

Day is night

The ASUO Elections Court gazed into its crystal ball Tuesday and came up with a "finding" right out of 1984. The court had reconvened to hear additional information concerning possible election violation charges against ASUO presidential candidate Jim Davis. In the finest traditions of "double-think" and "newspeak," the court decided that true is false and day is night.

In a Sunday afternoon hearing, at which Davis was not even present to defend himself, Mike Schaefer, who brought the charges against Davis, told the court a Davis campaign flyer placed on the doorknob of his apartment had not been authorized by Woodland Realty, proprietors of the complex. (ASUO campaign rules require that candidates obtain permission from the owners or proprietors before distributing campaign material on private property.)

Schaefer also claimed that he called the realty firm and that "someone there" told him that Davis had not received permission. On Monday, however, when the *Emerald* called the agency, we found that no one there had ever heard of anyone named Mike Schaefer. Only two people work at the agency, the owner Carole Sisler and her secretary. Sisler said she had no recollection of "a Michael Schaefer or anyone else inquiring about the matter. And if they had I wouldn't have told them Davis needed to ask permission." She went on to explain that her agency has an "open door policy" and does not require permission for distributing campaign literature.

Despite the fact that Schaefer's previous testimony was publicly disputed, the court still found "that Michael Schaefer did in fact call Woodland Realty and was told that no consent had been given." The court even asked the *Emerald* reporter present if the agency had received a phone call from Schaefer. They were told by the reporter that the agency maintains that they received no such call.

How the court could then turn around and "find" that Schaefer did call the agency is anyone's guess. The court did not even consider calling the agency to find out if Schaefer had called there. The court contended that they have no investigative function and that their job was only to hear testimony. The testimony they heard from Schaefer was at best circumstantial, hearsay evidence that should have no place in any court.

By issuing this finding, the court has in effect said that it will accept at face value any charges brought before it without even attempting to determine if the testimony offered is true or has any basis in fact. By its own ruling, it is now possible for any student to bring the most preposterous charges before this court and have them accepted.

This court had defaulted on its obligation to the student body to fairly and equitably hear campaign violation charges. The *Emerald* feels that Davis should appeal this decision to the ASUO Constitutional Committee where he will have a better chance of receiving a *FAIR* hearing.

Letters—

Not laughing

As a nearly normal person, I enjoy seeing my name in print as much as anyone; however, there were two ads placed in the *Emerald* of Friday, April 30, in which I feel I was used rather harshly. They were placed by a person I don't know, named Jon Kvistad who, I understand, has an axe to grind with the current ASUO executive.

I assume that he's mad at me also, as the ads, appearing to be my authentic campaign material, made me look like a gibbering fool. One doggerel rhyme, containing insults aimed at Jim Bernau, Kirby Garrett and Jim Davis, seemed, because of the ad format, to have my sanction. This is not the case. If he was actually attempting to support me, I feel a more constructive method should have been used.

This type of tactic is employed in national politics regularly, the Democrats call it "Dick Tucking" and the Republicans call it "Rat F---ing." I guess it's funny when it happens to someone else, but I'm not laughing. I don't approve of that kind of crap and I feel that it has no place in student elections. All of my ads have been, and will

continue to be, low key endorsements from reputable organizations such as Grass Roots Political Services and the various civic, secular and educational groups sponsored by the 13th Street Boys Club.

As for Brother Kvistad, I feel that an apology is due me and comrades Bernau, Garrett and Davis. And I want it quickly, as I do not appreciate people hiding behind me to carry on their fights with others.

Trusting that I've made myself "perfectly clear," I remain,

Jim "Izzy" Whetstine
ex-candidate, ASUO Pres.

Barnes endorsed

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who supported me for senior class president. However, our efforts were not substantial enough to insure me of an electoral victory. Due to personal reasons, I have been forced to withdraw my name from consideration as a write-in candidate.

Therefore, I ask that those of you who voted for me in the primary, to pledge your votes and support to Benny Barnes, one of the two candidates in the run-off election for senior class president.

After examining the proposals and ideas set forth by both Benny

Barnes and Jane Harris, I see no alternative but to endorse Barnes as the more qualified of the two. Candidate Harris' platform sounds lucrative, but then again so does Camelot. Her proposal of having the senior class put out the Consumer's Guide to Classes is a bit unrealistic, as it takes money, and a paid staff of research assistants.

Candidate Barnes, on the other hand, has a more realistic approach to the problems presented to the senior class, such as upgrading the current Career Planning and Placement Program to insure that the graduates of the University are aware of the job market before they leave here.

If you care about the benefits you will receive as a member of the senior class, vote Benny Barnes.

Thomas C. Phelan
pol. sci., jr.

Head squirrel

The *Emerald's* headline, "ASUO officials guilty of campaign wrongs," paints a true picture of Jim Davis and his wheeling and dealing campaign tactics. Grant it, the conviction of placing flyers on private homes is rather trivial, but the underlying reasons are not. Should not such a person who has been involved in ASUO government and who has run for numerous offices be familiar with the rules? The answer can only be a definite yes. Ignorance is no acceptable plea. Furthermore, no guilt can be passed off on the workers that went door to door to put up flyers that were especially manufactured to snap on door knobs.

