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ASG swears in new vice president, assistant

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Students Beth Wilder and Deanna McKeever were voted and sworn in Jan. 31 as the new Associated Student Government (ASG) vice president and administrative assistant, despite two abstentions from ASG members apparently unhappy with the selection process. There were 11 votes in favor of the candidates.

Wilder now fills the position which was vacated after Shawnee Christensen, former vice president, took over the president's duties following the resignation of former ASG president Jenny Metzker. McKeever takes over Wilder's former duties as administrative assistant.

Victor Price, vice presidential senator, abstained from voting for both positions. He said he was "misinformed" about the applicants. "I have to work closely with the vice president and I had no say in who I would be working with. I thought the process was unprofessional," Price said.

Rick Brown, who also abstained from voting, had no comment for the *The Print*.

The new officers were chosen through an application and interview process which

took place Wednesday, Jan. 30. A total of seven applications were turned in for the interviewing committee to review, two of which were for the vice presidential position. The rest of the applications were submitted for more than one position.

Applications were accepted for all positions except president. This was done in order to help fill any ASG position should one be opened up by a current ASG member taking over the job as vice president, which is what happened with Wilder leaving her post as administrative assistant to become the new vice president.

Christensen said the vice presidential senators would have been the most likely to serve on the interview committee, but said "neither of them volunteered" though volunteers were solicited. She explained that the officers tried to handle the situation in the best way possible. "There was no better way to do it," Christensen said.

Christensen noted that the ASG constitution doesn't have any guidelines for filling vacancies in the executive council, and as a result the constitutional revision committee will be looking into the matter.



SWEARING-IN TIME--President Shawnee Christensen (left) swears in Beth Wilder (center) and Deanna McKeever (right) for the ASG's executive council.

Photo by Joel Miller

Wilder is a full-time student at the College. She carries 22 credit hours and is an accounting major.

As vice president, Wilder hopes to find "new ideas for revenues" for student activities. She said the proposed budget cuts will hurt activities, so she would like to find ways to supplement that budget.

Wilder also hopes to have a "closer network with the clubs

(on campus)." She said she wants the clubs to "know what ASG is doing," and wants "ASG to know what they (clubs) are doing." Wilder feels confident ASG can "help clubs achieve their goals."

McKeever, a business and accounting major carrying 15 credit hours, said she anticipates this year will be "a great experience." Though she

was nervous in the interviews, McKeever said she is excited about being involved in ASG (see story, this page).

Applicants were interviewed individually by a committee made up of Christensen, Dave Buckley, ASG advisor; Eric Laitinen, activities senator; and Jim Nicodemus and Ria Bany, students here at the College.

Student McKeever takes over job as administrative assistant

Deanna McKeever has been chosen by Associated Student Government (ASG) to head the executive cabinet post of administrative assistant. She was sworn in along with Beth Wilder, the ASG's new vice president at the end of January.

McKeever, 21, may officially be a new member of ASG, but she is not a new acquaintance to ASG members themselves. McKeever's mother, Dianne McKeever, is the secretary and bookkeeper for the Student Activities office. Through her mother McKeever has been able to help ASG members with dances and family movie nights since she was in high school, Dianne McKeever said.

Dianne said of her daughter, "I was surprised she decided to do it (apply for an ASG position)," since she has work and school that keep her very busy. But Deanna said she wanted to "be more involved with ASG than just hanging posters."

Deanna sees ASG as extremely important to campus activities. "It (school) would be boring without dances and other ASG-sponsored activities," she said. She added community events such as family movie nights are a very good idea because she thinks the community appreciates them.

An accounting major, Deanna is taking a variety of business classes. She is working for a two-year degree at the College, then plans to transfer to Portland State University. She added that "maybe some day I'll get my CPA (Certified Public Accountant) certificate."

By working at Danielson's Thriftway as a bookkeeper, Deanna is able to gain more experience in business and accounting. She works 25-30 hours a week on top of her studies and work in ASG. But she enjoys her job. Deanna said, "I get to work out where the people are and I get to meet a lot of people. That's fun," she added.



Deanna McKeever

