

Women's studies

With the grass so green and the sky so blue and finals coming up, it's pretty hard to be serious about anything, much less that great hashed-over Topic of the Year, women's liberation.

But, of course, politics goes on—with or without any help from you or me and in this case involves everyone on campus, not just libbers.

Consider the women's studies course—this is its first year. It was generated by students for students. It was a blooming success with about 120 students finishing it during the year. They paid \$20 per credit hour, netting about \$5,000 for the University

One part-time "sponsor" in Home Economics was the only contribution the University made in return.

The subject matter is important in that it will affect almost every field of study in one way or another. What effect will a social movement of this size have on the economy? What about jobs for all the liberated women? What role will they play in the political scheme of things? The sociological implications are apparent.

Women's studies courses are complex because they do involve many different fields—a coordinator for the courses is needed.

Money for travel to keep up with other sections of the country is needed. Guest lecturers should be paid as well as laboratory leaders.

Women's studies should be seen as an integral part of regular curriculum. It has been a fine example of students taking part in their University, working to make it better, working to make it mean something to them.

The University should respond with funding for the courses next year.

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