

NEWS BRIEF

Hollywood producer talks about industry

Hollywood producer and University alumnus Lary Simpson spoke to students on campus Thursday about the entertainment industry. He covered several topics including how students can get a job, possible business opportunities and the best places to get involved in the industry.

Simpson earned a Bachelor of Science and a master's degree in biology from the University before moving to California to earn his law degree.

He began his entertainment career as a studio attorney for Tri-Star Pictures before joining an entertainment law firm. After practicing law for 15 years, he decided to join his brother, Don Simpson, and Jerry Bruckheimer of the Simpson/Bruckheimer team until his brother passed away one year later. He then formed Lary Simpson Productions, which has movie projects ranging from big-budget pictures to small-budget independent films.

Simpson began his speech to about 30 University students and faculty members by telling them that his goal is to dispel rumors or misconceptions about how Hollywood works.

"There are three main organizations in Hollywood," he said. "The studio — which is the bank — the talent and agents."

One student asked him to discuss the rising salaries in Hollywood. Simpson replied that there are so many venues for a product to be shown that demand is unlimited, causing prices and salaries to rise.

English Professor Kathleen Karlyn asked Simpson to explain what draws him to a script.

Simpson said the characters have to be interesting and it has to discuss the human condition.

Simpson also discussed music and motion picture piracy.

"It's copyrighted material — taking it is theft!" he said. "It is protected intellectual property."

University student Morgen Masciana asked Simpson for advice on how someone could get involved with directing.

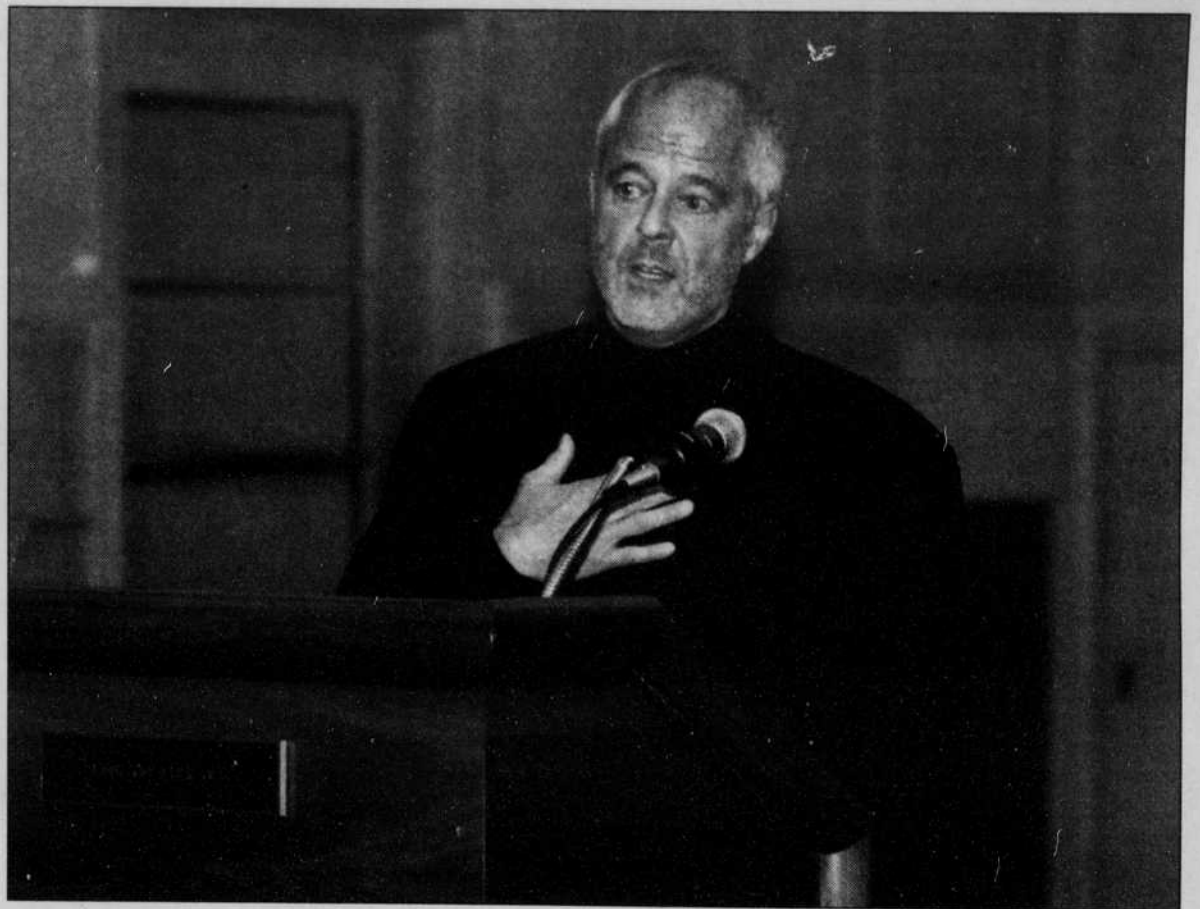
Simpson replied that a lot of young directors are coming from advertising backgrounds and are starting their careers by directing commercials and music videos.

