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"Many companies have decreased their number of internships because of uncertainty about future hiring needs," Stroud said.

Not all companies have stopped hiring interns.

Stroud said most of the companies that have hired paid interns are still hiring, but selecting fewer interns because of more economical options.

Departments across campus continue to see the value of student internships, despite economic woes.

Karen Gaines, associate professor of biological sciences, works with students in the science department to help them find internships.

"For any major, having these practical skills is important," Gaines said.

"We had people doing internships at organic farms, West Nile virus at U of I, Shedd Aquarium and the zoos."

The economy has yet to hurt students in the biological science department find internships.

"Wherever the student wants to go in the environmental biology, they pursue it," Gaines said. "Some are field techs, some work in an oil field and student conservation service."

When the president passed the stimulus plan, a lot of the money went to science and technology research, Gaines said.

Not all majors have been as lucky in the economy, as Karen Swenson, associate professor of political science, knows.

"The public law offices (State Attorney and Public Defender) continue to offer some paid internships, but fewer private firms are doing so," said Swenson, who helps arrange internships.

Paid or not, the experience is often valuable.

"Work as an unpaid intern (and gain valuable college credit); if you prove your worth, you may be hired in the future," Swenson said.

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The turnout Wednesday night showed that Allison had an effect among professors and students alike.

Kip McGilliard, a professor of biological sciences, took great interest in Allison's work. McGilliard read the book and shares Allison's interest in the power of voice.

He also noted that in the 1950s, people were more reserved and kept emotions to themselves. In this generation, people feel free to reveal their inner thoughts and transmitting them

into the minds of their audience.

Jose Pablo, a freshman journalism major, came for his class but was interested in the topics.

Pablo read the book and wrote an essay of his own. He said the essay might be ready for submission after further revision.

He agreed with McGilliard that everyone has powerful voices and that listening as well as expressing emotions is the bare minimum necessity.

Allison's book, "This I Believe" is

also part of the Eastern Reads program. There were discussions about the book, including an ongoing essay-writing contest where students are encouraged to write what they believe in and submit. The winning contestants will receive a \$100 prize. Participants must have essays submitted by Oct. 8.

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the night.

Women's Studies coordinator Jeanie Ludlow said the event is held to help people feel empowered in the night and to show respect for and solidarity with people who have been victimized by violence.

"People need to be more aware of how violence affects the people in our community and how important (it is) as a community to work against it," Ludlow said.

Ludlow, although a first time participant of TBTH at Eastern, has been an active participant in the march for about 25 years and feels strongly about its affects.

"I hope participants get the feeling of being empowered, it feels amazing,"

Ludlow said.

There will be live music by Jon and AJ Schubert and food for all. The Take Back the Night event is also a fundraiser and all the proceeds will go to the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service, SACIS.

Last year, Eastern gave about \$1,000 to SACIS, according to Carrie New, Women's Resource Center staff member. SACIS is an organization that educates people in at Eastern and several counties about sexual assault and provides direct services to survivors, and secondary survivors of sexual assault.

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