What really bothers me is the ignored action taken by the ASUO election official, Kirby Garrett, for his failure to report a violation complaint filed with him last week. Are the two vice-presidents, Davis and Garrett, using the rules when they are conducive to their needs? Of course they are. Let's face it. Davis has his "in," and it is no one less than Kirby Garrett, the ASUO election official. I wonder how many other Davis violations have slipped by? This election has been stated by the *Emerald* as a "mud-slinging" affair. Maybe it is, but let us not be "out-squirreled" by the ASUO candidate, Richard Nixon, oops, I mean Jim Davis.

Dan Antoni
gen. sci., sr.

One battle ends, another begins

It seems that as soon as one battle is won for equal opportunity, another begins. Just when the students won a successful resolution to the AOP controversy, it was discovered that the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) for youth from migrant and seasonal laborer backgrounds is being eliminated.

This time, President Boyd is willing to advocate for this program's continuation. The attack comes from much higher in government bureaucracy, the Secretary of Labor for the federal government. Yet the issues are the same.

HEP was initiated by students at this University in 1967, and has grown to national stature with 13 programs in nine different states. Thus, the idea came from innovative students who made our University a pioneer in higher education for the disadvantaged. Currently, our program has 180 students enrolled and 130 graduates are anticipated. Eighty to ninety per cent of HEP graduates have been successfully placed in academic, vocational and employment settings. It provides advocacy, counseling, bilingual instruction and placement. These services are not a luxury if one considers that the majority of the country's children receive them through regular channels, but by systemic discrimination, the services are not

provided to children of migrant and seasonal laborers.

Next to Mexican-Americans, the largest population HEP serves is Anglo-Americans. It also has Native Americans and blacks. The University program is the only one in the entire state, and it serves all of Idaho as well. This and the one at Pullman, Washington serve the whole Pacific Northwest. Even though the representation is clearly very broad, our program has a staff of twelve.

From a student viewpoint, HEP provides the key link for recruitment of disadvantaged students into higher education. From a state viewpoint, HEP provides upward mobility to a population on whom the state depends for economic survival. From a national viewpoint, HEP represents a commitment to employment opportunity and the right to participate in our democratic society. One highly-placed federal official plans to eliminate all that.

The ASUO executive has continually fought this year for minority rights. We will fight this battle too. We urge you all to join.

Dan Garner
ASUO admin. assistant

Help change

If you could attach an "apathy meter" to segments of the student body, with its parameters being participation in the ASUO, I think you would find the senior class a front runner. I don't think the blame should be placed on the people who don't vote. You can't expect a large voter turnout when the general feeling is that it doesn't make any difference. I'd like to help change this situation.

I think the senior class should involve itself in initiating programs where a minimal amount of participation can produce a maximum amount of physical benefit for the student body. This could be done in a number of different ways, ranging from increasing the visibility of the Career Planning and Placement Center to sponsoring an outdoor festival.

Projects and ideas like these are short term and can be started and implemented or finished within a year; not leaving a hang-over for the next senior class.

If you are a junior going on your senior year; I'd appreciate your vote. Please vote Benny Barnes senior class president.

Benny Barnes
internat'l. bus.
pol. sci., jr.

Drop off vote

I'd like to see Kim Defenderfer elected to represent the college of business on the SUAB.

I've known Defenderfer for a couple of years and one thing I've noticed is that he does get things done. He says he's going to meet with the deans and try and work out some of the problems we have at the business school. He'll do it. In fact he'll probably do more. Who knows? Maybe he'll ban 8 a.m. classes. I don't know if he wants to, but if he did, he'd do it.

The runoffs are Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are a business student, drop off a vote for him.

Marty Giudici
finance, sr.

Voting urged

Jane Harris has the qualities necessary to be an effective senior class president. I have found Jane to be an enthusiastic,

hard-working individual. The class officers are not as visible as many other positions within the ASUO, but nonetheless they are viable and important. Jane Harris has the initiative and capabilities which make her deserve your vote. I urge all juniors to vote for Jane Harris for senior class president.

Carol Cobb
senior class pres.

Campaigning again

I am again campaigning for election to the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB, position No. 3, business administration).

It will make a difference who we elect to represent the college of business on the SUAB. There are some important concerns at stake. First among these is the problem of over-crowding in the business school. I'll admit I don't know the magic answer. But I think that by going about it the right way (i.e., meeting with the deans and various department heads), I can be an asset in helping to find and implement a solution. I'll do my best.

As well as concerning themselves with the school which they represent, members of the SUAB do participate and vote in the Student-Faculty Senate meetings. This senate can and does set important policies that affect the student body. I intend to fully participate in this senate. In fact, I already have thought of a policy which I believe ought to be changed. Presently if a student takes the same class twice, credits are only granted once, but still both grades appear on the transcript. This should be changed, so that instead, only the higher of the two grades appears. If students are willing to take the same class twice without receiving double credits, then those students should not be penalized for a past mistake, but deserve the benefit of having only the higher of the two grades appear on their transcripts.

The runoff election is this Tuesday and Wednesday. The voting booth is right in front of Gilbert. Please make it a point to stop by and give me your support. Thanks.

Kim Defenderfer
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