

editorial Continue gains

Two years ago this spring, University students voted an end to traditional "sandbox" student government and started to build the concept of students acting in association to achieve common goals.

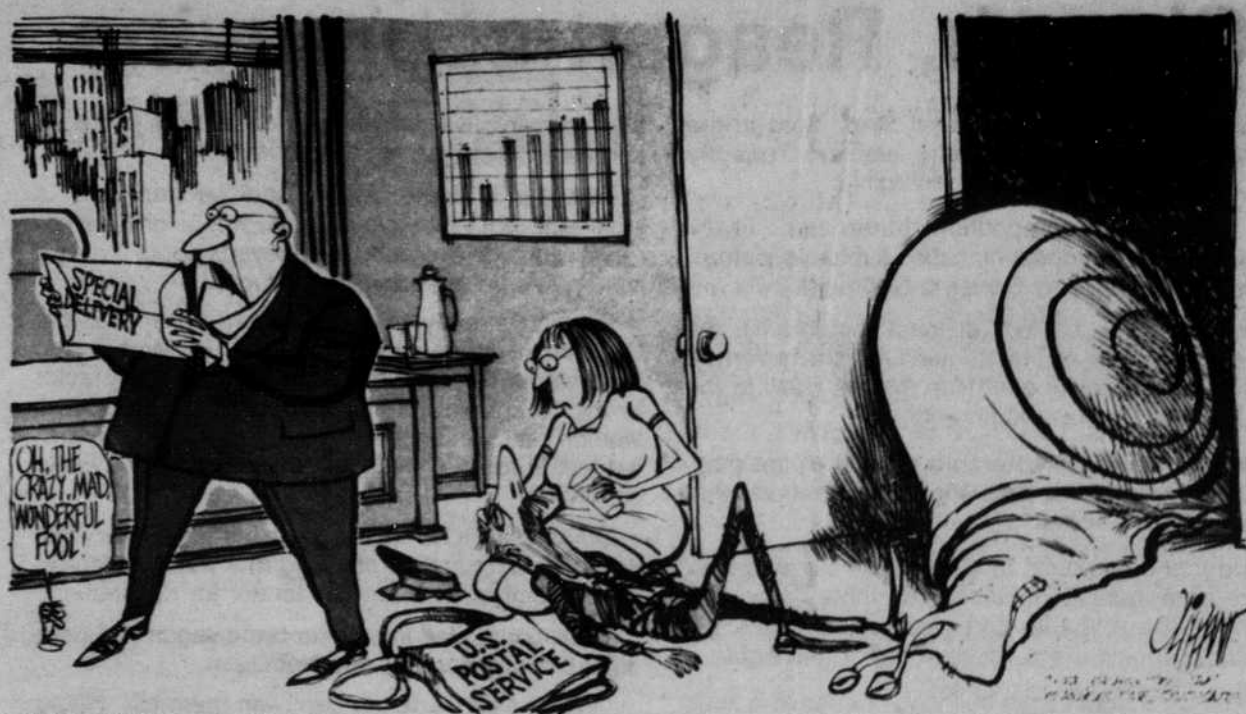
The election of ASUO Pres. Robert Liberty in 1974 marked the beginning. The old ASUO senate, a playground for junior politicians, was abolished and replaced with the Incidental Fee Committee. And the power of a student association was advanced further with the creation of the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB). The creation of the SUAB helped establish the principle of shared governance with students sitting as voting members on faculty policy-setting bodies.

Again this spring, students will have a chance to reaffirm the concept of a student association by electing Jim Davis to the office of ASUO president. The election of Davis will insure that students will continue to enjoy the political, economic and educational advantages of a student association committed to acting as an advocate for student interests.

A student association, lead by an aggressive ASUO executive, means money in students' pockets. This year the ASUO prevented the University administration from forcing each dormitory student to pay \$150 for pre-paid dormitory reservations. The ASUO also successfully negotiated a \$2 reduction on Lane Transit District Fast Passes for University students. A seven per cent constitutional limit was placed on incidental fee increases, while in previous years the increase had been as much as 12 per cent. The ASUO's tennis court suit against the State Board of Higher Education, if successful, would mean the return of a half million dollars to the University's dormitory system.

A strong student association means an increase in the quality of education offered at the University. This year the ASUO persuaded the general faculty to adopt a proposal that requires each department to conduct mandatory course evaluation surveys to be included in each instructor's personnel file. The executive published a consumer's guide to classes. They placed students on the University search committees that selected deans for both the business and journalism schools. Under the ASUO's leadership, student participation in promotion and tenure decisions was expanded to the music school, architecture and allied arts and the education school.

The political, economic and educational gains that students have made in the last two years must be continued. We cannot afford to elect anyone else except Jim Davis. The election of a candidate such as Jan Oliver who is primarily concerned with a policy of "program advocacy," means that many of these gains could fall by the wayside. Our student association needs a president who will not allocate such a disproportionate amount of energy to just one area. We need a president who will devote an equal share of energy both to ASUO-funded programs and to his role as an advocate for our student association. Jim Davis would be such a president.



is one virtually tested to destruction." Yet the Reader's Digest of April 1976 states that the NRC has failed to enforce even the elementary safety rules ("The Burning Question of Browns Ferry").

