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TODAY

As part of National Condom Day, the Health Center will be giving out condoms at the Bookstore.



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Schools explain grading contrast

■ **GRADES:** Graduate students may be source of discrepancies between schools' average GPAs

By Sean Rossol

Higher Education Reporter

If a student wants an easy A, he or she shouldn't take a School of Journalism and Communication course.

It's not advisable to take a College of Education course, either.

A few weeks ago, the *Emerald* ran a story that indicated the College of Education tends to give more As than, say, the journalism school.

But this is not necessarily the case.

The College of Education, on average, has more graduate students than the journalism school, which is primarily composed of undergraduates.

For example, the College of Education had only 65 undergraduates for fall 1994 but had 450 graduate students. The School of Journalism and Communication had 949 undergraduates and only 40 graduate students for the same year.

While an undergraduate must earn a C to pass a class within his or her major, a graduate student must earn at least a B. For graduate students, a C is considered "inferior," or a no pass.

Graduate students are held to higher academic standards than

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CONDOM SENSE

Love and latex join hands in preventing the prevalence of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases

By Doug Irving

Student Activities Reporter

The Student Health Center will celebrate this Valentine's Day with condom roses and condom valentines, information and education.

In addition to being Valentine's Day, today is National Condom Day. It's no accident that both fall on the same day.

"Valentine's Day is a day for lovers," said Holly Knight, editor of the Student Health Center newsletter. "We want people to love safely."

The Health Center predicts that students will be "more romantic" today, increasing the chances of having sex.

"It's a day when sex is permitted," said Melissa Crown, a peer health educator. "You're allowed to do stuff like that."

The Health Center will staff an information table at the University Bookstore where it will give out condoms and information pamphlets. It will also hand out valentines with condoms attached inside.

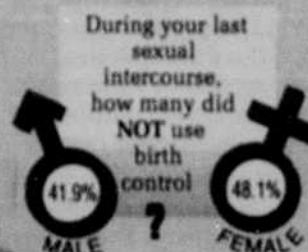
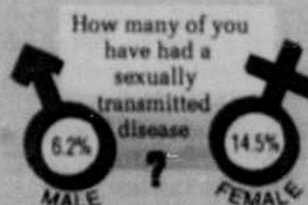
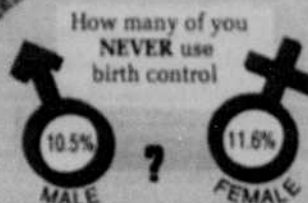
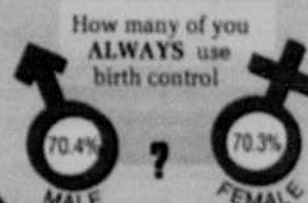
On Monday the center staffed a similar table where it provided "condoms and cookies," Crown said.

"We're just trying to make people a little more aware of the importance of condom usage," she said.

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CONDOM USAGE

400 University students were asked about their birth control habits:



During your LAST sexual intercourse, how many of you DID use birth control

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- 100% of Greek respondents
- 35.7% of University Housing
- 44.7% of off-campus residents

Source: Student Health Center Survey

DEANIS BOLT/Emerald

Supporters promote plans for ethnic studies department, major

■ **DIVERSITY:** A program has existed since 1973, but it hopes to grow into its own department

By Regina Brown

Higher Education Reporter

University students will someday be able to major in ethnic studies if attempts by faculty and students at expanding the ethnic studies program are successful.

A group of faculty involved in the program, along with two student representatives, plan to submit a proposal by a March 1 deadline. The ethnic studies

program already offers a minor and a certificate in ethnic studies.

"Ethnic studies as a discipline is fundamentally reshaping social science, and we need to be a part of this," said Quintard Taylor, a history professor who serves on the Ethnic Studies Program Planning Committee.

Students met with faculty on the committee for the first time last Thursday to discuss plans for improving the ethnic studies program, which has attempted, since its creation in 1973, to provide quality classes taught by professors of color.

Students attending the meet-

ing asked to be included in the decision-making process because they felt student opinions were not being sought by the faculty planning committee, said Javier Cervantes, a student who works for the Multicultural Center.

Cervantes and 15 to 25 other students interested in creating an ethnic studies major founded their own committee to address their concerns, he said.

"I think its only common courtesy [to include students] because students are going to be the ones taking the classes," Cervantes said.

The students met over the

weekend and elected two student representatives: Joey Lyons, a former student senator who now works with the Multicultural Center, and Andrea Adams from MEChA, will serve as liaisons between the two groups.

"We need to be on a near-equal footing when it comes to addressing issues," Lyons said.

But the process of expanding the program to include an ethnic studies major will take at least two years, said committee member Steven Bender, a law professor. It will take at least 18 months for a formal proposition to be approved, and after that it

will face curriculum committees from the University and from the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, he said.

"The plan is a framework for a major, and I think we can make it academically sound," Bender said.

Faculty said the length of the process is necessary if the committee is going to create a quality program.

"Our charge is to put together a program that will create an ethnic studies major that will bring people from all over Oregon," Taylor said.

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