

Bassett outlines 1979-80 priorities

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Two weeks after Scott Bassett was elected 1979-80 ASUO president, he is still grinning about his win.

"It's fun being the executive," he says, adding that the range and amount of people wanting to talk to him is incredible.

But his mood becomes serious as he talks about his upcoming ASUO administration.

"My biggest concern now is to hire a good staff," he says. "They will make the difference on whether things get done."

Bassett is interviewing potential staff members today and next week with a selection committee composed of two Greeks, ASUO vice president Kevin Chambers and IFC member Maria Rojo.

Bassett says he plans to follow the recommendations of

the committee. "I'm not going to hire just my friends," he says.

Bassett has outlined several areas in which his new staff will be involved next year.

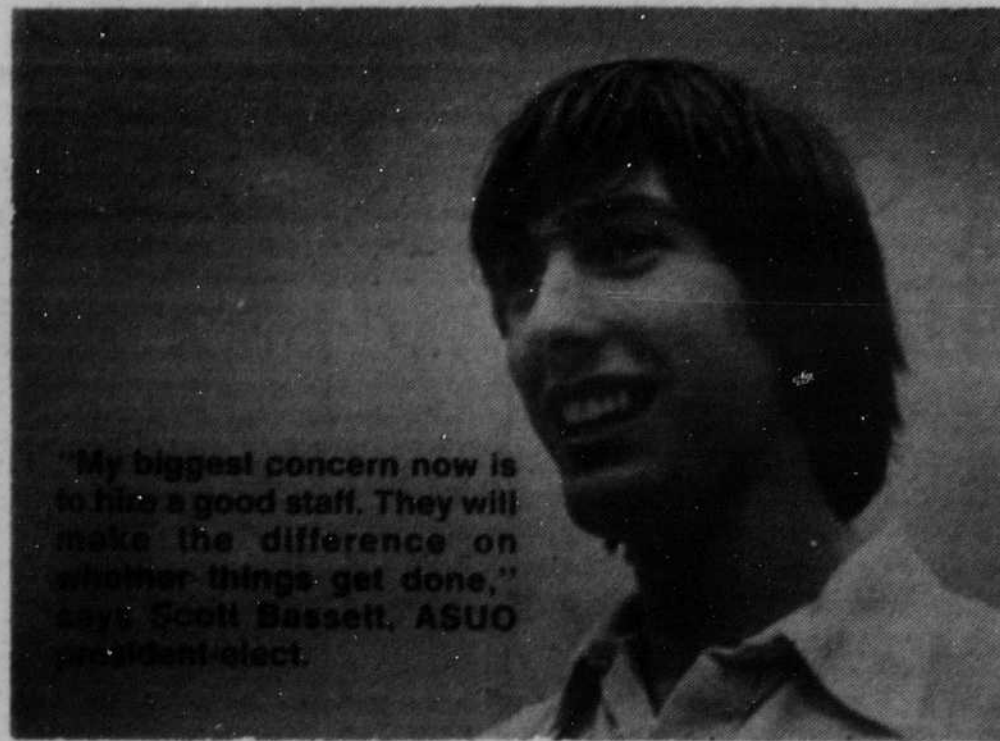
The Legislature will be his staff's first concern he says, adding that when he takes office on May 25, the student lobbying effort will be at a crucial point.

"The Oregon Student Lobby is one of the best ways we have to influence (the Legislature)," he says. "That's where the ASUO should concentrate in the next few months."

Bassett says legislators he talked to consider the OSU to be very effective and one of the best and most professional lobbying forces.

"I think that's great," he says. "I feel real good about spending incidental fees for the OSU."

Bassett says his administration also will be heavily involved in the budget process and Chambers, vice president for administration and finance, will



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keep close tabs on programs and make executive recommendations at Incidental Fee Committee goal hearings.

