

# Seminar explores the different worlds of both sexes

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Are Men From Mars? Are Women from Venus?

James Davidson, staff counselor at Student Psychological Services, presented a seminar Sept. 5 based on a book by James Gray entitled, "Men are from Mars. Women are from Venus."

The book focuses on differences between the way men and women communicate, relate and cope with stress based on the idea that men and women are from different cultures or planets.

Gray's stereotypical Martian was oriented around power, competency and achievement, while his Venusian

placed importance on relationships, communication and teamwork.

The seminar focused on how people's self-identification affect situations in daily life.

Davidson emphasized that counseling is not just for people with enormous problems.

"We are experts in everyday problems," he said. "No problem is too small. We'd rather have people come in when problems are small, before they snowball."

The seminar on male-female communication was the first in a series of three seminars offered this semester by psychological ser-

vices.

Other outreach programs offered include National Depression Screening Day on Oct. 5, and "Talk Before You Drop," a program focusing on students considering dropping out of school.

The majority of services offered by psychological serv-

ices are free. The only exception would be certain personality inventories that cost \$7-\$30 to administer. All programs and sessions are confidential. "We are trying to meet a variety of student needs," Davidson said. Psychological services provides counseling for students and outreach pro-

grams for both students and staff. For any questions regarding services offered call 895-3627. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located on the second floor of the Student Services Building, room 201.

## News Briefs

### Services for children offered

UNLV's Child School Refusal and Anxiety Disorders Clinic offers services for parents of children ages 5-14 years who have difficulty remaining in school.

The attendance problems may be attributed to specific fears, social difficulties, separation anxiety, attention-seeking or family problems, according to Associate Professor of Clinical Child Psychology Christopher Kearney.

The services will continue until January. For more information and scheduling call Kearney at 895-3305.

### Free math review

UNLV's math clinic offers assistance for the Pre-Professional Skills Test free of charge. Students are invited to join the group.

For more information and session times, call the math clinic at 895-1197.

### Nevada students above average on SATs

Nevada's high school grad-

uates have scored above the national average on the 1995 Scholastic Assessment Test.

Nevada students scored six points above the average score of 428 on the verbal test and one point above the average score of 483 on the math test.

The national average on the verbal test rose five points, while math scores rose three points from last year.

Nevada's university system accepts SAT scores as part of admissions requirements. Students must have a combined SAT score of 1,250. Nevada also accepts a composite score of 28 on the American College Test.

This year's SAT Test was changed to bring more attention to reading comprehension and math problem-solving.

### Health scholarship offered

A \$1,000 scholarship is being offered to students interested in public health by the Nevada Public Health Association.

Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, show financial need, and be of junior or above standing. Areas of interest include a variety of disciplines pertaining to health. Applications are available

in Student Financial Services. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1.

### UNLV novelist to give reading

UNLV English professor Doug Unger will give a reading from his latest novel, "Voices from Silence" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Barrick Museum of Natural History auditorium.

Unger will sign copies of his book from 4-7:30 p.m. Friday at Bookstar, 3910 S. Maryland Pkwy.

Unger, who received a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 1984 for his novel "Leaving the Land," based "Voices" on the struggle an Argentine family had with the deaths of two sons at the hands of a ruthless military regime. The novel is based on the experiences of a real family, whom Unger lived with as a high school exchange student.

The reading, which is free, is part of the University Forum series, and is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the UNLV Foundation. For more information, call 895-3558.

## Stipend

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vindictive, but rather, "it's our job."

"When you're in charge of a \$1 million budget, when you're in charge of making sure the CSUN Pre-School gets its money and you drop the ball, that shows a lack of responsibility and that's something that I really don't think the Senate should walk away from," Fleischman continued.

A motion to reduce Mills' stipend for the month of August from \$750 to \$75 also had been tabled at the Aug. 28 Senate meeting.

Sen. Joaquin Trujillo acknowledged that Mills is protected under the state Constitution, which allows for emergency leave for up to six weeks without being subject to termination nor reduction of pay if proof of

the emergency can be provided.

Carl Tolbert, who was suspended from the Senate last month for excessive absences and was reinstated at the Wednesday meeting, spoke from the gallery in Mills' defense:

"I wish I had a vote today. If it had been me, I wouldn't have even left a note. He (Mills) did what anybody would have done. I wish the Senate would consider that."

A suggestion was made by Laxague to amend the stipend reduction for August from a proposed \$75 to \$375, exactly half of Mills' original stipend, citing that it would be fair to do so on the basis that Mills was absent for half of the month. The amended item passed.

When asked if he was disappointed with the stipend decrease for August, Mills responded, "No comment."

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