

ASUO budget freeze unnecessary

The ASUO's proposed budget freeze on programs whose directors have not yet signed a contract with the ASUO is a well-intended piece of legislation, but it exceeds the power of the executive as outlined in the ASUO constitution and probably won't have the effects intended by the ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman and Program and Administration assistant Michael Connelly.

The freeze has been proposed as a way to get the programs to cooperate with the ASUO executive branch and to get program directors to cooperate with each other. The 50 programs have been drifting on their own directions without being accountable to the executive, according to Connelly, the architect of the budget freeze plan. The intent of the freeze is to get the program directors into a setting where mutual problems and solutions may be discussed.

Certainly there is something to be said for program cooperation, and there is some difficulty in getting them together to work for common goals. But the programs are quasi-independent, in relation to both the other programs and the ASUO executive.

The ASUO executive says the problems are caused by a lack of cooperation with the executive and the other programs. By unifying the ASUO with the programs, it is claimed, the ASUO service to the students will be more efficient. But many of the programs don't seem to have common goals, and the benefits that may come from regular meetings of the program heads, specified as mandatory in the new contract, aren't too clear. One possibility is that the program directors may benefit from other's dealings with the EMU directors, and another might be learning from Connelly's knowledge of how the ASUO and the University work. But these are things which could be handled by meetings with Connelly and Feldman themselves, as well as meetings with other program heads of groups with similar interests.

A more cogent argument against the proposed freeze is that there is no mention of that power in the ASUO constitution. The constitution stipulates that the ASUO president has the authority to veto incidental fee committee allocations, and that he or she is responsible for establishing a written agreement with the program directors to carry out the duties of the office. But to freeze the budgets for a vague notion of non-cooperation is too strong a way of conveying that message. The program directors may be perfectly capable of carrying out the duties of their offices in spite of bad attendance at program directors' council meetings, where the discussion may not bear any direct relation to the problems of the programs.

In short, the coercion used by the ASUO executive branch is unwarranted and beyond the authority of that branch. We do, however, recognize the worth of getting the programs to work together on specific items when the problem is clear and the solution made more possible by cooperation. We encourage Feldman and Connelly to pursue that goal. But overreacting out of frustration is not a suitable way to achieve that end. A freeze may spark resentment among some program directors in response to executive actions. And that is not the way to get them to cooperate.

Letters

Buckley's good law

Concerning Josh Marquis' comments on the Buckley amendment as "rotten law": I could care less what motives the senior fascist from New York had in introducing the amendment. I do care what the effects of the law are. It enables the student to tell his school that it can't tell any members of the public; insurance sellers, magazine sellers, bill collectors and bronzed diploma sellers; that he is enrolled and what his address is. It also enables the student to see what some elitist asshole has written about him in his evaluation and to have that evaluation changed or removed if necessary. Any person, faculty included, should have the character to be able to write an honest evaluation of a person whether or not the evaluation is to be secret or open to the evaluatee. The effects of the law seem both

reasonable and fair and the Office of Student Advocacy should use our incidental fees to see that the law is enforced and student's rights to privacy and access to their files are protected.

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Vulnerable position

It's now getting close to the time when the Registrar sets up a table in the EMU and gives registration verifications to students who ask for them. As a member of the Scholastic Deficiency Committee, I'd like to mention the past attitude of the members of our committee—which includes four students—towards those students who petition for late grade option changes, late changes in programs, etc. because they "didn't realize" what the Registrar listed them as having taken. If the petitioner has not bothered to pick



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up his or her registration verification, the committee members tend to be quite tough; they feel that verifications offer a well-advertised chance for students to find errors in their course record before the deadline changes.

Students have fought to have universities abandon their old parental role; to "take care" of the oversights of a responsible adult would seem to go back to this rejected role, for it is assumed that a student responsible for his or her actions would want to check on his official record. For this reason, petitions for changes in the class schedule are often denied.

