

# Get out the vote!

Every year at about this time, the candidates for ASUO president go to the voters with their ideas and energy. And every year at just a little later than this time, the students come out with a paltry percentage to vote for the candidate of their choice.

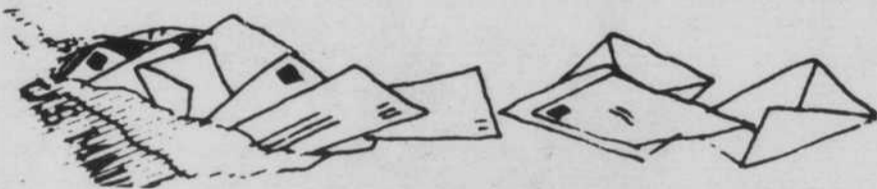
This year, a large turnout will be especially important. That is because whoever is ASUO president next year — either Jeff Warren or Ramon Herrera — will be going to the state legislature, the State Board of Higher Education and the chancellor of higher education with ideas and positions on a number of issues that affect you as students.

Among those issues undoubtedly will be tuition, day care, release of faculty evaluations and a myriad of others. Without a strong showing in the ASUO general elections today and Thursday, the president will have some explaining to do about how he claims to represent a majority of the students.

Often students complain about the "sandbox" nature of the ASUO government. But the ASUO is involved, and will be involved in significant ways next year, in issues that strike close to home. The stronger the showing in the ASUO elections, the stronger the ASUO president will be.

So get out the vote today and Thursday. For a few brief minutes of your time, you may have a direct effect on the issues that have a direct effect on you.

## Letters



### Join the rally

Attorney General Redden has finally come right out with the truth about why the State Board has not yet divested itself of stocks in corporations that support the horrors of apartheid in Southern Africa. He has stated that, according to the "law of the land", only economic factors can be considered in the state system's buying and selling of stocks, that moral and political concerns are not relevant. After months of struggle on this campus does he really expect us to be satisfied with a decision that rates economic concerns above all else?

Some students may argue that the Attorney General had to make that decision since that is what the law says (which is questionable). But even if this is the case, should we then be satisfied with a legal system that places economic concerns above moral and political ones? If we are, then we may as well be part of the white minority regime in Southern Africa where the legal system is such that it is actually "illegal" for any blacks to own land, publish newspapers, organize unions, hold hands with whites, learn to read or hold jobs higher than whites.

The legal system in Southern Africa institutionalizes racism and exploitation of 20 million blacks. With the Attorney General's recent opinion against divestiture, the legal system in Oregon is now officially aligning itself on the side of that white minority regime and the U.S. corporations that support it.

I urge all students to speak out against this decision. Join the rally in Salem on May 19th.

Victory to the people of Southern Africa.

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### For Warren

Sunday afternoon, Jeff Warren and I were relaxing in Suite 5, shooting the breeze about the Associated Students. "If there is one thing I know about the students," he said, "it's that there is no majority."

As we talked on, he told me that he hates stereotyping. He said that he wants to see the ASUO Executive include people from different backgrounds and interest groups.

# IFC political, unaccountable

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The main function of the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) is to determine the budget for the next year. A principal task of the Committee is to divide over \$1 million fairly and without incident. It has recently been stated by the ODE editor that "in watching the current IFC in action, it appears their biggest problem is not fairness but consistency."

Amen, Wally Benson! But from my observation, fairness and consistency are secondary complaints. The major problem is accountability, and until now has remained unaddressed.

The IFC demands the strict accountability of all the ASUO funded programs under their jurisdiction...and rightfully so. Program staff and personnel are required to submit complete goals and guidelines to the Committee for their inspection and approval. Yet, the IFC itself remains severely unaccountable. Its seven members have not developed any of their own written goals and guidelines to govern their actions or procedures.

Unfortunately, the current committee members have not taken the responsibility or initiative to seek consistency and equity in funding allocations. And that lack of initiative has in turn hurt many ASUO funded programs. One would expect more than arbitrary policies from an elected body which bears the responsibility of controlling \$1.4 million, in the interest of students.

