

Come home Bill Wyatt

It won't be too surprising if the next time ASUO President Bill Wyatt tells state legislators students are responsible enough to handle their own affairs the lawmakers break into hysterical laughter.

Every day members of the ASUO senate and executive branches make a mockery of Wyatt's testimony as they engage in the most immature of games.

The ASUO is becoming a laughing stock, and its about time somebody began to take notice besides legislators.

The Emerald has already made clear its thinking on the future of the ASUO Senate — reform it or abolish it.

But problems with the ASUO executive are of a different nature.

When Wyatt was elected president last spring, he pledged to devote his energies to lobbying the state legislature for laws of particular meaning to students. Wyatt to his credit, has pursued that course.

But he has become so involved in affairs in Salem he has forgotten affairs at home.

Wyatt's absence may partly explain the current round of absurdities. But his infrequent local appearances don't help to clarify things either. Wyatt fired executive assistant Tim Travis last week. Reasons for the dismissal were vague, revolving around an ideological impasse and personality conflicts between Travis and ASUO vice-president Fred Loveys.

Both Wyatt and Travis refuse to be up-front about the situation — Wyatt because he does not want to open new wounds which would disrupt his lobbying efforts, and Travis because he wants desperately to be ASUO president after Wyatt.

Confused? Read on.

The ASUO Senate Governing Committee is making noises about impeachment procedures against Loveys. Grounds are alleged inconsistencies in Loveys' management of ASUO elections.

But in reality Loveys is being axed because he does not fit into the current kid-politic mold. Loveys doesn't have the finesse in ASUO game playing to cut it.

And Wyatt has failed to play president to Loveys' VP. The two don't get together on much of anything, and often find themselves at cross purposes.

Loveys' impending martyrdom could become ASUO legend.

There are other problems within the ASUO executive which will come to light before the term is over. There are further changes pending in the area of ASUO programs, and hints of graft are as rampant as ever.

What can be done?

For a start, Wyatt might begin devoting more time to the home front. Legislative lobbying can be carried out by already appointed Legislative coordinators and the Interinstitutional Union of Students.

Wyatt might not be able to save the current ASUO executive branch from chaos. But he might manage to hold things together during the current legislative session, during coming ASUO budget hearings and until another ASUO executive can be elected this spring.

Letters

Appeal to reason

This is an appeal to reason.

Last term, I made the atrocious mistake, which I now regret, of running for an at-large student senate position. However, due to ineptness of the Vice-President that currently reigns over the student government, I was prevented from receiving an equal opportunity in the senate race. (I lost).

When I talked to Mr. Loveys, your incompetent V.P., he assured me that the election court would properly handle my complaint, and he would abide by its decision. So after waiting two months for the inane executive to appoint an election court, I was finally granted a hearing.

The results of the trial were that the ostentatious Loveys was found guilty of negligence, and willfully holding a partial and biased hearing, and fined him \$12, which was to be given to me to defray my election costs. Now, this incipient bureaucrat refuses to abide by the decision of the court.

I opened with an appeal to reason. It is with this in mind that I now plead with the students and representatives, the senators, to take the appropriate action needed to rectify this grave injustice.

And this is also an appeal to Fred Loveys to awake from his arrogant, aloof dream, and return to the realities of his own plebeian role in government.

Thomas Hartfield
Soph.

No soap

Many students may not know this, but every term \$2 of their tuition money goes to provide gym clothes and the locker room facilities. This is something around \$30,000 a term for maintenance of the locker rooms.

This may or may not be enough money to run the locker rooms, but it does seem like enough to provide soap for the showers in the evenings. Those who have used the P.E. department facilities in the evening will recognize this problem.

In the main men's shower room in the evening there are at most one or two almost used up bars of soap. The other night there was no soap at all (not a rare occurrence). I asked one of the locker room attendants for some more. His reply, "There is no more for today."

The people showering had to scrape what bits they could out of the soap dishes or off Oregon Daily Emerald

the floor. If you were lucky enough to find a miniscule piece of soap, you then had to see if you were lucky enough to make it last through one more shower.

Alas, though, \$30,000 just doesn't buy as much as it used to.

P.S. Sorry Zukin and Bonner. I hope I didn't take up any room from your feuding.

Bruce Halperin
Junior, Liberal Arts

Lawfulness

If both Fred Loveys and his would-be impeachers present their cases on the basis of which alternative will help achieve the best possible self-interest of the University of Oregon, they'll decide for which of the two in larger percent defends the interest of us homo sapiens. (Sapiens is Latin for wise; the other species in our genus homo is called homo sapiens (un-wise).

The will to defend us who are actually sapiens is the only way to tell it as (not just

"like") it is in LAW (lawfulness), morality, wisdom or any other form of goodness.

PROhuman (Williams)
Ed. '36.

Don't patronize

An Open Letter to Harry Ritchie's:

After my arrival in Eugene this past September, I was shopping on the mall when I noticed what seemed to be a reputable store which had a special on a stereo component system. I purchased the system from Harry Ritchie's, and shortly after the warranty expired, every element of the system had developed some type of defect.

Having been treated in a manner which I found to be somewhat discourteous at the time of purchase, I decided to contact the Better Business Service (BBS) to ask advice as to how best handle the situation. The BBS suggested I write a letter of complaint, send it to their office, and they would deal with the matter.

I followed that advice. Harry Ritchie called me on February 5 to determine the exact nature of my complaint. I answered his queries as honestly as possible. Harry Ritchie then told me that he would have been willing to fix the system had my "attitude" been different. This should serve as a "lesson" to me. My attitude problem consisted mainly of exercising consumer rights.

I suppose the "lesson" I was to have learned is not to take advantage of existing avenues for the redress of grievance, but instead to seek, as a personal favor, service that should be given in good faith.

I assume that had Mr. Ritchie not known I was a graduate student at the university, he would have treated me in a manner more in accord with good business practices. However, I have learned the "lesson" and, I trust, so will countless others.

To spell it out for you, if you want fair treatment, customer satisfaction, friendliness, by all means do not go to Harry Ritchie's.

Susan Kopel



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