Students petition for Comm 170

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A new group of communication majors and minors have joined forces to petition for the creation of Comm 170, a class focusing on the male gender.

"It's interesting to think about the communication majors and minors," said Linda Seidel, professor of English and NCASC adviser, who originally formed the student group. "I found a lot of the work that's been done and thought was interesting for other students."

He said the group changed when students began to arise.

"After University conference, I was thinking about the class, so we had a really good starting point for a new idea," Vickers said. "The club is advocating to have Comm 170 be a required class. It would be taught by someone on the course, but it could be taught by someone on the faculty."

The goal of the petition is to influence the curriculum, according to some studies cited by Seidel. "Kids are taught how to interact with others in terms of masculinity," Seidel said. "They can't pretend to be feminine. They can't pretend to be a princess. They can't pretend to be a gentleman."

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"The idea came in the idea of working to keep Public Relations and Communications a discipline for communication majors, but also to be utilized for communication studies, he said.

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