Confusion is inevitable when the IFC doesn't have any documented foundation; therefore, their service is difficult to interpret, difficult to comply with, and inordinately difficult to rationalize. A closer look at what the IFC really does may also shed light on what the IFC has failed to do.

During fall term, the IFC sponsored an orientation session designed to inform program personnel how to develop a budget. Unfortunately, that session was poorly publicized — and to no one's surprise, the greater the number of inaccuracies in a submitted budget, the less likely a program is of being fully

funded.

As is the case for many new programs barely off the ground, the residual structure is in limbo when the program director graduates. Not only is the continuation of the program in jeopardy, but so are the actions of any new people with the spending of money previously allocated by the IFC. It is not common knowledge what one can spend IFC money for or even how to get it. Supplying that information should be the Committee's foremost concern.

The cause of this misinformation on spending policies is a direct outgrowth of the IFC's absence of guidelines. What evolves as a result is a breakdown in communication between the Committee and students.

There also exists a "duplication of services" in that IFC tag-persons must essentially compile and learn information that is already known by the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) representatives. Those representatives already know about their school's academic programs, and understand program goals, constituency, cost, and money contribution to Incidental Fees. However, the SUAB input is kept to a bare minimum. And thus, the communication gap widens.

As it stands, the Incidental Fee Committee is too political and is not a fair representation of the whole campus community. There exists the opportunity for manipulative practices, especially favoritism to the voting constituencies that put them into office in the first place. Ironically, those political overtones surface each year about this time. This year's IFC has spawned several candidates for the big position, that of ASUO President, just as in years past.

In conclusion, I say, let's keep politics and political aspirations out of the money allocation business for programs. The student majority is not getting a fair representation by the IFC. Part of the problem is the unwillingness of many students to participate in ASUO programs. But who can blame them, with the difficulty and discouragement that seems to precede developing a budget through the IFC. There exists too much free-play in the belts of the IFC. And until the Committee tightens up, they will continue to be viewed as not fulfilling their duty.

"Everybody needs to have a say," he said.

Later, I thought about what Jeff had said and it dawned on me that this was not campaign rhetoric. Jeff was part of the student group that represents all disciplines (SUAB) and has given solid support to the various minority student unions while on the Incidental Fee Committee. He means what he says and he has the record to back him.

His record brings up another point. Recently, in an effort to keep student government from stagnating, some people have looked at experience as something negative or dirty.

But what is wrong with experience? Jeff doesn't just have experience but he has the right experience to form a sound, broad-based ASUO.

Jeff Warren wants what I want for the ASUO. Isn't it what we all want?

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### For Herrera

After having failed to reach the ASUO presidential election runoff, I have assessed the qualities of the two remaining candidates, Ramon Herrera and Jeff Warren. It is clear that Ramon Herrera is the best choice for students who want an energetic and innovative ASUO executive next year. Ramon has shown himself responsive to student needs, practical in his ideas, and mature enough to handle his campaign without playing the game of campus politics.

Although Warren has participated for many years in student government, it would seem that the ASUO could use a refreshing change from conventional student politics. Ramon is a real alternative. He can work well both with student programs and with the University Administration. He has the motivation and the experience to best represent student concerns. Most important of all, he will make the ASUO offices in Suite 4 become a place where all students will be able to bring their ideas, their grievances and problems of all kinds.

I support Ramon Herrera for ASUO president. I hope you will also show your support and vote Herrera in the ASUO elections.

**Mike Lockwood**

### For Heady

As a CSPA/political science major, I would like to join with the

Emerald's endorsement in supporting Don Heady for SUAB position #14.

One of his major concerns is attacking apathy and I feel that he is the one candidate with the capabilities and energy to force a greater and more active role for SUAB. His concern on other important university-wide issues such as GTFF bargaining support, fair wages for all university employees (including the food service workers) and increased student voice in administrative decisions affecting our education, would be met with the same forcefulness and sensibility he has exhibited in the past.

Lending his time to help solve the space problem the library is currently facing is another major issue Don would tackle. After all, let's not put a limit on knowledge.

I am certain that Don would work closely within the voter constituency and view his position as one of ombudsman with an aggressive attitude. Make the best choice and vote for Don Heady for SUAB position #14.

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