

Business grads foster unity with senior gift

■ This year's gift of a copy machine is part of a program demonstrating school confidence and pride

By Ben Romano
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Seniors in the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business are making an effort to gather as a class and leave behind a legacy of support for those who come after them.

Students have been soliciting donations to make a "Senior Salute" — a gift of a copy machine to be placed in the undergraduate student lounge of Gilbert Hall, said Steve Zogas, a member of the Undergraduate Senior Class Gift Committee.

The main objective of the gift, Zogas said, "was to build some class unity."

Shannon Dolan, a senior accounting major and member of the committee, said that with the gift, they are "trying to establish a sense that we are the class of 2000."

This is the first year that undergraduates have given a senior class gift in what Michael McKelvey, business school director of development, called "the modern era of fund raising."

He said that since the end of the University's wildly successful Oregon Campaign, which raised more than \$250 million between 1992 and 1998, University fund raising has changed.

"The capital campaign reset the tone for fund raising and gave the University a tremendous amount of confidence," McKelvey said.

MBA students have given gifts to the business school for the last

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three years. This year, participation in the giving program is nearing 40 percent.

The percentage of participation is a key factor in fund raising, McKelvey said.

"It shows a sign of confidence and trust and belief in the education they received," McKelvey said. Seniors who participate in gift-giving at the end of their undergraduate careers tend to continue to donate to the University

during the early part of their professional careers.

"We're trying to build relationships that will last," he said.

The students behind the Senior Salute were approached by the business school's Office of Development and External Affairs, the department in charge of fund raising, Dolan said.

Many other universities, such as Washington State University, also have senior gift programs. WSU has the highest participation percentage of any public institution in the nation — 34 percent, McKelvey said.

There is a drive to establish that kind of participation on this campus.

The business school is currently at about 14 percent participation, but its goal is to increase that number toward 20 percent and beyond,

McKelvey said.

"We're growing the participation level each year," he said.

The Senior Salute program has been met with "a broad base of responses," Zogas said. "Some were all for it and others didn't really care."

As many as 40 students out of approximately 400 seniors have donated to the program thus far, Dolan said.

"Forty gifts is okay, but we were hoping for more," she said.

The students will be collecting donations today and Friday at booths in the courtyard in front of Gilbert Hall and in the Earle A. Chiles Business Center. Mugs, T-shirts and stickers bearing the business school's logo and "class of 2000" were ordered as thank-you gifts to donors.

Next year's senate takes its first step in active duty

■ The senate filled one of the still-vacant seats following March's election

By Jeremy Lang
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Next year's Student Senate had a chance to get its feet wet Wednesday night in a variety of duties including two appointments to the senate and two requests from surplus.

This year's Student Senate President Jessica Timpany presided over the quick meeting only to help the new senators understand procedures and did not have voting power.

After the March election, two seats remained open for next

year's body. The senate approved Lindsey McLean to one of those openings. In similar fashion, she filled an open seat in February and served the rest of the year.

The senate placed Devin Dinihanian into the other seat.



Student Senate

Dinihanian, a member of the Human Rights Alliance on campus, was involved in the protests and work pushing for the University to join the

Worker Rights Consortium. He said in his appointment presentation Wednesday night that he hopes to be part of the University senate also.

Senators approved both appointees quickly and unanimously — a change from previous meetings this year when prospective members of the ASUO Constitution Court and senate were questioned in depth about their goals and visions for the University and the student incidental fee.

With the exception of returning Sens. Peter Watts, Jennifer Greenough and C.J. StGabbe, few of the new senate members asked questions of the appointees.

But after a while, the senators

became more inquisitive of the two groups coming up for money requests from surplus. The University Literary Society received \$3,244 for printing its literary magazine, and the Native American Student Union received \$339 to recover costs from its recent pow wow event.

Finally, the senate appointed McLean and Greenough to the chairwoman and vice chairwoman positions of the senate during the summer. However, Timpany said that the new rules governing summer business haven't been ratified and made ASUO law by the court yet.

The president and vice president for the year will be chosen at the first meeting during fall term.

Wednesday's Senate agenda

Next year's Student Senate met and handled various issues of business Wednesday night:

Sen. Lindsey McLean and Devin Dinihanian were approved to seats on next year's student senate.

The senate allocated \$3,244 to the University Literary Society and \$339 to the Native American Student Union.

McLean and Sen. Jennifer Greenough were named senate chairwoman and vice chairwoman for the summer.

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