"To be in the movie business, you have to move to New York or L.A. — period," he said. "Once you are successful, you can live anywhere."

He gave another important piece of advice to those aspiring to be in the entertainment business.

"I would never use my own money for a project," Simpson said. "It's like pissing in the wind."

— Lisa Catto



Tim Kupsick Freelance Photographer

University alumnus Lary Simpson speaks to students about the entertainment industry and Hollywood on Thursday in the Knight Library. Simpson told the audience he would never invest his own money in a project because "it's like pissing in the wind."

ASUO

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In the future, ASUO might clarify and define the rules regarding removing a vice president.

"Once we recognize the shortcoming, we should fix it," Sherman said.

He pointed out that if it ever becomes necessary to remove a vice president from office, the ASUO Constitution Court will have to analyze the ASUO Constitution and rules.

"There would have to be some inter-

pretation that would have to be done," Sherman said.

Several options in the Green Tape Notebook suggest solutions.

One is a recall movement that could remove a vice president from office.

Under such a circumstance, recall activists would have to notify the ASUO President and the Elections Board and circulate a petition.

The activists would need to obtain signatures from at least 10 percent of the student population within a month. If they were successful, a recall election — the process that removed

California Gov. Gray Davis from office and installed Arnold Schwarzenegger — would ensue.

A majority vote in favor of the recall would result in the vice president's removal.

Another possibility is that the Constitution Court could decide the Student Senate has the power to impeach a vice president. The ASUO Constitution gives the senate the power to impeach the president by a three-fourths vote, sending the case to the Constitution Court for trial, but makes no mention of the vice president.

A third possibility is that the ASUO Programs Administrator might have the power to fire a vice president.

ASUO Executive Rules state, "If the Administrator finds that there is just cause for firing the employee or appointee, the Programs Administrator will authorize written notice of termination, with at least a one-week delay between notice and termination."

The notice would have to be approved by the administrator and the ASUO president.

There is doubt, however, about whether the vice president constitutes

an "appointee" under the rules, since he is appointed by the president but also elected by the student body.

Even though there is no guideline for how to remove a vice president, the Green Tape Notebook still details the process for choosing a replacement.

If the vice president were removed, the president would appoint a replacement with the consent of the Student Senate, provided the next ASUO election was more than four weeks away.

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ABORTION

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Gayle Atteberry applauded the new law.

"We're very pleased the bill is passed and signed," Atteberry said. "This abor-



Tim Bobosky Photographer

Abortion rights protesters waved signs along the Ferry Street Bridge on Wednesday.

tion procedure is gruesome and brutal, and above all is not needed."

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban is the first major setback for abortion rights activists since the controversial U.S. Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade* affirmed abortion rights 30 years ago.

With President Bush's signature of approval on the bill, it is now illegal for a doctor to abort a pregnancy by partially delivering the fetus and then killing it. While there are no general health exclusions to the law, there is an exception when the mother's life is endangered.

Piercy said Planned Parenthood believes the law will be found unconstitutional because there is no general health exception.

The Supreme Court struck down a similar law in Nebraska in 2000, mainly because the law failed to offer an ex-

ception for pregnancies that threatened the mother's health.

Atteberry said it is important to exclude the term "general health" from the law because that could include everything from emotional health to physical well-being.

The bill defines a "partial-birth abortion" as an abortion in which "a physician deliberately and intentionally vaginally delivers a living, unborn child's body until either the entire baby's head is outside the body of the mother, or any part of the baby's trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother and only the head remains inside the womb, for the purpose of performing an overt act — usually the puncturing of the back of the child's skull and removing the baby's brains — that the person knows will kill the

partially delivered infant, performs this act, and then completes the delivery of the dead infant."

The bill claims that "partial-birth abortions" should be outlawed for the following reasons: The procedure is never medically necessary to preserve the health of the mother; it is unrecognized as a valid abortion procedure by the mainstream medical community; it poses additional health risks to the mother; it blurs the line between abortion and infanticide and it confuses the role of the physician in childbirth.

According to the Oregon Department of Human Services, 13,172 abortions were performed in Oregon last year. Of those, 86 percent were during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy and 94 percent were during the

first 16 weeks of pregnancy. The "partial-birth abortion" technique described in the law is not used until 20 weeks into a pregnancy.

Atteberry said she felt that if a mother is going to partially deliver a child and kill it, then the mother should fully deliver the child and have it adopted.

Piercy said she felt that abortion should be a decision left for women, not politicians.

A federal judge in Nebraska has already issued a temporary restraining order against enforcement of the new law, protecting four doctors who filed a lawsuit. The order does not protect any other doctors or clinics.

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