

Letters

For Wilkins

As the "third candidate," I would like to ask the *Emerald* what sort of revenge a program director, me, would seek against a committee that granted a budget request in excess of 100 per cent increase. Secondly, I do not oppose funding foreign student unions. On the contrary, I would like to adequately fund them so they are accessible to the whole student body. Help them help us to understand their differing experiences.

The IFC's lack of on-going research of the programs they fund is how they mistreat our programs. They review for two months programs that go on all year. If they would take time to become personally involved — throughout the whole year — they might have better perspectives on these vast programs, I would do this. The IFC reviews the money aspect of programs and not their value as persons helping or serving other persons.

I would propose a Whole-Earth Student Directory, so programs can be utilized because they will be known to exist. Individual programs attempting to advertise will lead to more flyers, which aren't read, and more clutter on bulletin boards. Cultural activities boards with weekly events would be maintained at less expense than each program placing obscure ads in the *Emerald*.

Derek Wilkins
IFC candidate

Mountains moved

Once upon a time there was an enlightened student body government.

They were very astute leaders, who daily moved reasonably large mountains for their constituency. They had been heard to state that they were well thought of on campus all over the country for their clear thought and decisive action. It is even rumored that they flew a representative to Denver, Colorado to learn about taverns, as there were no taverns or brewery representatives in Eugene, Oregon. Well, at least not very many.

One difficulty that these leaders faced was a disease called voter apathy; they considered it a pustule on the body politic. They thought and thought, and decided that to get more participation in elections they would mail out ballots at an approximate initial cost of \$3,060 for the outgoing mail. (That's 17,000 times 18¢, their own estimate.) Then the incoming mail would only be 18¢ times the number of fiercely interested voters that this plan would generate. That cost was for the primary election; the formula is duplicated for the general election. But don't worry too much about that, it's not real money anyway.

I guess the point I'm making is that in the real world people have to go to a specific place on a specific date to vote. It's not too difficult since you are on campus anyway. If no one has been keeping track of the vaudeville show that the fee committee has been staging lately with approximately \$1,250,000, this may seem like an isolated instance, but it isn't. I don't know much yet, but I'm learning. Keep in touch.

Jim "Izzy" Whetstone
candidate ASUO president

Not astute

I was very disappointed to see Steve Beard's letter in Tuesday's *Emerald* which so blatantly misrepresented Jim Davis' performance in this year's ASUO executive. As ASUO vice president, Jim has done much to improve the status of student programs and to facilitate communication between the executive and office and program personnel. His initiative and dedication to this year's budgetary process were the forces which caused Jim to voluntarily step down as the chair of the EMU Food Sub-Committee because of time limitations.

Mr. Beard's observation that there are "plenty of people eager to jump on his bandwagon with endorsements" is partially accurate. His observations as to the reasons for this support are not quite as astute. Jim's support is not based on political promises and associations but rather on an honest appraisal of his past performances and sincere dedication to the future of the ASUO.

My suggestion to Mr. Beard is that in the future he base such opinion on fact rather than personal bias.

Karen Gegner
Chairer, ASUO program board

For Tyler

I write this letter in support of the *Emerald's* endorsement of Dave Tyler for the Incidental Fee Committee.

Dave Tyler will work hard to help turn the Incidental Fee Committee into a responsive and responsible deliberative body. Tyler has identified a number of specific proposals which will go far toward improving the incidental fee budgeting process by reforming the rules of procedure and ensuring greater input from the students at large.

For a long period of time, participants in the ASUO looked upon it as a government, the primary function of which was the allocation of incidental fee dollars. Dave Tyler is committed to the idea of the ASUO's responsibility being both the active pursuit of the interests of students as consumers of education and the funding and administration of student-run programs which contribute to the cultural and physical development of students. As an IFC member, Dave Tyler will strive to give appropriate balance between the twin objectives of the student association.

The incumbent candidate for this position is using as his strongest point the fact of having served several months on the committee. Dave Tyler and I ask you to look at the specific platforms of each candidate, making your judgment on that basis. After examining the stated goals of each candidate and judging for yourself, I am sure you will agree that Dave Tyler will be an excellent member of the Incidental Fee Committee.

Mark Cogan
ASUO admin. assistant
for legislative affairs

For Wilkins

Well guess what, yep, it's that time again, when we all as University students get to become in-



'OH, JEEZ — NOW WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE BACK TO THE CITY!'

involved in student government. Wasn't last year's race so exciting? Whatever happened to the days of tacky campaign speeches and posters like SuSan Simpson for Tre\$urer. Yea, I know it would be uncool in our so called "college atmosphere" to carry on so, but really, how else do you choose. There's no debates, little literature (costs) and no old fashioned campaigning. Instead, those running for office find dupes like myself to write a letter of endorsement of the *Emerald*. This leads me to the point that yes, there are candidates out there among you and yes, they are people like you and me; not just the black on white you see in the paper.

