

General Election Letters

Merrill-Stewart

As we each go to the polls this week there are very few platforms that all of us can grasp as concrete things! One thing that all of us should keep foremost in our minds is that the executive should give the consideration to our own living area, social or academic interest, this we can see as concrete!

I would like to speak to my constituency, the fraternities and sororities. We, as Greeks should be aware of certain facts about the candidates running for President and Vice-President (read *Voters' Guide*).

First of all, without any more bullshit, Ben Merrill and John Stewart care about you! They have shown the interest in you as members of the Greek System.

They want to see the fraternities and sororities represented on the Executive Cabinet. This is very important to us! It will give us the voice in the executive decision making process as well as the legislative.

interest these two people have in us! Ben Merrill and John Stewart can and will give the ASUO, University, and importantly our living organizations the kind of representation that we need in the ASUO.

Give careful consideration, be sure that your vote counts! But most important, be sure to vote!

Tom E. Smith
ASUO-Greek Senator Pos. 1.

Wyatt-Loveys

In the coming years, it is of vital importance that the university strengthen—not absolve—its relationship with the community. The Hearing Panel on University Priorities has cut deeply into what little communication presently exists. The ASUO must take the lead in creating and establishing a solid link with the people of Eugene, and its surrounding areas.

First, we must evaluate all ASUO programs and determine their role and relationship to the community. (Tangentially, we should give added support where needed.)

Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, we must open up various ASUO programs and services to all community members wishing to purchase them. ASUO programs could be divided into several categories (i.e. educational, cultural, athletic-recreational, etc.) Each category would have its respective price tag, and citizens would be able to purchase, and participate in, the services they desire. By so doing we could attain greater community involvement and understanding.

Understanding is, perhaps, the key word. In the past, there have been misunderstandings, alienations, and overt hostilities vented between the university, its members, and the community. This might well be the first step in alleviating these tensions.

Aslo, the ASUO has been under "fire" from the State Board of Higher Education, and the State Legislature. Social responsibility has been a theme in most of those attacks, and nothing would suit them more than an attempt by the ASUO to establish a viable rapport with the people of the surrounding community.

Bill Wyatt
Candidate ASUO President

Fred Loveys

Limit Senate Size

ASUO Senate reapportionment is an obvious answer to a lot of problems, but only to the extent that it can promise to actually solve them. I seriously doubt whether changing the seating criteria for the same 45 senate positions will change anything at all, other than the criteria themselves. In the May 3rd election we're going to be offered a choice (by referendum) between several reapportionment proposals. Why do none of them involve limiting the size of the senate to a more manageable number of positions?

I feel that only by limiting its size can we

hold the individual senators accountable, and thus transform the senate into a responsive and effective mouthpiece for student needs.

In a time of budgetary crisis when programs and positions are being eliminated or cut right and left, how can the ASUO Senate possibly justify its increased demands for funds? How can we sit back and watch the senate absorb for its own use the money it has made available by cutting the programs which its sole purpose is (supposedly) to fund and support?

The value of a bureaucracy becomes dubious once it has pulled out from beneath its own feet the very structure it's supposed to be maintaining. A terrible image comes to mind of a university with no academic programs, no interest groups, no public services or meaningful activities whatsoever, but in their place a self-propagating monolithic ASUO Senate consisting of 15,000 senators who do nothing but run for office, unopposed.

Please can't we do something to limit the size of the senate, its demands on the budget and its power to make decisions independent of the student body as a whole? Bureaucracies are tolerable to the extent that they get things done (the things we demand of them), but they must be held accountable.

Bob Reno
candidate, ASUO Senate, off-campus 19.

Wyatt and Loveys

The more I listen and question both candidates for ASUO President and Vice President, the more I am assured that Wyatt and Loveys are working for the interest of all students.

They feel issues like the Library, Health Center and the reconstruction of the ASUO Housing Office are essential to the existence of students. They also have concrete ideas about how to deal with the Salem Board of Higher Education.

Loveys has worked very hard to set his reapportionment plan into effect. Because of his consistency, it will be on the ballot for the general election.

We need responsible people, not third rate politicians.

Johnnie Mae Parks
Off-Campus candidate no. 20

Merrill-Stewart

After being a dormitory president and an ASUO Senator representing the dorms, I feel I know well the problems of this system. With this in mind, I believe the team of Merrill-Stewart offers a needed concern for dorm residents as well as all students.

Jim Davis
ASUO Senator

Jefferson Moore

Being in the ASUO Senate I see a need for concerned people who are concerned for the needs of the students. I feel Jefferson Moore, candidate for At-Large no. 9 is such a person.

Moore's deep concern is shown by the fact that he has a platform centered around community projects to help those in need, political action, backing of minorities, and representative government for all students.

We need concerned people in the senate so I urge you to vote for Jefferson Moore for Senate Position At-Large no. 9 on Wednesday and Thursday.

Jim Davis
ASUO Senator
Candidate for Soph. Class President

Ally Nuschy

Ally is on the ballot. No, I don't mean Mohammed, I mean Nuschy. Those sophomores who had heard that she is not running again can feel confident that the same competence which helped us realize our goals as sophomores can do so as juniors, if she is elected.

Success breeds success they say and the

success which Ally worked for went far beyond hers of my expectations. Last Saturday I was contacted by officers of Rutgers University who asked for our portfolio of the race. They have planned a great race against Princeton for September 30.

