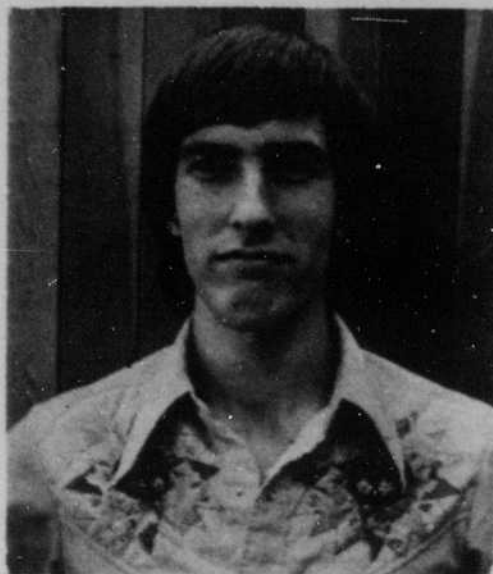


Suite 4 sweepstakes



Incidental Fee Committee member Scott Bassett cites student government experience and past successes in dealing with the University administra-

Scott Bassett

tion as primary reasons students should elect him ASUO president.

"Other candidates can say they have the background to do a good job — I think I've demonstrated that I can," he says of his work on the IFC and with the dorm governance council.

The "successes" Bassett refers to are information cards distributed at registration that detail how incidental fees are divided among ASUO-supported programs and the installation of semi-private phones in University dormitories, an issue Bassett says he had worked on with two other students since the summer.

"I have the patience and ability to find out about student concerns and then work them through the channels until something can be done," he explains.

Bassett says the main thing students

are concerned about is "their own education."

He breaks down those concerns into three areas; cost, quality and utility. The ASUO can protect student interest in each of these areas through careful research, student representation on committees that decide University policy, legislative lobbying, and a more coordinated effort with the Student University Affairs Board, Bassett says.

"The budget (ASUO Pres. Ramon) Herrera has drawn up for next year makes no mention of University affairs in the staff structure for next year. If I get the job, I'll change the vice president for state and federal affairs position to one dealing with student issues."

Bassett says the person in that new position would work with the SUAB to provide some leadership and to coor-

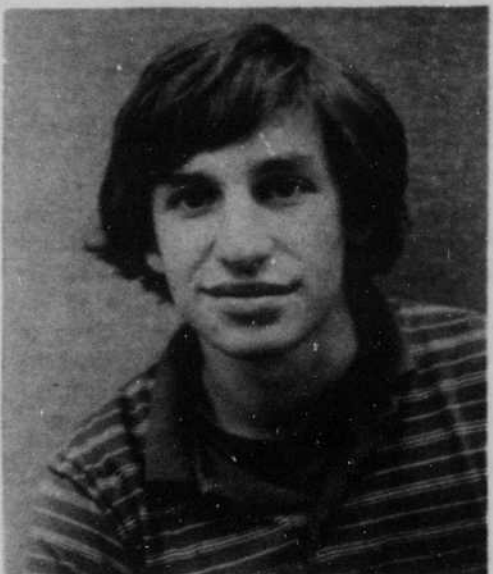
dinate student support of campus issues.

Additionally, Bassett says he would use his role as ASUO president to act as the students "delegated spokesperson."

"Hopefully, I'm prepared enough to step directly into the office and fill that role from the beginning," says Bassett, adding that he would poll students periodically to make sure he is representing them fairly.

Bassett says he opposes a constitutional amendment to cut the fall election ("freshmen should have the right to vote") and executive appointment of two IFC representatives.

"It's a stupid idea," he says of the two appointments. "It amounts to directly taking the student voice out of the process and opening the door to abuses by the ASUO president."



ASUO candidate Tom Christ says the ASUO needs to take a "realistic approach" to student government, which necessitates focusing on ad-

Tom Christ

ministrative tasks rather than peripheral issues.

"Candidates usually have idealistic attitudes and make promises without admitting that there are very real limits on what they can actually accomplish," he says.

ASUO student leaders spend too much time working on issues over which they have no real control, which results in apathy or in self-interest programs, says Christ.

Most attention should be focused on programs and on the budget, says Christ, adding that many recent issues, such as the release of evaluations and an EMU tavern proposal, have received too much attention.

"I feel that the evaluation issue has consumed an excessive share of ASUO attention and resources," he says.

Christ said the excessive attention resulted because "there is nothing else for people to latch onto."

Although Christ favors the release of faculty evaluations, he says a balance of time should be devoted to other issues, such as draft registration, incidental fee control, and to administration duties.

Christ calls proposed bills to reinstate the draft "an issue of critical importance to students, particularly when bills are written which make no allowance for educational deferment."

Christ favors incorporating EMU and ASUO programs into one body so that the ASUO directly controls all student programs, rather than splitting control with EMU administration.

