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Barnhart turns down dorm alcohol request

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Housing Director H.P. Barnhart has rejected a Dormitory Governance Council (DGC) proposal to permit alcohol in dorms set aside for residents over 21. The student committee has appealed his decision to Gerald Bogen, vice-president for student affairs.

Barnhart told the DGC that the presence of alcohol in the dorms would reduce livability and might drive away some students. He said "excessive noise and lack of privacy would be compounded" if the proposal were accepted. Quiet, private surroundings are highly valued by residents, according to a dorm survey and Barnhart believes they are especially important to students over 21.

The Housing Department has received no clear indication that dorm students favor the proposal, according to Barnhart. The most recent survey indicates that 46 per cent of the dorm residents think the right to drink alcohol in their rooms would improve living conditions.

Barnhart is also concerned that limiting a few dorms to students over 21 would reduce flexibility in his department. Currently, all but one of the dorms house freshmen together with upper-class students.

The DGC contends that Barnhart has skirted the proposal and failed to address specific issues.

"It seems that he was just over-confident," said Dave Hercher, chairer of the DGC alcohol committee. "He thought he could just say 'Shoo' and we would go away. But this thing has to be decided on the issues."

Hercher says there is no reason to suppose that noise, lack of privacy and other problems associated with alcohol use would be compounded if drinking were legalized in the dorms. The group has told Bogen that "present enforcement of the (alcohol) policy is lax or non-existent, especially among the target group (those over 21) and . . . the mere technicality of the proposed change would increase neither consumption nor related problems."

Barnhart concedes that enforcement of the alcohol ban is sometimes lax. "Nobody bothers them if they drink in their own rooms," he said. Rule enforcement occurs more often if a large party creates a disturbance.

"If people are drinking," said Barnhart, "they're drinking on their own responsibility. I would prefer it on their own responsibility rather than passing it on to you or me. I would prefer that it be on individual responsibility."

Hercher contends that Barnhart's survey statistics measure the opinions of the total dorm population rather than the target population of students over 21. He believes older students would be more favorable to the proposal and the Housing Department would have little trouble filling an over-21 dorm. The department has already reserved 213 spaces for seniors and graduate students and Hercher believes these people could be placed in a special dorm.

The University has no ban on alcohol for the Westmoreland and Amazon married students' housing, according to John Thorpe, director of family housing. The housing project is considered "the same as any community in the city."



Drawing by JoAnn Fahlgren

Minority proposals go to Senate

The University Senate will discuss three recommendations from the Educational Opportunities Committee today at their 3:30 p.m. meeting in 229 Law. The motions from the committee grew out of its six-month review of Pres. Boyd's restructuring of the minority services program in August.

The committee's report says there are no established guidelines for planning, implementing and evaluating minority and disadvantaged student programs. Nor is there a definitive policy which speaks to the commit-

ment of the University and the expectations of both the institution and students under the Academic Opportunities Program.

Committee chairer Katherine Eaton has three motions before the Senate which would develop a University policy.

The first directs the Senate to investigate the alleged misuse of delegated authority by the Office of Admissions, Financial Aid, Employment and Housing for Special Students.

The second asks that the ad-

ministration and faculty develop and adopt a policy clearly defining the commitment of the University to cultural, racial or ethnic minority students.

And the third asks that the faculty assist in the immediate formation of a committee to develop a cultural/racial/ethnic component at the University which speaks to the needs of minority disadvantaged students. The committee is to include representatives of affected cultural, racial or ethnic groups, AOP staff and interested faculty."

Davis wants ASUO to deliver 'quality education'

Editor's Note: The following article is the final story in a six-part series dealing individually with candidates for ASUO president. Thursday's Emerald will feature a wrap-up article outlining issues and stands of the campaign.

By LOIS LINDSAY
Of the Emerald

Student government has taken a "new academic and legislative direction" during the past two years, says ASUO presidential hopeful Jim Davis.

It's a trend he wants to see continued. "The only concern of the ASUO should be to help insure students a quality education," the 22-year-old graduate student explains. "Students put a lot of money into this institution. They have a right to be well represented — a right to receive the best education and best services possible."

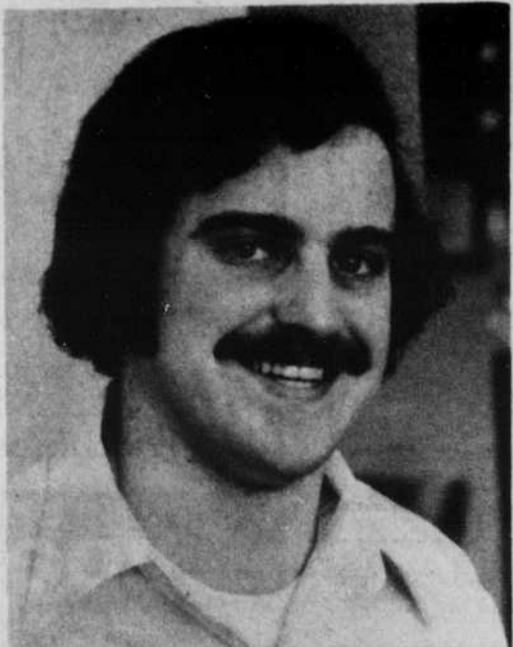
Running on a 17-plank platform, Davis says the ASUO can deliver that quality education only by giving "equal attention to academic issues, student consumer legislation and program administration and finance." He says these three elements represent the "overall educational experience."

"A quality education cannot, and should not, be restricted to the classroom," the gerontology and administration student ex-

plains. "We've got to explore cultural and alternative facets as well."

Academic concerns Davis plans to address include completion and expansion of the consumer's guide to classes by "continuing the fight for access to faculty/course evaluation materials."

"Instruction must become the number one priority," Davis insists. "To insure this,



Jim Davis

faculty members need to be accountable to the students."

In line with the accountability issues, Davis says he will push for inclusion of students on promotion and tenure committees, a goal partially achieved by this year's executive. But he will also work for an increase in the number of times high-demand classes are offered and for publication of a career information booklet to aid University students.

Student consumer legislation is another major concern of Davis's. He says his administration will spend a great deal of time before the Oregon Legislature lobbying for such issues as lower tuition, increased financial aids, greater state support of child care and foreign student expenses, protection of tenants' and dorm residents' rights, non-discrimination and an evaluation of minority programs on campus.

Dealing with program administration and finance, Davis says his major goal is to "increase communication and working relationships with the programs and the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC)" and to build on the budget counter-budget process initiated this year.

The candidate, presently ASUO vice-president for programs and finance, says communication has been "very good" this year but "can always be improved." He says he would like to establish more or-

ganizations like the Programs Director's Council so the programs could have more direct input into administrative decisions.

A major issue Davis plans to explore next year is the establishment of a student union and the students' right to bargain collectively. He says House bill 3043 (which allows students to sit in on faculty negotiations) is "nice but certainly not enough."

Responding to accusations by another candidate, Davis defends the present administration against the charge of "pushy power politics."

"Sure it's been aggressive. But there's nothing wrong with that. You have to be aggressive a lot of times if you want to get anything done."

But Davis says he'll have a somewhat different approach than Bernau. "Basically I'm a people person. I've always been able to communicate well with people by just sitting down and listening and then presenting my views."

Davis sees his "experience on all levels of the ASUO" as the biggest asset of his candidacy. Involved in the student association for the past four and a half years, Davis has worked with six ASUO-funded programs (serving as director of two), served for three years on student-faculty committees, worked with the EMU and student advisory boards, and served as ASUO vice-president.