I know one is sitting here next to me making sure I don't make up some scandalous story about him. Anyway, his name is Derek Wilkins and he's running for IFC. Big Deal. Well, you know that's what I thought until I thought about that \$215 I pay each term and where it goes. Being the selfish person I am, I want my interests to benefit from it and being the compassionate person I am, I want to see others interests also benefit. Well, I discussed this with Mr. Wilkins and by coincidence he listened and agreed and I agreed and all in all the man, during the course of our discussion, had his head together on most of the areas of my concern. Now this I'm sure won't be the case for a lot of you, but read about what the guy has to say. You might be surprised. Besides looking at the charisma aspect of elections, he's pretty cute. But at least make an effort to vote in this election since the ASUO went to the effort of spending part of that tuition money you pay out arranging this election.

Rand Gerlach
undecl., jr.

For Barnes

The president of the senior class does hold a valuable position. Often nothing is done by a class officer. This necessarily doesn't have to be the case. Benny Barnes will prove it. I have personally worked with Benny and found him to be enthusiastic and energetic in all of his endeavors.

Benny has had a great deal of experience working with people. He is open to new ideas and will take an active role encouraging student participation.

He has complete knowledge of the responsibilities of the office, as well he realizes that there is much room for growth and improvement.

Benny has been actively involved in student government in

the past. His experiences include, representing the school of business on the SUAB and director of the information and grievance center. As director Benny worked with the accounting fraternity to provide the students with a free income tax service.

On a personal level, I have found Benny to be responsible, amiable and a hard worker as well, I, as vice president of the senior class, urge you to vote for Benny Barnes for next year's senior class president.

Cathy Bissell
sr. class vice-pres.

Resist agency

Note to *Emerald* staff concerning its advertisement policies: Get your shit together folks!

Recent Gallo wine ads appearing in the *Emerald* are nauseating. Equally reprehensible is the periodic printing of Central Intelligence Agency recruitment ads. At least two such ads have appeared in the *Emerald* since September.

Have you already forgotten about the nightmares of the CIA-sponsored Phoenix program in Vietnam, the CIA-financed illegal war in Laos and the CIA-backed bloody coup in Chile? These are but a few of the more publicized acts of CIA terrorism.

Former CIA agent Philip Agee has correctly identified the CIA as an instrument of the president and foreign policy makers. As such, the agency has used any means necessary in attempting to thwart nationalistic movements throughout the world and thereby insure U.S. economic hegemony. The result has been a disastrous decline in U.S. credibility in the world today. Ford and Kissinger must go!

The CIA depends on recruitment from college campuses for its continuing existence. Therefore, I suggest that it is our duty to continue to expose and resist this undemocratic agency.

Doug Brown
interdisciplinary studies,
grad.

Taste not issue

In responding to last Thursday's IFC vote refusing to fund any Food Service deficit as long as Teamsters lettuce is served in the cafeterias, EMU Board Chairman Steve Beard claimed that serving only UFW lettuce might in itself

create a deficit. He said this was because "some people don't like the taste of UFW lettuce."

That is ridiculous. The dispute between the UFW and the Teamsters union is over representation of farm workers who harvest head lettuce. That is the pale, crunchy kind that most people seem to prefer. The Teamsters do so little to help their farm workers in every way that I strongly doubt that they have any positive effect on the taste of the lettuce picked.

What Mr. Beard probably finds objectionable is the taste of leaf lettuce. Almost all of the leaf lettuce available here is non-union lettuce. The fact that the Food Service often labels it UFW lettuce may explain Mr. Beard's confusion, but it does not make a leaf lettuce UFW lettuce. Only a UFW contract could do that — and I'm all for that.

I'm sure there are people who don't like the taste of leaf lettuce, but I don't think that is why the Food Service is losing money. And I know that if the EMU switched to serving only UFW lettuce they would re-acquire much the business they have lost over the past two years. After all, what was the point of the UFW cafeteria boycott last year except to get the Teamster lettuce out?

In the end, of course, the issue is not the taste of leaf lettuce, poor administration of the Food Service, or "freedom of choice" for student consumers, but social justice for the farm workers. The IFC should be praised for recognizing this.

Kurt Willcox
history, grad.

Letters policy

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