As an academic advisor, I frequently see that a student suffers hardship when his petition is denied after he has neglected to verify his record. It is very easy for anyone to make a mistake during the flurry of registration, and no one could blame a student for these errors, or even for "filing" a Drop/Add petition in his notebook by mistake, thinking he had filed it in Oregon Hall. However, all students have a chance to check on whether there are any mistakes in their official class record—their own mistakes or any others—by picking up the registration verification. Only about fifty per cent do so. The rest are left in a vulnerable position.

Barbara Nicholls, Counselor
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Recycling plans

I'd like to propose something else to add to Congressman Weaver's onslaught against the non-conservationists pertaining to recycling. It is discouraging for me to clean my bottles, rinse and smash my cans and bundle my papers to be recycled, only to later walk by a restaurant which completely disregards all the graces of man ridding himself of his own waste. An incentive should be created for those restaurant owners to save and recycle their goods.

Since it would obviously take more time and expense, this endeavor should be made financially advantageous. A tax break similar to the one Weaver proposes for the homeowner who insulates his home could be provided to restaurants and other businesses that waste large amounts of recyclables—glass, metal or paper.

BRING's home pickup service for the few residences in South Eugene is admirable; but their funds and means are limited. I'd like to see more of their efforts and ideas expanded to the downtown business area.

Businesses such as Pizans,

which use paper plates and plastic cups by the hundreds, should be banned. If they need a larger kitchen and facilities to wash real plates, a loan should be made available. If it isn't financially feasible for restaurants to be aware of their waste and do something about it, incentives and rules should be created.

The chain in which we consume, utilize and waste is simpler than we imagine. There should be more utilization and less consumption and waste. It is total hypocrisy to teach the individual to be responsible and good when he is surrounded by the enormities of those businesses and corporations which are not responsible.

Even if one is not up to being a political evangelist, it is impossible to follow the example of Candide in "sowing your own garden," while others overwhelm the individual's meager efforts with their massive waste.

Arden Snyder
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Trivial focus

After reading the very disburbing article about a Ugandan refugee who was forced by Idi Amin's henchmen to bludgeon to death his fellow prisoners, I am prompted to write an open letter to the RSB.

It occurs to me that Idi Amin represents an infinitely more worthy object of the free-floating adolescent hostility of RSB members than does the proposed Kent State gym. As it is, the trivial and exploitative focus of the RSB serves only to confirm that "the justice of the world stinks."

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Picket recruiters

Recruiters from Weyerhaeuser Co. will be on campus Thursday. Weyerhaeuser is a major U.S. investor in South Africa, where it rips off huge profits from the super-exploitation of African workers under the apartheid system. A quote from Weyerhaeuser's own magazine shows the kind of viewpoint the University is endorsing by providing facilities to these recruiters:

"The Zulu in his tribal work setting is usually haphazard, unorganized, spasmodic and unsupervised..."

"By contrast, tribal Zulus accepting employment in the white man's factories have to adjust to rigid Western standards. Slowly but surely, they make this adjust-

ment and develop work attitudes fitting the Western standard..."

"Problems still remain today, but that's understandable as a hardy and basically intelligent people who still have one foot in the stone age learn Western ways." (Weyerhaeuser Magazine, July 1968).

It's clear that Weyerhaeuser's philosophy has no problems with Southern African apartheid. But U of O students and people across the country do, and so we'll be picketing these recruiters when they come to campus Thursday, beginning at 1 p.m. on the EMU Terrace. And we'll be going up to pose some sharp questions about what they're doing in Southern Africa.

Students have waged a long struggle here on campus to support the freedom fight in Southern Africa, and this picket is part of that struggle. Another important part will come on Friday, when the Finance Committee of the State Board of Higher Education will be meeting at Portland State University to vote on stock it owns in corporations operating in Southern Africa.

Join us in picketing Weyerhaeuser on Thursday and in bringing our demands to dump the stock to the State Board on Friday. We can win a real victory in support of the Southern African people, and a victory in our struggle to change this society, too.

Jonathan Draper
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Revolutionary Student Brigade

The real defendant

Congratulations to Rita Richenstein, the rejected student teacher, for resisting the herd instinct, albeit tactlessly.

It would be wise to examine the society which denies us legitimation for not fitting into the mold.

The real defendant in this case is the teaching credential.

Denny Williams
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Education policy

Letters policy

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