I have little doubt that her 110 per cent effort which contributed to the class's success this year will be there next year. Vote for Ally Nuschy for Junior Class Vice-President.

Rick Harig
ASUO Soph. Class Pres.
Political Science

Jim Davis

We, the undersigned, fully support Jim Davis for the office of Sophomore Class President and the other members of the Action party in the belief that their platform of community service, political action, a homecoming for all students, and increased student awareness is of great benefit to the students and especially the community around them.

We urge all students, to give their support and their vote to the members of the Action party, to elect a group of sincere students who will give this school the leadership and dedication they need.

Roger Vavrosky

For Reapportionment

Minority students have been traditionally excluded from entire representation at National, State and University levels. The annual confrontation that occurs between minority students and the un-representative ASUO Senate when the Budget is considered must be stopped.

It can be—if the Senate is restructured to include ethnic representation. This is part of Fred Loveys' plan and we endorse it enthusiastically. We urge minority students—indeed all students—to vote in favor of Fred's proposal in the general election.

Gloria Bonzalez
Assistant Director
Chicano Student Union

Margarita Garcia **Manuel G. Rivera,**
Margarita Tavera **Chairman**
Chicano Task Force

Wyatt-Loveys

If students want to elect a ticket that is sincerely interested in what the ASUO can continue to do for the student body and the community rather than one interested in personal political gains, and if they want to elect a ticket that has run a trustworthy campaign, then they would do well to vote for Wyatt and Loveys this week. To do so would be a rejection of the manipulative, pressure politics used by their opponents, Merrill and Stewart.

Merrill and Stewart's references to Wyatt and Loveys in the recently published ASUO candidate's statements are at best misleading.

They say one of their opponents has said they don't think environmental programs are of major concern to the ASUO. "One" is what they said. They didn't name him, only implied. Who might it be? Was it Wyatt who has been working in the Consumer Research Center, a center that now has more credibility than OSPIRG? Or was it Loveys, who has been an instructor of mountaineering and rock climbing in the P.E. department?

I find it unlikely it was either and I can't find any place where they were quoted as saying that.

But the most blatant attempt at deception to discredit Wyatt and Loveys is in Merrill and Stewart's statement that their opponents are the handpicked candidates of the ASUO power elite. In fact, such a statement is a cheap political reaction to the support program directors have given Wyatt and Loveys.

In fact, it is those programs rather than the ASUO Senate that have a constituency and are providing daily service to students. In fact the real power elite is the Senate, a group with no real constituency

which has offered little service and issue-oriented leadership to students all year.

In fact, more than anyone else Merrill and Stewart represent a power elite. Stewart has been one of the major actors in the Senate game playing and irrelevant power struggles. Ask yourself what the Senate has done for you this year, other than the yearly incidental fee task? Has the Senate as a body done anything substantive?

As the incidental fees and Merrill and Stewart's supposed campaign against the bureaucracy of paid directors, consider Merrill's biggest claim to legitimacy as a candidate—his work in establishing OSPIRG. While the other programs were struggling over simply maintaining their budgets, none of which is over \$15,000, OSPIRG received \$42,000 without question. Where's the power elite using incidental fees and not being responsive to students?

Even the supposed support of the Chicano ticket for Merrill and Stewart should come into question. It smacks of either illogic or of deal making and either way is invalid as a meaningful endorsement. It was Stewart, not Loveys, who opposed supportive services in the Senate. It is Loveys who proposed a reapportionment plan assuring minority interest representation on the Senate, a plan Stewart has opposed. Given that it is Merrill and Stewart supporters who are running against minority candidates for the Senate, it seems unlikely that Merrill and Stewart would deserve the support of the Chicano candidates.

Ron L. Eachus
ASUO Pres. 1970-71

Benny Won

In serving students this year, the ASUO has been notable for its efforts to obtain greater student representation in the higher education decision-making at the University level, at the State Board of Higher Education, and at the Oregon Legislature. While pursuing this worth while goal, however, the ASUO has neglected the need for strengthening its relationship with the students it represents. Specifically, the ASUO must strengthen its links with students in the following significant areas:

(1) The ASUO Senate must be reapportioned, so that each senator is accountable to a definite constituency.

(2) With tuition, dorm rates, and book costs likely to increase, the ASUO must continue its efforts to hold down incidental fees, and work to maximize services from present student funds.

(3) The ASUO must be flexible and innovative with regards to the programs which it supports. It must weed out unproductive programs and replace them with relevant new ones (e.g., University Feminists).

(4) The ASUO must do a better job of publicizing its programs and services. How many students know about the ASUO Housing Office? Or the Legal Services Center? Or the Draft and Military Information Center? All too often the ASUO is viewed as a remote organization that levies an arbitrary tax (i.e., incidental fees) on students. The ASUO must do a better job of informing students of its programs and services, so that more students may benefit from them.

It is for these reasons that I am running for re-election and ask for your support. The ASUO must preserve the progress made this year, while correcting the deficiencies which exist in its relationship with students. The ASUO must become more accountable, more responsive, and more communicative to the students it represents.

Benny Won,
ASUO Candidate, Off-Campus Pos. 20

For Reapportionment

The foreign students on campus view most favorably, the reapportionment proposals outlined by Fred Loveys.

We feel strongly that his proposals presented to the student body on general election ballot be endorsed.

Jamal Rahman
President
Foreign Student Organization

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