

# ASUO names assistant

Last Monday the ASUO added a new administrative assistant to its list of officers. Her name is Florice Walker. Her job involves advising the ASUO executive working with Student Education Programs (formerly the Office of Supportive Services), the Ethnic Studies Program, the ASUO budget, and various student Unions.

"I'm trying to investigate the problems with the student education programs," she said. The recent debate over the centralization of the Office of Supportive Services has caused problems for the ASUO. Walker will be "acting as a mediator and talking to different people in the projects."

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"I'm trying to find out what the situation is and then resolve some of the conflicts. There is quite a bit of tension between the ethnic groups," she said.

Bill Wyatt, ASUO President, says he is pleased with her work. "We needed one person to have the responsibility for, and be able to communicate with the parties of interest," Wyatt said in reference to Student Educational Programs.

"She's not connected with any of the projects and she has no political ties with anyone," Wyatt said.

In addition, Wyatt said, Walker had experience working with "Action," a minority program at Linfield College, from which she graduated. The position which Walker fills now was designed to work with minority students, said Wyatt.

Walker has a Bachelor of Science degree from Linfield College in Home Economics. She is attending the University in a Masters program in Public Affairs Administration, under CSPA.

Working for the ASUO, she said, "really satisfies my needs, because it will complement my Home

Economics background and give me experience in government for working with consumer problems in different government agencies."

Walker said she would "like to help relieve the conflict and tension that are going on within the different programs and get more student input into the changes made in the programs (Student Educational Programs).

Along this line, Walker said, an Advisory Board has been set up to work with the Student Educational Program. The Advisory Board will consist of members from the four different ethnic groups (Native American, Chicano, Black and White) and six members of the faculty. The Advisory Board will be "evaluating current projects and making plans for redesigning the programs," she said. "I hope it will be done more in student interest" than has been the case in the past.

Walker also said that she hopes to find a solution to the problems of the Native Americans in her job. "I'm concerned for Native American Students who will be coming here in the future," she said.

In addition to the Student Educational Programs, Walker will be working with various student unions at the University. Next week, she said, will be occupied with looking over the Student Unions' constitutions for any discrepancies to prevent other situations such as that which recently occurred within the Foreign Student Organization (FSO). The FSO elections were declared unconstitutional and their budget frozen by the ASUO.

Walker will also be working with Wyatt on the ASUO budget for next year. She said they were looking for other funding than raising student incidental fees. She will be preparing a proposal to the state legislature, along with Wyatt, in order to find other means of financial support for the ASUO.

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## Ski touring symposium scheduled this week

Anyone interested in ski touring is invited to a week of free evening programs Nov. 13-17 and a day-long symposium on Nov. 18, at the University sponsored by the Outdoor Program.

All aspects of ski touring activity in Oregon will be discussed during the week, which will conclude with a ski tour on Nov. 19 to the Santiam Pass, also open to the public.

"With better communication we can examine issues that are relevant to ski tourers everywhere, such as new places to go, cooperative use of facilities, certification, preparation and agencies that have control over touring environments," explains Gary Grimm, Outdoor Program director.

The week's schedule is as follows:

● Monday, Nov. 13—Introductory ski touring slide show, 7 p.m., 150 Science

● Tuesday, Nov. 14—Slide show, planning for 1972 Christmas trips, 7 p.m., and NBC film,

"American Wilderness," 8:30 p.m., both in 150 Science

● Wednesday, Nov. 15—Mt. McKinley expeditions slide show, and planning for 1973 McKinley expedition, 7 p.m., 150 Science

● Thursday, Nov. 16—Equipment session on various options of skis, bindings, pole and boots relating to different winter environments, 7 p.m., EMU 23.

● Friday—Equipment session with instruction in mounting bindings, pine-tarring and waxing skis, 7 p.m., EMU 23.

Saturday's symposium is designed principally for persons or groups interested in starting ski touring programs. All events will be in the Dads Room of the EMU and are open to the public free of charge.

Morning session will focus on resource communication files, group and independent learning, recreation programs, ski touring schools, competitive training and school physical education programs.



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