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University sings praises to donors

A ceremony was held Monday to honor the generous donors, who will help make the MarAbel B. Frohnmayer Music School possible

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"At the request of the music donors, may I announce the MarAbel B. Frohnmayer Music School." These were the words of Allen Price, vice president of University Advancement and

master of ceremonies for Monday's announcement that the University has received a \$6.5 million donation.

Nearly 100 people gathered at 9 a.m. Monday in the courtyard east of the music school to honor the donors who contributed to the

School of Music reconstruction project.

The most recent \$2 million donation by Lorry I. Lokey, founder and CEO of Business Wire, is his second contribution of the same amount for the music school. In 2001, the University lobbied for bonding from the state of Oregon, which agreed to match \$7.6 million worth of donations from friends and alumni, totaling \$15.2 million for renovation

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Diversity plan to be revised by committee

The University has appointed a Diversity Executive Working Group to create a new draft

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Nearly a month after presenting its Five Year Diversity Plan, the University appointed a Diversity Executive Working Group to review and revise the current draft. The committee, which has already met twice, is responsible for creating a revised diversity plan by the end of the summer.

The committee is composed of 10 faculty members, including Interim Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity Charles Martinez; one staff member, Director of the Counseling and Testing Center Robin Holmes; and one student, ASUO Executive Adam Walsh. In order to provide input from a student of color, Walsh requested that his multicultural advocate Ty Schwoeffermann sit in on the meetings, though he is not listed as one of the original appointees. Associate Professor of Law Susan Gary and Psychology Professor Gordon Hall are serving as co-chairs. The other faculty members on the Working Group represent several academic disciplines: Matthew Dennis, professor of history; Nilendra Deshpande, professor of physics; Warren Ginsberg, professor of English; and Tim Gleason, professor of journalism and communication and dean of the journalism school.

The first meeting took place June 21 and served as an introduction for committee members.

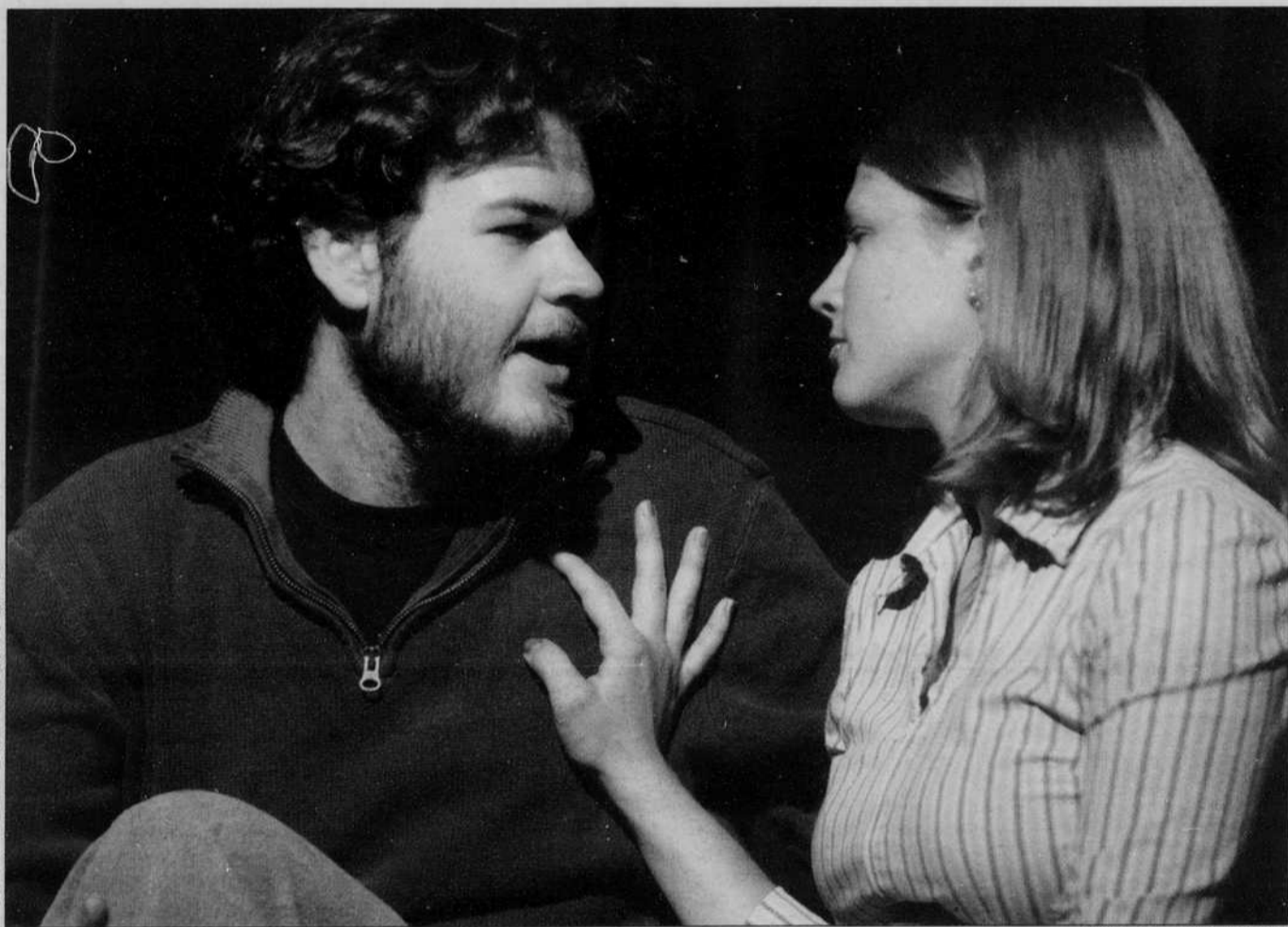
"We basically just passed the talking stick," said Walsh.