"People see the ASUO as a government but the only inherent power we have is in the budgeting process," he says. "The ASUO has to develop and research other concerns. But we have to go out and gain the

respect of the administration or they won't even talk to us."

Since both Chambers and he have IFC budgeting experience, Bassett says they will be able to concentrate on academic matters.

Although the deadline for applications for paid positions in Bassett's administration was Thursday, he has compiled a list

of projects in which volunteers may be interested.

Project highlights include forming a housing policy board to evaluate the housing department, looking into the University's budgeting process, trying to get more students on faculty search committees, writing a report on student use of Mac Court and gaining student views on the development of a computerized pre-registration plan.

A list of more than 20 other projects are available in Suite 4, EMU.

Bassett says that many of these ideas will live only if students show an interest in them.

"I'm open to change," he says. "I want to know what the students would like to see happen. These are just a few general ideas," he says.

Bassett admits that promises of an "open administration" and "student involvement" are perennial.

"It's kind of a given," he says. "But I have definite plans to accomplish those promises."

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University representative on the committee.

"We thought that problem could be worked out at the institutions. But many of the provisions faculty oppose have been removed, so it's a question of tactics."

Tattersall adds that the executive committee may poll AOF members on the issue later, if circumstances require a broad-based faculty position.

Many of the bill's proponents, including student leaders at colleges and universities throughout the state, say the results of evaluations can help students better plan their course loads.

Gerard Mosely, associate provost for student services, says the information could help students, but adds that it is frequently difficult to interpret.

"The issue should not be open evaluations," he says,

"the issue should be how to read them." He notes that sometimes evaluation results will contain "diametrically opposed" opinions.

"It's the kind of information they (students) should have if they want it," Mosely says. "I just have a lot of cautions in using it, because I feel you have to be reasonably sophisticated to interpret the results."



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 11

EMU East Lawn

- 11:00 Eric Park
 - 12:00 The Great Disaster String Band
 - 1:00 John Ryder
 - 2:00 Woody Harris
 - 3:00 Gail Streicker and Patti Lamont
 - 4:00 Sam Jones
 - 5:00 Ragtime Millionaires (21 YEARS AND OLDER)
- EMU Dining Room and Courtyard - FREE ADMISSION

Of Special Interest:

- 8:00 1979 American Old Time Music Festival
- Featuring Tracy Schwartz, The Golden Eagles, Wade and Julia Mainer, and Queen Ida
- EMU Ballroom - FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY MAY 12

EMU East Lawn

- 11:00 Butler Green
- 12:00 Jim Guthrie
- 12:30 Cynthia Orr
- 1:00 Boden and Zenetto
- 2:00 The Old Favorite
- 3:00 Northern Broadcasters
- 4:00 Percy Hilo
- 5:00 The Flying Karamazov Brothers

Of Special Interest:

- 12:30 WORKSHOP: Traditional Sea Shanties
- Presented by Bob Choderker
- EMU Forum Room - FREE ADMISSION
- 2:00 FILM: 1977 San Francisco Blues Festival
- By Filmmaker/Blues Guitarist Mike Henderson
- EMU Forum Room - FREE ADMISSION
- 8:00 An Evening of Vaudeville and Rhythm and Blues
- Featuring The Robert Cray Band and The Flying Karamazov Brothers
- EMU Ballroom - \$3.00 University of Oregon Students \$4.00 General Admission

SUNDAY MAY 13

EMU East Lawn

- 11:00 Sunnyland and Drake
- 12:00 Sandy Putz, Ron Voll, David Floyd, Marva Dawley
- 1:00 Wendall John
- 2:00 Wendy Grossman
- 3:00 Josh Schurman
- 4:00 Dennis Ramsey

Of Special Interest:

- 3:00 WORKSHOP: Playing the Dulcimer
- Presented by Sam Jones
- EMU Forum Room - FREE ADMISSION
- 8:30 Claudia Schmidt
- WOW Hall - \$2.50 in advance \$3.00 at the door

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