

Once again, it's time to say hello, adieu to

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Today, Jan Oliver takes over the reins of student government becoming ASUO President for 1976-77.

Oliver plans to incorporate humor into an administration she believes will set a "creative precedent. I don't believe a sense of humor would be detrimental to successfully handling student affairs," she says.

Today's switch marks the end of Jim Bernau's term in office — a year he's devoted to student advocacy. And Bernau says he "can walk out of Suite 4 feeling good about what he said he would do and what he accomplished."

Bernau feels his administration has been the most "active and aggressive ever on campus." He shares the credit with his staff.

"I've been fortunate in having a staff that has been nearly suicidal in meeting the problems of the university and solving them," he explains.

The former student body president says he attempted to accomplish every issue addressed in his campaign "with at least three pints of blood. We tackled everything from discrimination to the University housing charging students an illegal \$150 prepayment fee."

Success for the Bernau administration came in the form of just completed recommendations to guarantee students legal and procedural rights in the Student Conduct Code and a new budget process that delivered the budget to William Boyd's office nearly two months ahead of schedule. Incidental fees were held to the lowest increase in the state — 34 cents.

This year's ASUO pioneered the concept of educational consumerism and collective bargaining by publishing the first Consumer's Guide to Classes and establishing the ASUO as the collective bargaining agent of students.



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But Bernau notes that "it often takes two to five years to accomplish a goal through the development of that goal and orchestration of decision makers." He feels his administration should be evaluated on that criterion, too.

The former president admits he hasn't accomplished all his goals but feels he has laid the groundwork.

Two proposals Bernau made to the State Board of Higher Education — one involving decreasing tuition by reducing faculty salaries and one to broaden financial aid criteria — were turned down by that body.

The Bernau administration also planned a tavern for the EMU, but has only succeeded in sponsoring beer gardens. "The decisions are being made elsewhere," he says.

"Given time, the President's disposition will grow accustomed to the beer gardens until it's socially acceptable to have a tavern on campus," Bernau notes.

But the former president credits his administration with raising the level of student expectations dramatically. "Student demands

will be made in the future because of those raised expectations," he says.

Jan Oliver, new ASUO President, agrees Bernau has made progress in the face of incredible barriers and "set up possibilities for my administration."

But she believes that students can have more energy and visibility and has set a goal to "expand the channels of communication for students."

Oliver's first project will be to "hang on to the student seats in Mac Court." She will reemphasize the fact that "the money that the Incidental Fee Committee gives the Athletic Department is based on tickets, not a subsidy. There is no reason for them to feel slighted."

Planning and research for the coming legislative session will occupy Oliver this summer. She has four personal priorities which include "getting child care off students' backs, holding down tuition, broadening financial aid eligibility and gaining student control of incidental fees." But the

ASUO President emphasized that she is open to other issues. She plans to devote attention to "the situation with minority programs," too.

"We are coming out of a period of quietude with student involvement. Students are moving back into the picture, especially on this campus. They will demand more of elected officials — and that's great."

Oliver expects to be more visible than Bernau. "There will be more media on what I'm doing," she says.

Bernau predicts that the Oliver administration is "going to be an extreme success because of the commitment to issues and energy involved." He describes her as an "intelligent and capable" person.

"I hope she is more successful that I was in dealing with administrators. I was really naive when I came into the job. I thought a lack of tact had prevented us from accomplishing things, that wit and persuasion would convince decision makers. I was dead wrong. Students actually need power."

Oliver feels "really optimistic" about relations with Johnson Hall. You must incorporate the administrator's perspective with your goals, she says. "If I pride myself in anything, it's on my judgment of people. I can be persuasive."

"Students never got to appreciate what Bernau was doing," she says. "He became so involved in the fight for students on the 'battlefield' that he didn't give enough attention to what students were doing on this campus."

Reminiscing about his term and the prospects for Oliver's administration, Bernau says "students should have a part in influencing the kind of education they receive, the amount they pay for it and the quality of environment they have while they are here."

"But now it's someone else's turn to beat their head against the wall. Given the number of craniums we have, the wall will eventually give away or something will at least seep through its cracks."

'Expert' status encouraged before mushrooming

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Mushroom hunting, long popular in Europe, has experienced a burst of popularity in the United States in recent months, and the Eugene area is no exception. The moist and rainy climate prevalent in this area is especially conducive to the growth of many varieties of wild mushrooms.

Unfortunately, the possibility of collecting a poisonous mushroom is quite real. Wayne Harger, of the Drug Information Center at 1678 Columbia St., Eugene, warns the eager amateur to postpone such an excursion until he is virtually an expert on mushrooms.

"Take a little time and get educated. Otherwise it's not worth the risk," Harger advises, and strongly urges pros-

pective mushroom hunters to familiarize themselves with a copy of Richard and Karen Haard's book, "Poisonous and Hallucinogenic Mushrooms."

The Haards' book is an excellent reference source to use while computing the edibility of a mushroom, as it cites detailed information on the physical and distinguishing characteristics of the specimen in question.

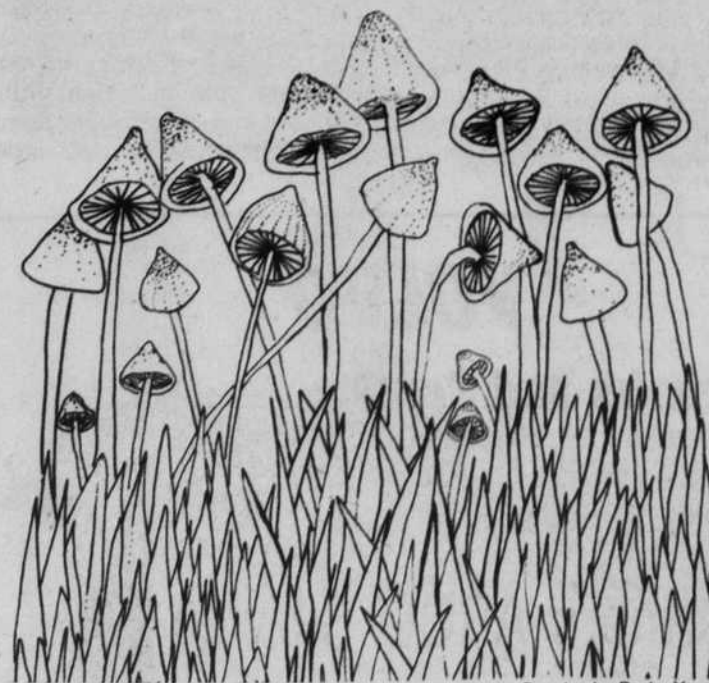
Harger says that although not all toxic mushrooms are deadly, some species can affect the central nervous system and cause permanent liver damage. He goes on to add, "If there is any question whatever in your mind, don't eat it!"

One of the main problems encountered when attempting to treat a person for possible mushroom poisoning is the fact

that some varieties of mushrooms don't show any symptoms for as long as 30 hours after ingestion. It is for this reason, Harger says, that "... you can't tell what you've eaten after you eat it. The digestive processes have already done their job."

Unfortunately, there is no proven anecdote for victims of mushroom poisoning. "There is very little to be done," Harger says, and repeats that the best prevention against poisoning is a thorough knowledge of mushroom species and characteristics.

He adds that there are many mushrooms whose edibility is unknown, and cites this as another reason for amateurs to leave mushroom experimentation to the more knowledgeable.



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