

IN BRIEF

WUN election encourages student involvement

The West University Neighbors will nominate officers for the upcoming year at their monthly meeting tonight in preparation for elections in November.

The WUN is looking for a new chairperson, second vice president, secretary and two at-large members. The chairperson and second vice president serve one-year terms and the at-large members serve two-year terms.

"It's not hard work, but you do have to do some showing up," WUN Chairman Drix Rixmann said.

Anyone who lives in the West University Neighborhood is encouraged

to attend the meeting and nominate themselves, but WUN Secretary Deborah Healey encourages students to run.

"The WUN benefits from their energy and perspective," Healey wrote in an e-mail.

Both Rixmann and Healey are unable to run for their current positions because WUN rules state that no person can serve more than two full consecutive terms in the same office. Rixmann is interested in becoming a board member, and Healey is unsure whether she will run for any position.

The WUN will also brainstorm topics for the upcoming year.

Current topics include landlord-tenant issues, partying responsibly in the West University Neighborhood and encouraging neighborhood involvement with the WUN.

"We've got the smartest neighbor-

hood in the whole city," Rixmann said, "but we're just not very connected." The most timely issue on the association's agenda is the West University Park, Rixmann said.

"I'd like to continue working with the city to make it the coolest park on the West Coast," Rixmann said. Rixmann is interested in making it a Wi-Fi-capable park someday, but has not made any plans yet.

Rixmann encourages anyone interested to come to the meeting, but those who can't should go to www.drix.org and visit the WUN Yahoo! group, he said.

Tonight's meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Sloat Room of the Atrium Building at 10th Avenue and Olive Street. Elections will be held at the Nov. 3 meeting.

—Chris Hagan

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ASUO votes in president Stephanie Erickson

The ASUO Student Senate gave \$2,377 in student money on Wednesday night to send three members of a student group to a Washington, D.C., conference.

The move came after the student government Executive branch vetoed last week's Senate decision to give the Latino/a Law Student Association more than \$3,000 to send four to the conference, citing a lack of fund raising on the group's part.

The Senate also allocated \$2,000 to fund an anti-Columbus Day event that starts Monday, \$235 for a Chinese Stu-

dent Association dinner and \$300 to reimburse the House of Film for the production of its full-length feature film "Proctor."

The Senate also voted in president, vice president, treasurer and ombudsman positions.

Second-year Senator Stephanie Erickson changed seats with Senate Summer Committee President Reinier Heyden after running uncontested.

Sara Hamilton won the vice president position over Senator Amy Du-four, and Jared Axelrod was elected ombudsman after he said he sleeps with the ASUO rules guide under his pillow.

Athletic Department Finance Committee member Spencer Crum was elected as Senate treasurer after a tie and re-vote. He ran uncontested. Crum

left immediately after the Senate elected him to the position.

Erickson, in her first meeting as Senate president, announced that Senators need to attend the workshops being held on campus to educate themselves on the budgeting process. So far, she said, attendance has not been acceptable. She also slammed the gavel three times after outbursts of laughter and off-topic discussion from Senators.

Finally, Senate approved two ASUO Executive proposals. One was to remove the reserves account from the EMU benchmark process and create a new EMU building account. The proposal sets the reserves at 3.5 percent of total incidental fees collected instead of letting the funding fluctuate from year to year.

—Nicholas Wilbur

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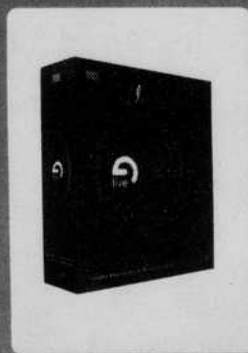
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