

School trades in typewriters for technology

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The University's School of Journalism has now entered the technological world of the 1980s, thanks to recent donations financing the purchase of state-of-the-art computer facilities for the school's reporting and news editing

laboratories.

Paul Holbo, University vice-provost, along with other administrators, alumni, professors, students and members of various journalism organizations, took time to dedicate the two new laboratories to principal financiers of the lab's equipment Oct. 23 in Allen Hall.

The University has jumped

from the 1950s to the 1980s, totally avoiding the '60s or the '70s, Holbo said, referring to the school's new and old equipment.

"As late as last summer students were using manual typewriters manufactured in the 1950s," said journalism professor Roy Halverson, a key figure in the school's transition to computerized laboratories.

"We are now able to prepare our students for the field as it now exists," Halverson said.

Journalism School dean Arnold Ismach said the equipment of the new facility is comparable with that of some of the best newspapers in the nation.

The principal financiers of the facilities are Jeannie Mainwaring of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Sullivan of Salem and Ted M. Natt, editor and publisher of the Longview, Wash., Daily News.

Mainwaring contributed \$65,000 in memory of her late husband, Bernard, who was editor and publisher of the Salem Capital Journal until the time of his death in 1959. The

Sullivans provided a challenge grant of \$20,000 and Natt contributed \$6,000 to the computer fund. The Sullivans and Natt are alumni of the School of Journalism.

In addition, the Gannett Foundation will match portions of the Mainwaring and Sullivan contributions, which will add an additional \$55,000 to the computer fund.

The reporting lab, which is currently accommodating three reporting classes, is equipped with IBM terminals. The news-editing lab, which will be used for the first time this winter term, is equipped with the

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Reporting and editing classes in the School of Journalism have been updated with a new computer system.

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