The way I read it, Bud Prince of Pacific Power and Light speaks of atomic energy as "a proven form of energy." It's no proven form of energy at all. Uranium is expected to become scarce soon. Breeder reactors are still in the experimental stage and it is highly doubtful they will ever work. Nobody here seems to know what to do with the highly radioactive wastes. Low activity solid wastes are already dumped at sea (p. 17 of "Uranium and Nuclear Power," published by the Union Bank of Switzerland).

Let's put a stop to this nuclear madness. Vote for candidates, such as Jim Weaver, who fight the nuclear lobbies and avoid like the plague those who advocate this destructive form of energy. And be sure to vote "yes" on Ballot Measure Nine in November.

Huibert Paul
serials librarian
UO library

Mantle accepted

I would like to take this means of thanking the members of the Apathy Party for their aid, both real and imaginary, in our recent overwhelming show of disunity in the ASUO elections. It is with well-deserved pride that I accept the mantle of non-leadership which you have allowed me to assume through your inaction. (A bold stroke if I do say so myself.)

The point I had hoped to make was that the concept of student government has become an overblown bureaucracy over a period

of several years. The individual student can learn more about our University on pages 204 and 205 of the Eugene Telephone Directory than can be gleaned from the entire ASUO. Every enrolling student goes through nearly identical shitstorms in the phenomenon we call registration; but no coherent set of instructions has ever been compiled to reduce this to a step-by-step process. Nor have I ever seen or heard of a directory of offices whose job is to help students. This type of function should be the primary concern of student-politicians if they ever hope to be taken seriously.

We still have the general election to go through, and I'd like to enlist all my friends and supporters in electing Jan Oliver to the ASUO presidency. Her views on the responsibility of student government to the students indicate to me that she knows the actual potential of the office, and has the maturity to do the job well.

Please read Jan's statement in the voter pamphlet and I think you'll agree that her ideas and goals are considerably more realistic than the promises offered by the opposition.

See you at the mailbox,

Jim "Izzy" Whetstone
38-year-old
undeclared, freshman

One of us

Lane County needs a change in the commissioners' office; our real needs are not being properly represented. Commissioner Nancy Hayward had some good priorities when she was elected to office six years ago but she is now overcome by her own self importance. A Swim and Tennis Club elitist,

Ms. Hayward has encouraged extravagant building programs that saddle the working person and the elderly with an enormous property tax burden.

Doug Melevin on the other hand is one of us. A 1965 UO graduate, he walks to work and lives in a small apartment. Doug supports nuclear safeguards, decriminalization of marijuana, and has a progressive philosophy that puts people first, not showy new county buildings.

Sanny Talbot
psych., sr.

Taste satisfied

As a freshman at the University, I came into dorm life with several ugly preconceptions. Unfortunately, I've found many of these to be true, but at the same time I've found one of my presuppositions to be anything but true: this is the quality of dorm food.

On a campus where the dorm food is said to be close to cat food in terms of taste, I have been pleasantly surprised to discover that in spite of all of the degrading remarks I've heard, the dormitory food at the University is quite edible, if not tasteful. Personally, I have been overwhelmed by the great variety of meals served on campus, and the administration's attempts to meet the students' dietary needs. One only needs to reflect back to high school days and recall the monotony of the same display of food every day, and moreover, the poor quality of those foods that were served.

Not being an acclaimed gourmet, I have not been disgusted by the "brutal taste" of the food in the dorms as many students have been. Maybe my taste buds are dead, but quite frankly, much of the food served on campus is just as good as anything I've ever been served at home, not including of course those cherished home-cooked steaks or prime ribs. True, there have been some creations at school that I've been afraid to touch, but then again, my mom was always famous for coming up with a few losers every now and then as well. I'm not claiming that the dorm food is of the utmost quality, but I am paying testimony that it has served to adequately fill my stomach as well as satisfy, to a certain extent, my tastes.

I guess that all I can really say in this letter is "keep up the good work" to the University kitchen staff, and express to them just how much I will miss their cooking next year when I'll be living in an apartment, and feeding on hamburgers and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

John Franklin
Undecl., fr.

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Letters—

Avoid advocates

I wish to comment briefly on the nuclear safeguards issue as discussed on Page 12 of the Emerald

of May 3. It seems to me that the opinions and comments of the nuclear and utility people are not worth the paper they are printed on. "I want to assure you," says Charles Goodwin of the Trojan plant, "that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) believes the only safe nuclear power plant

MY FIRST WORDS
AS A CHILD WERE:
"I DIDN'T DO IT!"



THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
I PROTESTED:
"IT WASN'T ME!"



THROUGH MARRIAGE
I PLEADED:
"I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT!"



INTO MIDDLE AGE I HELD
FAST AT: "I'M INNOCENT!"



BUT ON MY DEATH BED
I CONFESSED: "I'M
GUILTY! I'M GUILTY!
I'M GUILTY!"



"OF WHAT?" MY LOVED ONES
ASKED IN CONFUSION.



BUT I WILL DIE
WITH MY LIPS
SEALED.



AFTER A LIFETIME OF
INNER CRIME I WON'T
TALK NOW.



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