At the second meeting July 7, the committee discussed the process for moving forward, including how to frame key issues. The committee also reviewed recommendations made by outside sources, said Gary.

The presence of Holmes and Associate Professor of Sociology Mia Tuan is helpful to the committee, Gary said. Holmes and Tuan were active participants when the draft of the Diversity Plan was being conceived.

The Committee would also like to understand how the University's other diversity programs operate and what they do, Gary said. Both Holmes and Tuan can help give additional insight into this, as they have leadership roles within the Center on

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Cassandra Crawford, right, resists Anthony Green's advances in a skit at the Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team Introduction 2005 in the EMU's ballroom Thursday evening.

a SWAT at sexual violence

Through interactive workshops and peer theater, the Student Wellness Advocacy Team works to raise awareness of sexual assault

BY NICHOLAS WILBUR
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Six University students on the Student Wellness Advocacy Team performed in a play in front of about 500 incoming freshmen on Thursday to spread awareness of sexual assault and promote sexual consent.

SWAT is funded by a \$186,359 grant that was awarded to the ASUO Women's Center in November, 2002 by the Department of Justice. With the aim of reducing campus violence against women, Student Life and the Women's Center organized this performance to provide freshmen with information on assault prevention, how to help victimized friends, what facilities are avail-

able for sexual health and to explain what constitutes sexual consent.

Megan Thompson, SWAT advisor and project coordinator for the University's Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention, said, "Our play, on sexual violence and relationships, is to introduce new students to community norms. Through peer theater we are promoting wellness and consent to work against sexual violence."

A table set up outside the EMU ballroom provided pamphlets and brochures with sexual assault information as well as condoms and T-shirts that said "Consent is Sexy."

As the new students filled the ballroom, slides were shown with pictures of SWAT

projects, statistics and slogans such as "It's about consent...not control," and "It's about trust...not jealousy."

Urva Kuzma, who played Maggie, said before the play that SWAT's goal is "to spread awareness of sexual assault on campus. We're working towards prevention (of sexual violence) for victims and potential perpetrators. Everybody needs to be aware of these issues."

The play introduced a common scenario of a freshman named Julia, played by Cassandra Crawford, who is invited to a party by her ex-boyfriend and is pressured to drink. Because it is so loud at the party, her ex-boyfriend Tanner, played by Anthony Green, asks to talk with her in private. When they go to a back bedroom, Tanner forces Julia to have sex with him despite her telling him "No!"

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Aymen and Theresa Abouzeid recite from the Quran in Monday's prayer and reflection service. Aymen recited passages in Arabic and Theresa translated in English.



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Interfaith gathering focuses on the sameness of all participants

Members of various faiths meet at the First Christian Church on the 11th of every month to pray for peace

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First Christian Church held its 46th consecutive interfaith prayer and

reflection service Monday. Nearly 200 community members met this month to "pray for peace" and "reflect upon the interconnectedness of all

beings," according to a First Christian Church pamphlet.

The service has been held on the 11th of every month since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Followers of any and every faith are invited to come together as a community to

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