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Ceremony: Students reflect on experiences

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Before the conferral of degrees, James Bean, dean of the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business, gave the Commencement Address.

Bean titled his speech "The Meaning of Life," and then, thinking that too broad, renamed it, "Vision, Leadership and Chaos: They Are Not Just for Business Anymore."

He encouraged graduates to find organizations that apply the concepts of a shared vision, "so you can grow together."

"Leadership is not what you get involved with as a dean or a head coach. ... Leadership starts on your first day of the job," he continued. "Make the status of your organization live up to your vision through leadership."

As the Harry B. Miller Professor of Business and former professor in the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan, Bean said he was speaking from experience when he encouraged former University students to look at

every moment as an opportunity to advance one's organization toward the shared vision.

At end of the address Bean said, "Chaos is where everyone sees the opportunities and places in this organization to improve."

"In closing, we know you will do great things, so stay in touch with the Alumni Association ... and don't leave an organization with a shared vision just because you'll make more money, it's not a better payoff," Bean said.

In total 1,098 students were honored in the ceremony; 730 bachelor's degree recipients, 307 master's degree recipients and 61 receiving doctoral degrees. Phillip Gillins, a student who died in June, was awarded his advertising degree posthumously.

Sociology major Erin Keller said she was speechless about overcoming the odds and graduating at age 30.

"I'm so happy because I went back to school at 25. I gave my father the Stole of Gratitude because he helped me get through this," she said.

Keller studied chemical dependency counseling and family and marriage counseling for the past four and a half years.

Joga Lasini graduated from the business school after moving to Eugene from Indonesia.

"I like Eugene. I was from a big city so I wanted to get away and have more time for myself. Here I wasn't surrounded by people," Lasini said.

Although he said he did not enjoy his first two years at the University because he studied a lot of what he learned in high school, Lasini said the last two years were much more enjoyable.

"The last two years we learned all the details and how to apply them," he said. "That is what I was looking for in a college and that is what I found here. Now I'll put myself in society and be able to apply my technical skills."

Lasini plans to move back to Indonesia and work for his father's business.

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Tickets: Rescinding policy would be difficult

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"First off it is unfair to larger population of the school (sic) to be using their incidental fees to fund free tickets to spouses and partners. Secondly the system have (sic) seen much abuse in recent years from students getting free tickets for roommates and family members," McKenzie's e-mail said.

He added that the extra money from this policy change will go into other services for the school.

"Fee-paying students should benefit from their fees and it is unfair to them that spouses and partners get the benefits and don't (sic) pay the fees," McKenzie wrote.

Senator Rob Craig, graduate and law student body representative for fall, met with Walsh after the policy was changed to ask about the reasoning

behind the decision.

Craig wrote in an e-mail that it would be ideal to see the program reinstated for this year, but he said he understood Walsh's decision.

"Fee paying students should indeed have an unfettered ability to enjoy the benefits they are due," Craig wrote.

"My objection is with the method and timing of this decision. Unilaterally ending a longstanding policy without any notice, or perhaps even more importantly, without any alternative plan, is irrational and irresponsible," Craig wrote. "The fact that the ASUO eliminated this program with no notice to students and without an alternative is ridiculous."

Craig said he will be working on this issue throughout the year and hopefully come to a resolution.

Walsh said it is unlikely that a the policy will be reversed or changed to accommodate law school students because negotiations for tickets from the Athletic Department already took place.

"We would like to find a solution for next year, but the problem arises of how it will be paid for," he said. "It's something wise to look into, but I can't predict what will happen. Because the contract (with the Athletic Department) is already negotiated and this is a just policy, not much can be changed."

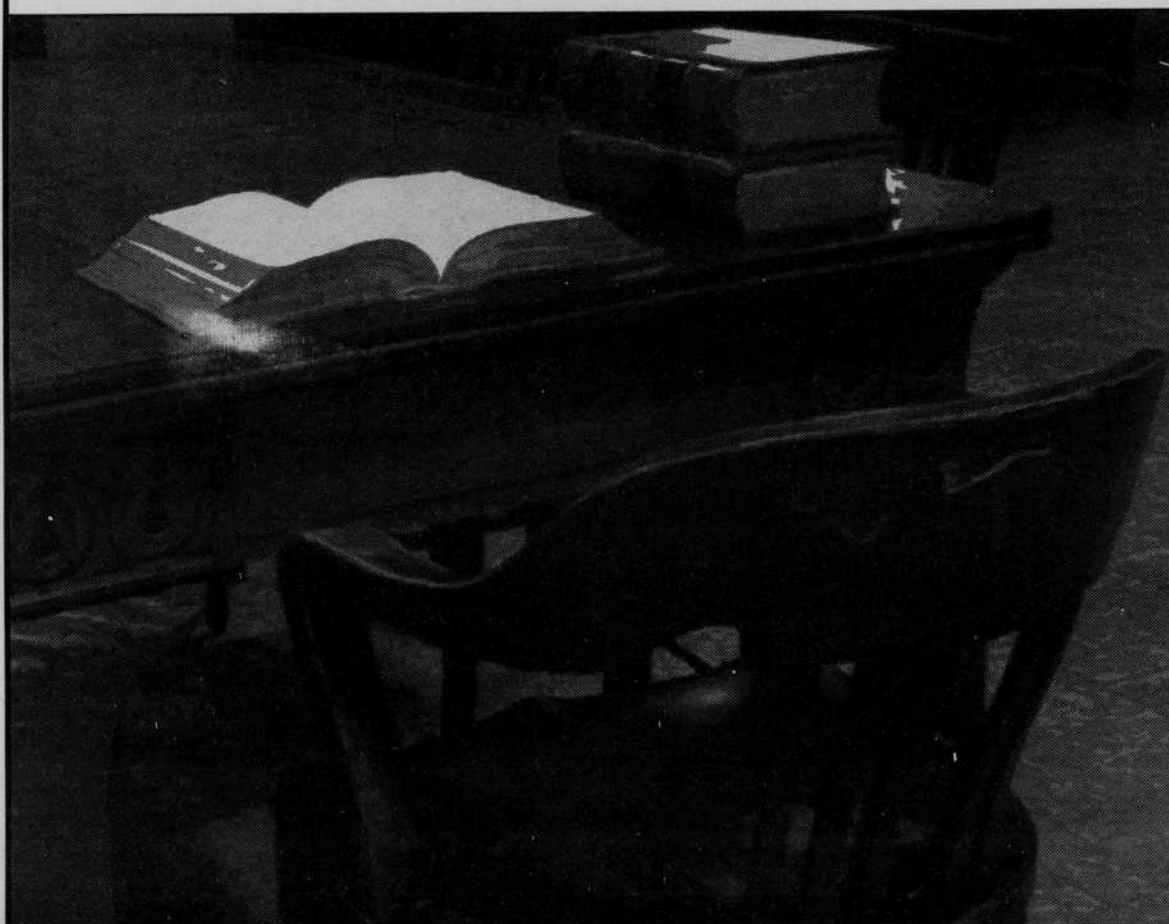
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