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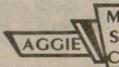
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Students say videotape lectures 'dehumanize education'

By Lisa Mascaro
Daily Nexus
U. of California, Santa Barbara

Bearing the brunt of enrollment at the U. of California, Santa Barbara, more than 500 students will have to settle for videotaped lectures of Art History 6B this quarter if they intend to take the much-demanded class.

"We — believe me — do not consider this to be an ideal solution," said Associate Dean of Students David Kohl, who initiated the substitution. "It's a horrible solution... no one is happy."

The decision to offer video replays of Professor Larry Ayers' morning lecture, a practice accepted occasionally for highly impacted classes, came when more than 1,500 students enrolled for

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— TONY FINLEY

the course held in the 525-seat Isla Vista Theatre 1, Kohl said. Campbell Hall, the largest available class space with 860 seats, was unavailable because it was already booked, he said.

"It was certainly something we did not prefer doing," art history administrative assistant Kristina Nash said. "We did what we felt was the best alternative."

"It would be possible to hire another instructor, but that would require funding, which isn't available... We would

love to, but unfortunately, we can't," Nash said. "We're doing everything we can to accommodate the students."

Understanding that a videotaped lecture may be distracting to some students, Kohl suggested that rather than struggle through the course, students who find the situation uncomfortable should consider taking the class in summer when it will be less impacted. "Ideally, we would like to offer the (Art History 6A-C) classes more than one quarter a year," he said.

Students enrolled in the evening lecture held varied opinions about the video-for-teacher swap.

"I actually kind of liked it," said sophomore Kristine Howard, regarding the videotaped lecture. Howard, who is tak-

ing the class to fulfill a general education requirement, explained she was not being distracted by the professor gesturing and can concentrate on the slides with the videotaped lecture.

"I think it's kinda cool," said sophomore Brian Liddy. "It's like watching a movie, and I like movies better than lectures anyway," he said.

Junior economics major Pauline disagreed. "Why not have A.S. (Advanced Studies) video notes? This is a step to completely dehumanize education," Barkin said. "It's a bad precedent, and it could just as easily be done for any other class."

"The tape is a distraction," said business economics major Tony. "It's not school if there's no professor."

Group's goal aims at sexual responsibility

By Brett Katz
The Indiana Daily Student
Indiana U., Bloomington

While the pro-life and pro-choice groups are clashing over the issue of abortion, a male Indiana U. (IU) student is acting on his belief that the solution simply lies with responsibility.

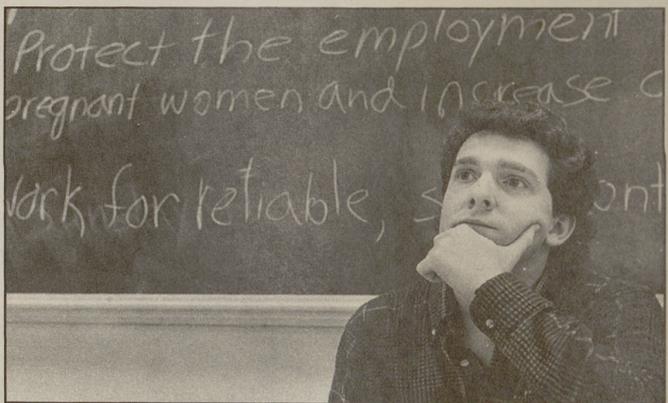
People United for Responsible Sexual Behavior (PURSB) is senior John Sparzo's answer. Four female students and an IU faculty member met with Sparzo recently to discuss the group's goals.

With so many different views on the issue of abortion, people need to unify with a common goal, Sparzo said.

"I couldn't find my niche where I fit in," he said. "I had an urge to do something."

The group advocates contraception and responsibility as a way to bypass the need for abortions and is open to anyone, pro-Life, pro-Choice or in-between and bewildered, Sparzo said.

"I'm very strongly pro-choice, but I'm much more pro-planning," said junior Alice Bierhorst, who attended the meeting. "I think it's (PURSB) a great idea because there is so much debate about what to do after an unplanned pregnan-



Indiana U. senior John Sparzo founded People United for Responsible Sexual Behavior, a group which promotes birth control as an alternative to abortion.

cy happens, but so much heartache can be avoided."

Although abortion is very much a female issue, it affects the entire society, and males should be involved, Sparzo said.

His family has always been prone to debate issues and their feelings about the world, Sparzo said. Growing up in an atmosphere of discussion probably helped motivate his strong opinions, he said.

"But I was tired of just talking and wanted to do something," he said.

Sparzo began planning what he wanted the group to accomplish last

semester. He then approached the Student Activities Office to register and get space to hold his meetings.

Henry Remak, professor emeritus of Germanic Studies, Comparative Literature and West European Studies, suggested the group target individuals for support. He called PURSB a breath of fresh air amid the abortion controversy.

"I'm just an interested citizen who's happy someone is taking initiative," he said.

Sparzo said plans of the group are to sponsor debates, get involved in employment rights for pregnant women and establish better day care.

Grad student's 'monkey business' aids environment

By Wendee Weidner
The Badger Herald
U. of Wisconsin, Madison

The cotton-top tamarin, one of the rarest monkeys in North America, is getting help from a Wisconsin, Madison graduate student. Savage to beat the odds of extinction.

Savage, who is helping to raise the level of conservation consciousness in Colombian society, said by the year 2000, one-third of the monkey's lush forest will be destroyed, narrowing the number of the 1,000 animals left.

Savage's long-term goal is to make a protected primate reserve of about 200 acres for the cotton-top, but for now she is active participation of local community members.

The first step in solving the problem is to let people know the cotton-top is an endangered species and then to create interest in helping, Savage said.

To counter the problem, Savage and Colombian biologists have begun a comprehensive conservation education program in Colombia.

"We have to increase people's awareness," said Savage. The program is doing just that. She needs to clear up misconceptions about the forest is also important, she said.

To dispel these myths, Savage has trained groups of high school students in "hands-on" experience in the forest. Junior high school students also take out habitat destruction and life.

If her efforts are successful, not only will the cotton-top tamarin be guaranteed a future, but proposed reserve on the north coast of Colombia could become a model for governments and conservation groups worldwide.



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