

ASUO executive office gearing up for fall

Oliver and Burns address the issues for coming year

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Jan Oliver assumed office as ASUO president three weeks ago today. Oliver has spent most of those 21 days working with the Oregon Student Lobby (she was chosen vice-chairwoman of that group's board of directors), selecting her staff for the upcoming year and generally "trying to pull ourselves together." ("We've been fairly spread out," she explains.) But last Friday she and Jamie Burns, ASUO vice-president for administration and finance, focused their energies and maneuvered into an ASUO conference room—a portable baby bed blocked the doorway—to discuss the following issues.

●**INCIDENTAL FEES:** "It's possible" incidental fees will rise to \$26 per student this fall, according to Burns. That's an increase of \$25 over the amount collected for spring term—\$1. (For summer session incidental fees dropped to \$16.) "Our exact projected amount is \$25.84," explained

Burns, "but since the figure isn't raised by odd amounts, but by 50 cents increases, the final amount would be \$26." Burns pointed out, however, that this estimate is only accurate "if all our figures are right" and said there was some doubt as to whether this was the case. In any event, the exact amount of incidental fees for fall quarter cannot be determined for certain until the budget is approved by Pres. Boyd, Oliver noted. Burns is still discussing certain aspects of the budget, particularly those involving retention and carryover rates, with Director of Management and Budget Ralph Sunderland, who will forward a recommendation regarding the budget to Boyd, they explained.

●**ATHLETIC TICKETS:** Both Oliver and Burns are confident the athletic ticket fiasco of last fall won't be repeated this year, although a lottery system of distributing tickets will again be employed. Burns said that a ASUO-sponsored survey indicated a majority of students a-

greed a lottery was a fair way to distribute tickets. According to Oliver, most of the problems last year were created because there wasn't sufficient "publicity explaining how the system worked." "This year," Burns emphasized, "we're going to push hard to show students how to be part of the lottery. The indoctrinators at registration will provide information and we'll have explanations in the *Emerald*. We'll also have provisions for students who register late." Oliver said that because "more students are familiar with the lottery now—they've been through it once already" the system will operate more smoothly. And Burns added that as preparations for the lottery are beginning now, instead of one week prior to registration as was the case last year, they expect many former difficulties will be avoided. "Last year," he said, "too many decisions were made on the spur of the moment."

●**STUDENT SEATS:** Oliver and Burns said they discussed the Athletic Department's proposed reduction in student seats at basketball games with AD Director John Caine and AD Business Manager Odell Wood. "We'll still have our traditional 4,000 seats," Oliver explained. "Last fall we were give the extra 164 seats. Now it's like they're saying we shouldn't have been given those seats in the first place" because a stipulation in the Pac-8 basketball contract calls for a reserved section for visiting cheerleaders and pep bands when a request is made by the visiting school two weeks prior to the contest. "But if the pep people don't come, then those seats are open to students again," Oliver said. In any case, she pointed out, it's doubtful cheerleaders and pep band members will occupy all 164 seats. "But the seats will have to be sold game by game, not by season pass," she emphasized.

●**FACULTY EVALUATION RELEASE:** A large percentage of the faculty agreed to release their student evaluations for use in the Consumer's Guide to Course, said Oliver. Because of the printing deadline, evaluations were not included in the guide for spring term. "But they should be in the one for fall," Oliver said. ASUO Vice-President Gary Kim is in charge of the guide; Oliver said



