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Skits help demonstrate communication

BY EMILY R. SNOOKS
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Students presented skits to illustrate the importance of communication in intimate situations to an audience of 25 students last night. "Communication & Relationships" was sponsored by Student Health Services, Health Education and Aggie Representatives Educating About College Health (REACH), and it was the final event observing Sexual Responsibility Week.

Dr. Alicia Marshall of the Department of Speech Communication and Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator at A.P. Beutel Health Center, coordinated the event.

Students performed three skits illustrating the importance of lis-

tening, respecting and communicating in different intimate situations. An in-depth discussion with audience members, led by Marshall and Griffith, followed each performance. Scenarios included situations with persistent partners, peer pressure, indirect communication and common gender-stereotypical issues.

The student performers were Carlos Evans, a senior community health major, Chad Steitle, a senior biomedical engineering major, Laura Kamias, a senior speech communication major, and Courtney Liebrum, a senior speech communication major.

Steitle and Kamias performed a sequence in which gender roles were reversed, illustrating the importance of not stereotyping and using direct communication.



Laura Kamias, a senior communications major, and Chad Steitle, a senior biomedical engineering major, perform a skit on Sexual Responsibility Week.

Noted economist to speak at workshop

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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Dr. Joel Horowitz, co-editor for Econometric Theory journal, will explain bootstrap methods of using statistics in economic models today at the econometrics workshop from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in the Bush School of Government and Public Service Academic Building 3125.

Horowitz is from the University of Iowa and has been ranked as a world-wide authority on econometrics.

Dr. Badi Baltagi, a professor of liberal arts and professor of economics, has been coordinating workshops related to econometrics for 10 years at Texas A&M. He said he tries to bring in researchers, such as Horowitz, in the field of econometrics to help graduate students

and faculty progress in their own research.

"The idea is to let the students meet some of the articles and books they read," Baltagi said.

Dr. Qi Li, associate professor and associate editor of Econometric Theory and the Journal of Nonlinear Econometrics, said econometrics is distinguished by its rigorous mathematical methodological approach.

"Econometrics deals with the application of statistical methods to economics," Li said.

Li said econometrics is useful for estimating economic relationships, testing economic theories and forecasting the behavior of economic variables. He said specific predictions about the economy are made through the use of econometrics.

Seminar addresses sexual harassment

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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A University of Memphis professor told students and professors how research on sexual harassment was used to improve working conditions in a Tennessee correction facility.

JoAnn Keyton, from the University of Memphis, said her research focused on finding where sexual harassment occurs in male and female interactions, the verbal and nonverbal behaviors involved with sexual harassment and making people aware of these behaviors.

Dr. Scott Poole, professor in the Department of Speech Communication, said Keyton's research addresses communication between genders and the creating of sexual-harassment policies that raise peo-

ple's awareness without stifling the creative atmosphere of an organization.

Keyton collected data at the University of Western Michigan and the Tennessee correction facility, where her results were developed into a sexual harassment policy.

Keyton said several problems became apparent as she began the research. She said the legal definition of sexual harassment, uniformly used in many organizations, is not very applicable in most work places.

"People get lost in the legality of it," Keyton said.

Keyton said the varying definitions and interpretations of sexual harassment and trying to maintain the contextual focus of the research also served as obstacles during the experiments.

Keyton said sexual harassment policy should be made in the specific context of each organization.

"I really believe [sexual harassment] is culturally, textually bound," Keyton said.

During the research, Keyton and her students were shown videos of harassment with the same two characters. They were asked to identify sexual harassment within the videos.

Keyton has used her research to develop a policy and procedure for reporting sexual harassment. She said the implementation of the policy and a team of employees which other employees report incidents, Keyton said she has become a much more supportive workplace.

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