# Graduate fair: Student demographics are monitored for future recruiters

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the right to appear at the fair. Representatives said the cost was worth paying if the event could increase their exposure to prospective students.

"I would like to think that it is effective in terms of visibility," said Andrew Brusletten, manager of the Policy Studies program at the University of Washington.

Brusletten added that the purpose

of the event is not to recruit specific students but to get students thinking about graduate studies.

"I'm trying to make sure people make the right decision for them," he said. "I'm not trying to make a hard sell."

The Career Center used Monday's fair to gain a clearer picture of what types of students come to learn about graduate schools, Wilsey said.

Before entering the fair, students were asked to either swipe their student body card or fill out an information card. The Career Center will use that information to determine the demographics of students attending the fair.

By analyzing the turnout by class and major, the Career Center will be able to tell prospective graduate schools what kinds of students they will meet at future fairs, Wilsey said.

Students interested in graduate programs will have another opportunity to gather information this afternoon. The Career Center will host a program called "Graduate School: What Works, What Doesn't and Why?"

Don Asher, an author on graduate school and career development issues, will speak and answer questions in the Gerlinger Lounge from 3:30-5:30 p.m. today.

Wilsey said Asher's presentation will offer students strategies and tips for applying to graduate school as well as ideas on how to pay the cost of more schooling.

"He gives tons of wonderful information," she said. "He's also very entertaining in the way he presents it."

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#### IN BRIEF

## Feldkamp resists returning DeLay's contributions

Congressional hopeful Jim Feldkamp is rejecting calls from Democrats to return \$10,000 he received from indicted House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Feldkamp's political director, Jennifer Gaskill, said it's unreasonable for critics to demand the return of contributions from a politician who has not been convicted.

"Returning his money is basically saying he's guilty, and we need to wait and find out and then go from there," she said.

Feldkamp, a Eugene Republican, said last month that he plans to run against Rep. Peter DeFazio in Oregon's 4th Congressional District. DeFazio beat Feldkamp in 2004.

DeLay last month gave up his House leadership post after a Texas grand jury indicted him on conspiracy and money laundering charges.

Following the indictment, Oregon Democrats called on Feldkamp to return what state party spokesman Kelly Steele called "dirty money from Tom DeLay.

Feldkamp received his contribution from DeLay's political action committee, Americans for a Republican Majority.

Nationally, at least three Republican members of Congress have returned contributions from DeLay's PAC after his indictment; many more have taken Feldkamp's position.

DeLay and two political associates are accused of funneling corporate money to Texas legislative campaigns, in violation of state law prohibiting use of those donations for election or defeat of state candidates.

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