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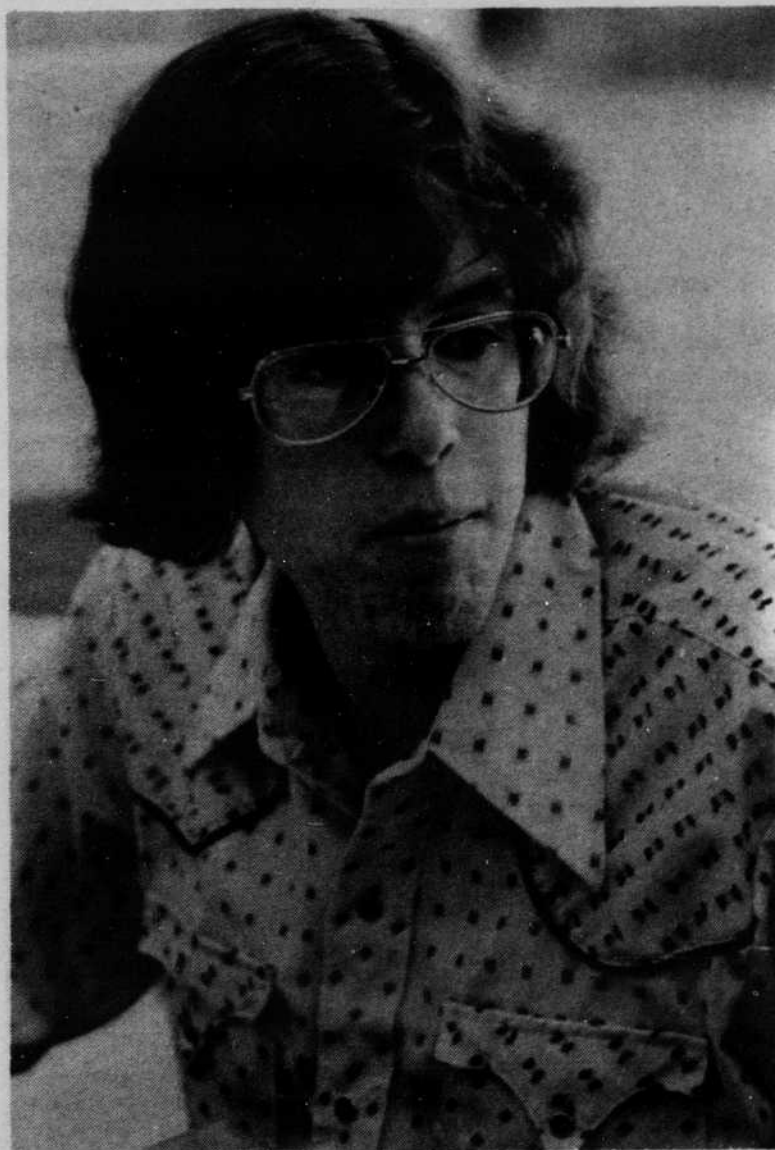
advertising will pay for the printing costs and perhaps for some of the salaries for those working on the project as well.

●**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** Oliver has said her legislative goals include "getting child-care off students' backs, holding down tuition, broadening financial aid eligibility and gaining student control of incidental fees." Oliver pointed out she has "all summer to do research" on these topics, and plans to use it.

●**PROGRAMS:** Oliver emphasized improved communications with ASUO programs during her campaign and created a fourth vice-presidency to deal primarily with the programs. Tamanika Ivie, vice-president for programs and community affairs is basically in charge of establishing better rapport with the programs, according to Oliver. "She'll be working with the Activity Programs Directors Council and the Student Program Management class. And I'm still talking to the programs,

just as I always have." Oliver added that Ivie will announce the name of the new ASUO press officer (which replaces the ASUO News Bureau) this week.

●**ASUO:** Oliver and Burns both agreed the major issue they face is "legitimizing the ASUO, creating a quality product to serve students in a way they can relate to." "We need to make it viable to both the students and the administration," explained Oliver. "We can't become ossified," Burns added. "If we do things right, we'll maintain enthusiasm, but if we do things wrong, apathy will set in." Oliver appeared confident about her abilities to combat apathy. "More and more people are coming in here now. I think a lot of students have related favorably to me winning, even if they didn't vote. I get letters and phone calls all the time. People are referred here for a variety of reasons. Even if we can't help them directly, they know they can come here for an ear, for help on a personal level."



Jamie Burns

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ferences and institutes, would develop in close connection with national and local labor unions and employee organizations.

The idea of a state center for labor education has been kicked around by Oregon labor organizations and the Legislature

since 1971.

Another proposal under discussion last week at PSU—this time by the board's Committee on Finance, Administration and Physical Plant—was a 1977-79 budget of over \$327 million. This sum, plus proposed salary increases, would be a 25 per cent jump from the last biennium's budget total.

Board member Loran Stewart considers this jump "pretty scary," but the budget proposal will nevertheless be presented to the full board in August. If accepted by the board, it will then go to the governor's staff, which will examine it and make recommendations to the 1977 Legislature concerning its adoption.

Changes necessary on University map

A few changes can be noted on the campus map on the back of the *Summer Schedule of Classes*.

Commonwealth Hall is now Gilbert Hall (Gil), Physical Education is now Esslinger and 150 Sc is now 150 Geology (Geo), located on thirteenth at University Street. Agate classrooms are located at sixteenth and Agate Street.

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