

# Analysis

## Advocacy role confronts ASUO issues

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Perhaps ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman has not initiated a slew of issues to deal with this year, but his office has not been idle by any means.

During the last year's campaign, Feldman said his number one goal would be to advocate for students. He says he's done this by speaking out on several issues.

Feldman says he thinks the most significant issue in relation to the majority of students has been the "housing office problem."

Through action taken by his office and Amazon and dormitory tenants, "What we've seen is a real shake-up in the Housing Office." He also looks for a reorganization of the office, "basically, from the pressure we've applied."

Feldman's office, along with the Office of Student Advocacy, has put quite a bit of time into this issue. However, should reorganization of the Housing Office occur it isn't accurate to say it was because of ASUO pressure.

Many Amazon tenants wrote letters to Jim Weaver, Fourth District congress-

man, requesting a Housing Office audit. Weaver asked Secretary of State Norma Paulus for the audit, and several other Oregon officials, including University Pres. William Boyd, jumped on the bandwagon.

Another issue Feldman spoke out on was the divestment of the state board's South African Stock. But that's all he did — speak out. Feldman responds, however, that that's all he could do.

"It was a glaring example of when big issues are at stake, student government is very powerless."

Feldman complains that South Africa "got to be a fringe group issue," referring to the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade and the South African Liberation Support Committee, and says because of that it may have lost some wide-base student support.

Yet, Feldman has not kept the issue alive in his office. He responds that his office has been acting as an information clearing house for responses from other schools asking for stock divestment across the country.

The matter is now in Attorney General Jim Redden's hands. For the last five months, Redden has been saying "10

more days" before his office issues an opinion.

An issue that got somewhat quicker response was the minimum wage battle between student workers and the University.

"It happened real quick and we got results and all we did was scream a little bit," says Feldman.

Undoubtedly, pressure applied by student workers and the ASUO did result in the minimum wage being awarded from January to April. Even after a 5 percent wage increase April 11, some student employees are not paid the minimum rate, although they are paid "pretty close" to the \$2.65 figure.

Feldman mentioned the "Candidates Forum" as another goal he hoped to achieve. The ASUO brought in Bob Wood, Fourth District congressional hopeful, and Incumbent Jim Weaver to speak, but the only other scheduled forum is next week's debate between Republican gubernatorial candidates.

Feldman says more forums would be scheduled, "but the problem is that most people are running unopposed in the primaries." This is an overgeneralization.

Next year is a legislative year, and

along with the lobbying efforts of the Oregon Student Lobby, the ASUO does its own legislative research and lobbying.

One of the administration's functions in a non-legislative year is to prepare issues for next year's session. A legislative coordinator has been fired and research is underway, although there is no formalized lobbying package drawn up.

Something Feldman says hasn't worked as well as he'd expected is the "University Cabinet" he devised that includes certain members of both Johnson Hall and ASUO administrations.

Feldman called the group together to discuss issues relevant to both sides. They only met once and the discussion meandered more than anything.

An idea of Feldman's that has worked out, he says, is the "drop-in" hours at Boyd's office.

"Apparently it's working well beyond everyone's expectations, except mine," he says.

Much of what Feldman has done this year is to make statements about events that occurred. Most of the time, some action has been taken after those events, although it may or may not be attributed to the ASUO's intervention.

## All my children

By Glen Ozonewood

Spring is supposed to be a time of growth, when a young person's fancy turns to expensive drugs and how to finance that trip to Europe. In Pine Valley, it's been the season of replays. Old characters and crises have dominated the screen.

The weirdest thing is the return of Mrs. Lum, Linc's ersatz mother-in-law. To place her in

Pine Valley, it's necessary to return to last year.

Picture a successful lawyer, from the town's leading family. With money and a name, Linc's possibilities were wide open. That's why it really rankled Phoebe's ass when Linc started running around with former dance instructor Kitty Shea. A nice person (when the show began, she was friends with Erica, though), Kitty just didn't have the breeding to be a Tyler.

Breeding be damned (Who needs it anyway? A good book and a Starsky and Hutch re-run and I'm set,) though, and despite Phoebe's efforts, it looks like Linc and Kitty had found each other.

This forced Phoebe to take drastic steps: she went to Minneapolis and hired a woman to impersonate Kitty's mother, a woman Kitty never met.

It took awhile, but Phoebe finally got hers. Things can only remain hidden for so long and the gnomes that smell out secrets in Pine Valley went to work. The plot didn't work. Instead of causing Kitty to move out of Pine Valley, Mrs. Lum (Myrtle to those of us who know her) moved there. Kitty eventually contracted a dread disease, bought the farm, and Myrtle married a guy from home, moved to L.A., and it looked like that chapter was over. Nope.

Last week, Linc and Dr. Tyler both got calls from Mrs. Lum swearing she'd seen Kitty in a local dive. Linc's out with her right now. Kitty's supposed to be dead, but the stars combine their energies in strange ways in Pine Valley and anything can happen.

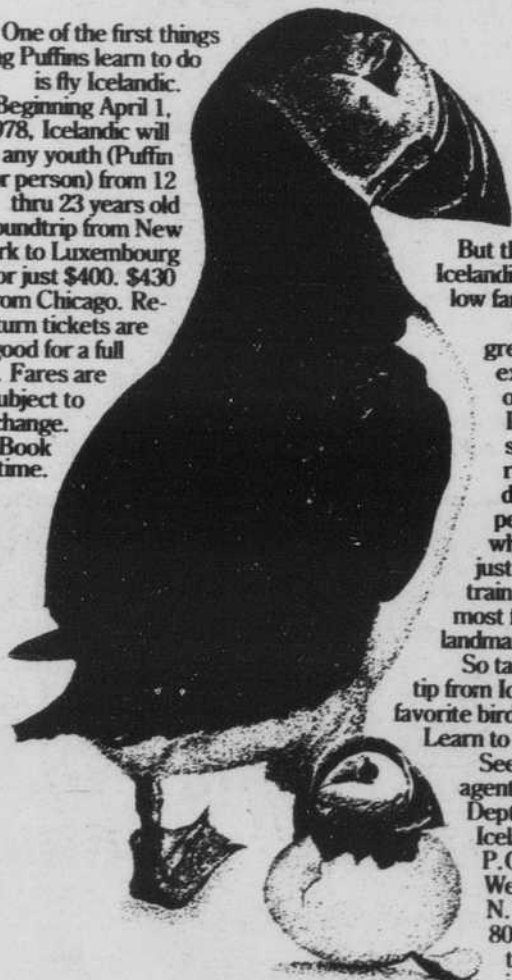
But Minnesota didn't provide the only action this week. There was a little up at the Tyler place. Phoebe decided that with Ray Gardner in the slammer it wasn't necessary to have Benny stay in the main house anymore. Back to the pool house (which pissed him off) but Danny and Brooke were already there having a little fun in the afternoon.

While Brooke reminds me of a woman I used to hang out with (a good reason to subscribe to Club magazine and learn to like hair on your palms) Danny didn't deserve to be interrupted before he'd even caught his breath. He's given Devon her walking papers, but he'll realize the mistake he's made with Brooke. A relationship based on sex can't last for long.



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2. Each entry must have an entry card and jury card filled out; the entry card must be returned to the Forum by April 21 (Friday). Jury cards should be attached to the works. Cards are available in Suite 2, EMU.

3. Pieces must be brought to Room 167 EMU between 3 and 4 pm Saturday, April 22. The works will be juried and rejected works should be picked up between 5 & 6 pm Sunday.

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