in their request. "USSA should have an independent campus leadership."

Collins Puente recently left to work for the USSA in Washington, D.C. as an intern.

Whether the ASUO will freeze USSA's funds is uncertain, said Liu, adding that Francis Neo, ASUO finance coordinator, has commented that he sees no reason to freeze the account while auditing the group.

"It's now out of the hands of the IFC and up to the ASUO," Liu said.

Neo was not at Tuesday night's IFC meeting.

Though Liu said the IFC

would need an audit to find further examples of alleged mismanagement, Troy Shields, an active member of USSA, told the *Emerald* last week that he made several long distance phone calls on his USSA account but paid those back at a later time.

Further charges leveled by the IFC include funding the group for campus activities that never materialized.

In other IFC action Tuesday, the Young Women's Christian Association received a 0.3 percent decrease in their budget, bringing them to \$2,183 for the 1994-95 school year.

Oregon Marine Students Association received a three percent decrease, bringing them to \$4,506 for next year.

The Journal of Environmental Law, an IFC supported publication, received a 2.9 percent decrease, pushing them down to \$7,015 for next year.

## HOUSING

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group, which in turn, will submit its recommendation to him on Feb. 15.

"This is a good way to make sure that the University can hear all of the testimony and make an informed choice," Eyster said. "We agreed to involve the students, but everytime a new option is proposed, students are kept in limbo, and that's not fair to them."

"It's important that Amazon maintain its strong sense of community," he said, "and because we are taking the community's suggestions and information into consideration, we are obligated to make an informed decision."

In response to the idea that

a moratorium be placed on the Amazon situation so that everyone knows exactly what will happen and when, Eyster said, "We want to keep our options open and examine each one thoroughly. We want the best decision."

About 100 Amazon units remain unoccupied because the University has not given up the option to demolish and rebuild.

"It's one of the alternatives we are looking at," Eyster said. "We won't let go of the possibility."

Eyster said he expects that housing administrators, having taken the community's input into consideration, will make a decision and announce the fate of Amazon sometime in late February or early March.

## ET ALS

MEETINGS

**Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force** will meet today from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms C and D. For more information, call 346-1133.

**Oregon Voice** will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room C. For more information, call 465-3388.

**Amnesty International** will meet tonight from 7 to 8 in EMU Cedar Room E.

**College Republicans** will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Cedar Room F. For more information, call 343-7788.

**EMU Board** will meet today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room.

**Asian/Pacific-American Student Union** will meet today at 5 p.m. in Room 225 Counseling Center. For more information, call 346-4342.

**Landscape Architecture Studio** will meet to discuss Amazon housing design tonight from 7 to 9 in the Amazon Community Room. For more information, call 346-3619.

**Japanese Student Organization** will meet today from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms C and D. For more information, call 686-4484.

RELIGION

**United Methodist Campus Ministry** will sponsor Wesley Night College Christian Fellowship tonight at 7 at 1236 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-4694.

MISCELLANEOUS

**Southeast Asian Studies** will present Professor Jack Bailes to speak on Thailand today from 11 a.m. to noon in EMU Century Room F. For more information, call 346-1521.

**Student Bar Association** will present People's Law School seminar on bankruptcy tonight at 7 in Room 129 Law School. For more information, call 345-5847.

**ASUO Student Senate** will have a grievance table today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the EMU Lobby. For more information, call 346-0630.

**Illumination Engineering Society** will present Portland architect Jeffrey Lamb tonight at 7:30 in Room 115 Lawrence. For more information, call 346-1435.

**University Housing and International College** will present Kathryn Roissiguer to talk about the women's study program tonight at 7 and Project Saferun at 8 p.m. at Riley Hall.

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