

# UO student teacher wins third Emmy

**AWARD:** Bill Kunz has won three Sports Emmys for his achievements in broadcast journalism

By Daniel Pearson  
Higher Education Reporter

And the Emmy goes to ... University Journalism and Communications Ph.D. candidate Bill Kunz.

That's right -- an Emmy. Kunz won his third Sports Emmy last Wednesday as an associate director for the Centennial Olympic Games on NBC in the Outstanding Live Event Turnaround category.

"It's no big deal," Kunz said.

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"It's an honor, but I don't think it necessarily represents the quality of my work," Kunz said. "It's not like I'm doing this to push myself and see what I can achieve. What I care about is the finished product as a whole."

There is nothing in Kunz's office that would suggest his accomplishments. No newspaper articles framed for the wall, no pictures of himself shaking hands with television celebrities. Nothing. In fact, it is not really his office. He has to share it with three other student teachers. The only evidence of Kunz being there is a row of empty Diet Pepsi cans, admittedly his vice, standing along the wall.

He even blushed when an

*Emerald* photographer came to his communication economics class to take his picture.

"At home, my other Emmys are just mixed in on the shelves with other stuff," he said. "One night I was studying with a classmate at my house and he noticed the Emmys. He said to me, 'Why didn't you say anything?' I guess just don't see any reason to bring it up."



KUNZ

Kunz received his first Sports Emmy in 1990 as an associate producer for ABC's Wide World of Sports anthology special. The second was for the Wide World of Sports 30th Anniversary show in 1991, also as an associate producer. He has received nominations for 10 other Sports Emmys, including a craft award this year for script writing.

"That one means more to me than the other ones because it is an individual award," Kunz said. "I wrote the script for [Wide World of Sports host] Jim McKay to read for the year-end special. I believe Jim is one of the best storytellers in television. I used to watch the show when I was growing up, so it is an honor for me to be associated with him."

Amazingly, Kunz did not start his career in television. He began as a sports reporter for the University of California at Berkeley campus newspaper covering water

polo and swimming, where he quickly gained a reputation as a swimming expert.

"What's weird about that is I'm allergic to chlorine," he said.

Kunz graduated in 1984 and worked as a reporter for the San Francisco *Chronicle*. Soon after he took a job in Berkeley's sports information department where his boss helped him land his first television opportunity as a researcher/writer for ABC. Four years later, as the director of research for NBC, he began producing shows.

"I'm very proud of him," said Miyuki Taguchi, his wife of two years. "He is a real hard worker and really devotes himself to everything he does."

He does a lot. Kunz's life has become a juggling act. When he is not flying around the world working on various projects, Kunz is working on his dissertation, teaching and grading papers. The best part of it is traveling, but he does not always get to take in the sights, he said.

"I'm working days until 4 and sometimes 7 a.m.," Kunz said. "A lot of that is spent inside the editing truck or sleeping in the hotel. The glamorous life of television, right? I just wish I had more time to spend with Miyuki. And to play golf."

"I haven't even had time to go to the dinner after the Emmys. I could have gone last year, but I was doing the audio mix for a show and wanted to finish it that night. But that's all right. I don't like wearing a tie anyway."

# Community riled by teen's sexual assault case

By Jim Chilsen  
The Associated Press

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis. — Kevin Gillson and his 15-year-old girlfriend found themselves in the kind of trouble experienced by thousands of teens — she was pregnant.

The 18-year-old wanted to take responsibility by marrying her, getting a job and raising their child, expected in early June.

But then police found out and arrested Gillson on a charge of sexual assault, which was later boosted to sexual assault of a child. Since he was convicted, he will have to register as a sex offender and faces a sentence ranging from probation to 40 years in prison.

One tearful juror said she despised her vote to convict the young man, but believed she had no choice under Wisconsin law.

Despite assurances from Gillson's girlfriend that the sex was consensual, the longstanding law says no one under the age of 16 can consent to a sexual relationship.

Few of the 10,000 people in this

town 30 miles north of Milwaukee side with the district attorney who prosecuted Gillson.

"It's pathetic," said Penni Feezor, 32, serving burgers, chili and coffee at a George Webb restaurant. "If he had intentions of doing the right thing, why put him in jail?"

"It takes two people to do it, and he's not the only person who's gotten a 15-year-old pregnant, and I don't think he deserves one year, let alone 40," said Cheryl L. Huettl, 37, as she enjoyed a beer at a local bar. "There's not that many guys who are willing to quit school to get a good job to support their child."

"I think it's got a lot of people who are dating younger people scared," said 15-year-old Annette Moe.

A juror said it wasn't that simple.

"We were led to believe that we only had one choice, the way it was presented to us," said juror Holly Sutinen, 39. "We had a copy of the law, and they both said they did it and that was our only choice."

"My eyes were full of tears, because it's all our kids sitting there," Sutinen said.

Ozaukee County District Attorney Sandy Williams won't discuss specifics on the case, saying it would be a violation of ethics.

But she said her office tried to negotiate a pretrial resolution and was told Gillson wanted to go to trial. She would not disclose the terms of any proposed deal.

"Does it mean that because he said he's sorry, we're supposed to close our eyes to it?" asked Williams, who is up for re-election in 1998.

Gillson's lawyer, Doug Stansbury, said the negotiations "didn't take us to a point where there was an incentive to settle the case before it went to trial."

He said they haven't yet discussed the possibility of an appeal of the April 17 conviction.

In the meantime, Gillson is free on bail pending sentencing June 24, but a condition of his bail is that he not see his girlfriend.

Regardless of the sentence, Gillson must register with police as a convicted sex offender.

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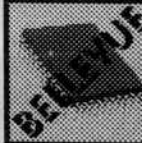
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