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War party

A pom-pom wagging Oregon fan cheers on the Ducks as they romp over Oregon State in Saturday's Civil War game. The 24-3 win closed out Oregon's depressing 2-9 season on a bright note and marks the first time since '32-'35 that Oregon has defeated Oregon State four seasons in a row. For details see Pages 6 and 7

Herrera emphasizes quiet communications

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Of the Emerald

It's been six months since Ramon Herrera took over the ASUO presidency, and he already feels his primary mission has been accomplished.

"I think we've given people at the University a clearer picture of the ASUO and how it relates to students," says Herrera, who has now completed over half his term in Suite 4 of the EMU.

"People come in here who have never come in before, whether it's something personal or academic. Communication has been better than in the past," he says.

Herrera concedes that most of his accomplishments in six months have been rather intangible, but feels his major contribution thus far has been "relating to the various programs. We have had a very good relationship."

Although the ASUO took stands on both the Graduate Teaching

Fellows controversy and the South African situation, Herrera is afraid the executive "hasn't taken as strong a stand on certain issues as some people would have liked."

"We haven't been as vocal as some past administrations," he continues, "but this hasn't been a really issue-related year. People may think we're laid back over here, even drifting a little."

To increase ASUO "visibility," Herrera has worked to better his office's organization through an improved filing system, and has placed prominent signs in Suite 4 showing students where to go if they need help.

"In the past, students were a little reluctant to come in here, maybe because they felt intimidated," says Herrera. "I think we've tried to change that situation."

But many things haven't changed in the ASUO this year,

including student apathy. In this year's IFC and SUAB elections, barely 1,000 students voted, a figure almost unchanged from last year.

"I think the election process is too fast. Maybe the process can be draw out a bit to increase student awareness of the election. However, I think that at the end of this administration you'll see up to 10 percent of the students voting." This year's figure was 6 percent.

Herrera has also had his share of problems with the University administration.

"We're constantly having phone calls returned from the administration without any answer," says Herrera. "They don't let us know what they're going to do."

As a result, much of Herrera's time is spent with the ASUO programs.

"I'm going to continue to go out and talk to the programs," he says. "About 50 percent of my job

is talking to different groups, and also to individuals. I'm going out continually and telling them about the office.

"My personal communication has been better this year than in the past," says Herrera. "We haven't had a breakdown yet, because we've been working on image things."

Mike Lockwood, Herrera's executive vice president, has helped take some of the load off Herrera. However, Lockwood's position is a brand new one, and as a consequence some of his duties are still ill-defined.

"Ramon needed someone to take care of operations within the office," says Lockwood, an unsuccessful candidate in last year's ASUO presidential election. "His (Ramon's) major effort has been to get students involved, so this gives him time to be with the program."

Lockwood also has some ideas for the ASUO for the next few

months.

"In January, we hope to put up some posters about volunteering for some of our programs, including the EMU tavern, increased library funding priorities and hours of operation, and the possibility of a pre-registration system," he says.

Lockwood is "disappointed with the traditional lack of student involvement," but attributes the situation to the fact that "people don't know and don't care" about student government.

"I think the job has been done satisfactorily this year," says Lockwood. "It's a more open administration than before, and we haven't had any large arguments."

Herrera's administration has had its share of problems, however. Time spent with the programs was lost on a much-talked-about "action plan" of ASUO goals and objectives, a pamphlet

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Affirmative action news at the University isn't all bad — the College of Business Administration has already achieved its 1980-81 hiring goal. The business school remains a men's world, though. Story on Page 3.

Eugene is one of America's most livable cities, but can it remain so in the face of unprecedented growth? City planners and citizens have been examining ways to tackle growth. See Page 6.

Portland State University is plagued by inadequate funding for part-time students, and state board policies limiting enrollment to 10,000. Emerald reporter Kathy McManus has the story on Page 7.