McCain, Sarver to address graduates

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Two prominent Arizonans will address May graduates during the morning and afternoon commencement ceremonies, university officials announced yesterday.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., will deliver the afternoon commencement speech while Phoenix Suns majority owner Robert Sarver will speak in the morning for the UA’s 132nd Commencement Ceremony, May 14 in McKale Center.

President Peter Likins invited the two after receiving recommendations from Student Body President Alistair Chapman last month. Chapman, a molecular and cellular biology senior, said he asked Likins to invite the men after consulting with other students, who showed an interest in both speakers.

“Robert Sarver is young and successful, not only in business but he’s also a philanthropist in our community,” said Chapman, referring to the 43-year-old’s role in the UA Sarver Heart Center. “McCain is one of the most import political figures in our country and he’s also from Arizona.”

Likins said when inviting commencement speakers, the university looks for a person who has made an impact as opposed to arbitrary recommendations.

“I usually try to bring in high visibility speakers who showed an interest in both speakers,” Likins said. “We try to make the students recognize and look up to in some way,” Likins said. “Often times, political figures in our country who’ve been able to bring in high visibility performers or athletes.”

McCain, a 1958 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., has served on the U.S. Senate since 1986, when he took the seat occupied by the late Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Before his career in the Senate, McCain was a naval aviator and, in 1982, he was elected to Congress as a representative of Arizona.

Sarver, a 1982 UA graduate in business administration, became the UA women pose for Playboy

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Few Wildcats bared it all for Playboy yesterday as they came to Tucson for the first of three days looking for women to pose for their annual college edition.

In contrast to the UA turnout, Playboy Photographer Ed Orfano said they were unable to see all the women at Arizona State University who wanted to part take in the “Girls of the Pac-10” issue.

“We just came from ASU, we had 208 girls call,” Orfano said. “We couldn’t see everybody.”

Orfano said 130 Sun Devils showed up to Playboy’s off-campus photo shoot.

“We shot 14 girls, which is a lot.”

Orfano dispelled the myth that Playboy is looking for the typical blonde bombshell with large breasts, and said the magazine prefers women with a natural look who don’t have a typical, produced image.

Playboy photographer David Rams, who photographed students for the previous Pacific 10 Conference issue, said the UA is one of his favorite places to visit when working for Playboy.

“I have always said Arizona has some of the hottest women,” Rams said.

Rams said the UA students at that photo shoot were very open, and some discussed their sex life while they posed.

Orfano agreed, “They were ballsy.”

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After 16 months without permanent leadership, UAPresents appointed its new permanent director yesterday.

Natalie Bohnet, the interim executive director since September, was named as the permanent executive director by Saundra Taylor, senior vice president of Campus Life, according to a press release.

Will Sieberger, UAPresents spokesman, said Taylor began a national search for a permanent director 16 months ago when Ken Foster, the previous director, left.

“It was quite an in-depth search,” said Sieberger, a studio arts senior.

Bohnet, a 52-year-old Australia native, said her nine years working with UAPresents has prepared her to take on the tough times that lay ahead.

Sieberger said UAPresents has a current deficit of about $475,000, a figure he said he expects to increase to $800,000 by the year’s end.

“This year, we will suffer another significant loss (of money),” Bohnet said. “But I’m confident the program I’ve planned for next year will bring surplus funds that will begin the process of eradicating the deficit, something that will take four or five years.”

Even though the position title appears similar, Bohnet said being the permanent director

Communications senior Amy Praw poses for a test shot with Playboy photographer David Rams yesterday at the University Marriott.

Few who attended yesterday’s photo shoot declined interview. But communication senior Amy Praw said she showed up for the Playboy photo shoot to challenge herself, and doubts she will be picked to model for the “Girls of the Pac-10” issue.

“I wanted to see how far I’d get and also represent my school,” Praw said.

Praw said she was very comfortable during the photo shoot, though she had never been photographed modeling in her bathing suit before.

Praw said her boyfriend was not too happy about her photo shoot with Playboy.

“He doesn’t want to share me with the world,” she said.

Praw said she does not read Playboy, and said she picked for the final spread, she’d be a bit apprehensive about

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