

A valuable instrument

It is gratifying to learn that some students are still concerned enough about student government to run for office. Last week ASUO officials were worrying that some of the positions up for grabs this fall might not attract a candidate.

Whatever people say, we need a student government. What little power students have at this university had to be fought for. It would be a terrible mistake to allow that power to evaporate through default.

The ASUO is widely considered to be corrupt, wasteful and bureaucratic. If the University administration were to assume the responsibilities of student government, there is no reason to think student programs would be administered with any less corruption and wastefulness.

Few students feel personally represented by the ASUO. Since so few of them vote in ASUO elections, this feeling is easy to understand. People can't be blamed for not caring about ASUO politics, but if they care enough to complain they should care enough to vote.

The motives of students who seek office in the student government are often questioned. The few who take the trouble to stroll by Suite 4 and put their names on the list usually act from a variety of motives.

Some of them may be motivated by a genuine desire to serve the students. If there are any of these in office now or running this fall, they deserve our gratitude for their thankless task.

Others, probably the majority, want to type an extra line on job applications, represent some special interest or otherwise serve themselves. But if these are the only ones on the ballot, we deserve no better.

Letters

Signs trashed

I looked out my window this morning to find that once again a gaggle of lurching post-teens (recent initiates, no doubt to the wonders and mysteries of spiritus frumenti) had ripped off our lawn-signs. This makes the sixth time in only a week and a half.

I realize that only a small number of people are into this kind of oblivious trashing — otherwise, the entire city of Eugene would look like Dresden after the firebombs by now — but it is a great drain of energy and money on political campaigns.

Could you all please go back to swallowing goldfish and stuffing yourselves into phonebooths, while the rest of us get on with the business of trying to fix up the world a bit?

Susan Delay
Jack Delay Campaign Comm.
1708 Alder St.

Fraud and failure

What the hell is wrong with the bureaucrats at this university? I have been to five different colleges and I have never met a more specious, rude, inefficient group of administrators anywhere. Offices open late and close early on the pretext of the need for paper work time.

At 4:25 p.m. you people become downright ugly, but at 10:05 a.m. you're not bothered at all by the sight of several students waiting around your doors while you dawdle.

More fundamentally your excuse for your hours is a fraud at worst and a miserable failure at best. You lose and misplace applications explaining to the student "at this time we simply have no way of checking the location of any application." You inconvenience the students almost regularly with your poor computer programs. (I didn't know what my

financial aid award was until the day before registration and I was in the first priority group.)

You send people on jobs that haven't existed for days or to people who don't know anything about it. I've never seen a registration procedure more traumatic than U of O's.

You say you're drowning in paper work and students. I've had to go through every procedure twice or three times since I got here. Generally you wouldn't have to handle students over and over again if your systems were intelligible and consistent. You have a reputation throughout the state system of higher education as the most inefficient university in the state. And you still have the audacity to become offensive when you are asked to do your jobs when and in the manner you yourselves have announced they are to be done.

Patrick M. Anderson
Senior-Philosophy



Retain Burrows

This November students will have an opportunity to re-elect one of the brightest, strongest, most effective people in the Oregon legislature: Representative Mary Burrows.

Mary Burrows in two terms at the legislature has established herself as a loyal and courageous friend of the University. In 1973 Mary led the fight to increase higher education funding, lower tuition levels and provide tax relief to fraternities, sororities and co-ops at a time when campus housing was critical.

Upon being re-elected in 1974 Mary has continued to compile an excellent record on student-oriented issues. The Oregon Student Lobby Voting Guide rates her among the top State Representatives in the 1975 legislature.

Mary Burrows deserves to be re-elected.
She's earned our trust.

Bruce Moore
Mark Kirchmeier
Co-chairmen
Students to
re-elect Mary Burrows

Quiet campaign

This will be short and simple, yet in its brevity, we hope members of the freshman class will not underestimate its importance.

We, the three undersigned below, have filed and wish to represent the freshman class by holding its three elected offices.

We intend to run as unpolitical a campaign as is humanly possible. We plan to run no obstrusive,

star-spangled advertisements in the Emerald. We do not intend to splatter the University with signs, posters, etc. emphasizing how brilliant we are.

In fact, the sole reason for even writing this letter is merely to show the voters that we are indeed interested. Not in a popularity contest, or a name familiarity contest, but in honestly trying our best to help make Oregon a better university.

We urge the voters to read the statements that will appear in the Emerald's Voter Guide before the primary election, and cast his or her ballot on a basis of interest and intention, not splashiness.

Don Loving
Candidate for Frosh Pres.

Kurt Williams
Candidate for Frosh V.P.

Lee Errend
Candidate for Frosh Sec.

Chuck Pressman

Chuck Pressman has shouldered the burdens of leadership in this community for 30 years. In each community support group undertaken, his peers have pushed him quickly into a position of leadership. In his church he was a board member for nine years and chairman for two. He was a YMCA board member for 12 years and chairman for two. He has been a board member of the United Way for 12 years, general campaign chairman last year, and is vice chairman this year.

He is a dedicated environmentalist seeking practical safeguards and control on industrial hazards both actual and potential. And his broad knowledge of the complex problems of large organizations which he works with every day of his life, assures mature judg-

ment and progressive action in the management of EWEB's affairs.

Chuck is a candidate for the EWEB position representing east and southeast Eugene. The residents of Wards 2 and 3 are fortunate in having such a mature and well-balanced candidate. I urge you to vote for Chuck Pressman as your representative for EWEB.

Paul Beistel
Co-chairman
Pressman for
EWEB Committee

For Tim Orth

In the upcoming ASUO election, Tim Orth will be running for OSPIRG local board member. He has already demonstrated a keen awareness for the need for consumer advocacy this past year, by volunteering his services and being an active participant in OSPIRG related affairs. Also, he has helped in the development of the Friendly Area Neighbors, a west-side neighborhood advocacy group devoted to the people and their interests.

I can think of no other person with his background and personal convictions who could do a better job as OSPIRG local board member.

Dan Lillienfeld
Senior-Psychology

Correction

Apologies are due to Professor Louis A. Oliver of the Department of Romance Languages.

Several words were omitted from his letter to the editor printed Oct. 7, causing a sentence in the letter to lose its meaning.

The sentence should have read "Although the average 1975-76 salary was \$18,067 the worth of those dollars in 1971-72 terms was \$12,905."

The Emerald regrets the error.