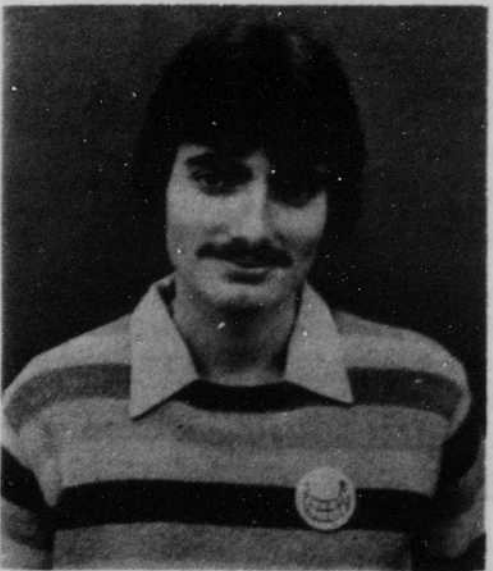
The University administration, not students, should fund the EMU director's salary, says Christ. "Students

should not be asked to pay for services which they do not have authority over."

Christ favors the constitutional amendment that allows the ASUO president to appoint two Incidental Fee Committee members because "steps need to be taken to insure that the egos, ambitions and prejudices of the IFC are kept in line."

Christ disagrees with the IFC's recent decisions to cut recruitment funding for the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic, saying that all programs should receive recruitment funding based upon program quality and IFC money limitations.

Christ, a senior economics major, is currently an EMU Board member, and has been vice president of the Interfraternity Council and of the junior class.



Mike Lee says he is doing something for nothing.

"It's very hard for most students to make a choice among ASUO can-

Mike Lee

didates. They all sound the same. I want to make it easier."

Promising nothing is Lee's way of making it easier for voters to distinguish between other candidates and himself.

"I don't see any correlation between the promises and the deeds of past ASUO presidents," says Lee, a journalism student who works 16-20 hours each week answering phones at the Eugene Register Guard. "I'm not promising anything."

If promising to do nothing is promising something, Lee has a response:

"I might break my promise."

Lee says his satirical campaign isn't as much a mockery of the ASUO as it is exploitation of existing mockery.

"Ninety-three percent of the students didn't vote in last spring's election. Only a thousand people voted for ASUO

president and pro-(Donald) Duck forces garnered 1,500 votes. (Lee led the campaign to retain Donald Duck as University mascot when Emerald graphics artist Steve Sandstrom challenged with Mallard, his cartoon character, which appeared regularly in the Emerald through last year.)

The following are quotes from his posters:

★ Only 7 percent of the students voted in last year's ASUO Presidential race — 93 percent of you voted for nothing by default — This year vote for nothing by ballot.

★ You've ruined the ASUO by not voting — Now do it by voting.

★ Many people have voted for candidates for all of the wrong reasons — Now's your chance.

★ Some people think voting is a waste

of time — Find out why.

★ Other candidates may call the public fools in private — I'm doing it in public. Prove them right.

★ I'm not here to kiss the public's ass to get elected — I'm here to kick it.

Does this mean Lee doesn't take his own candidacy seriously?

"I want the job, but the campaign itself is not serious. Mostly it means that I know the limitations of the office as demonstrated during the past two years."

Lee says people are beginning to take note of his campaign and ask what he thinks his chances are.

"I really don't know," he answers. "But I would consider it a victory if the voting in this election was dramatically increased."



ASUO presidential candidate Amy Tobias considers her greatest asset to be energy, and she hopes to apply it to improvement of academic quality.

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Amy Tobias

"Nobody running for the ASUO ever mentions academic quality," she says. "I'm talking instruction. Students have some input, but it's relatively small."

Tobias says reorganization of the Student University Affairs Board's priorities would facilitate improvement of academic issues.

"The SUAB should lobby faculty members," she says.

Tobias, a business senior, has served as president of her dorm, and was a representative to the Dorm Governance Committee. She has been an EMU Board member, is director of the Information and Grievance Center, and is currently working as a legislative intern for Rep. John Kitzhaber, D-Roseburg, through a community service and public affairs department program.

"My greatest asset is energy," Tobias says. "You ought to see my resume. I volunteer for anything."

Though Tobias hasn't had formal budgeting experience, she thinks that won't be a handicap if she's elected.

"Budgeting is only a part of it. Dealing with people, choosing a goal, and paving a way to reach that goal is part of it, too."

Tobias says she would focus on SUAB more, and work with the board more than Herrera has. She thinks SUAB should lobby the faculty on student issues, particularly access to faculty course evaluations.

"I don't think the faculty understands that we're not trying to get back at them."

Tobias conducted a poll Wednesday and Thursday to sound out student

opinion on the quality of their education, athletic subsidies, and course evaluations.

She opposes ASUO Measure 3, which would permit the ASUO president to appoint two Incidental Fee Committee members, saying it would interfere with the committee's autonomy.

She says she has no personal opinion concerning athletic subsidies, and would rather sound out the student body before making any recommendations. However, she doesn't think incidental fees should be increased beyond 7 percent to allow for inflation.

"It's unfair to ask the incidental fees be increased. Students are students — they're not Rockefellers."

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