

opinion

Election analysis

The University's ASUO political stew could have an interesting flavor next year. Recipe: Add the SPA-endorsed president-elect Mary Hotchkiss, omit the Greek-endorsed heir apparent, spice with a newly invigorated OSPIRG, leave the base of a 5-2 Greek-endorsed Incidental Fee Committee. Bake all summer.

What will it taste like?

First, it should taste different. The Greek "dynasty" — Eaton to Wilkins to Balfe — has ended. Student for a Progressive Agenda, initially organized to counteract the staple diet of business and political science majors, has aroused student political interest.

Like the mayoral election in Chicago, a strong difference in candidates brought 4,400 students to the polls, the largest turnout in 29 years.

More importantly, the presidential victory and the passage of the measures signal a continued liberal bent to student opinion. The theory of a newly conservative campus does not hold. The vote shows signs of student concern in what has seemed an apolitical campus this year.

Students approved the dramatic increase in OSPIRG funding, allowing the group to re-establish a student consumer research and lobbying force. The students overwhelmingly supported Ballot Measure One, an initiative to make the University a nuclear free zone. Students favored Ballot Measure Four, an endorsement for the Senate Assembly motion to kick ROTC off campus unless they follow University affirmative action policy, as well as the early semester system.

However, the lack of students running for SUAB positions signals something quite different. Two seats remain empty. Students lack enthusiasm or courage to run for those positions. Student influence in administrative decision-making is dwindling.

In years gone by, students fought for these positions.

The Faculty Governance Committee is proposing removing 16 of the 18 students from the Senate and renaming it the Faculty Senate, according to the acting chair of the Task Force on Faculty Governance. Student voice at the Legislature is small, and student opinion on some University committees and the state board is a minute squeak.

But the election signals more than the two parties vying for power on campus or a call for a more politically active student government before it is too late. The social make-up of the campus is changing.

The real challenge in the last election was representing the University's more diverse student population. The student majority probably is still the 18-22 year olds fresh from Oregon high schools, but the older student population is growing. Many of these students are married or divorced. Some have children. They are bent on finding careers and finding themselves. They are returning to school after "stepping out" to work or travel. They give the University a different hue.

Mary Hotchkiss reflects them perfectly.

The new ASUO Executive should do her utmost to establish a working relationship with the Greek-endorsed majority on the IFC. All the student-funded program administrators need to strive to represent the entire student body.

The new ASUO administration needs to continue to be political and controversial and make it understood that without enthusiastic attention from the whole student body — whether they like what their representatives are doing or not — what voice students have will go unheard or worse yet, be taken away.

There is no mandate from a homogeneous group of students or even a majority. Hotchkiss' election is the compromise vote of women, minorities and independents.

If there is a way to blend the political and social awareness of Mary Hotchkiss with the administrative experience of those currently in student government, such as David Gibson or Sheila Schain, then Hotchkiss should find the right recipe.

We need more than a spicy student government. We need a healthy well-balanced one.

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- BUT SIGNORE, I HAVE A REALLY LARGE "FAMILY"!

letters

Appalled

I am in awe of your coverage of the Earth Week — a double spread list of events plus two articles on the speakers. In actuality, I feel quite jealous and angry (this is not to deny that Earth Week doesn't merit publicity, I only regret that other events of importance are not given equal treatment).

As a coordinator of this year's Women's Symposium, I was appalled by the lack of pre-event publicity. I had been warned of your limited (slight to non-existence) coverage in past years, but due to the recent attention given your increased consciousness and denied use of sexist language I felt that this would be a rumor of the past.

It is regrettable that people were not given more information about the symposium (29 workshops, information and crafts faire, films, concerts and an art show). By not being aware of these events, it is undoubtedly hard for people to attend. Of course, maybe the symposium is not important enough to receive coverage, women are only slightly below one half of the University population.

Be kind enough to not bore me with excuses, you were sent a full schedule of events, along with several visits to your office as the days grew nearer and still no sign of coverage. Many times I had to explain to workshop

presenters, crafts and information people, that we informed and asked the Emerald to print a schedule of events, but to no avail. I think it is you who owe those people an apology, not us. Maybe next year you could give more than lip-service to your liberal non-sexist views.

Holly Hutton
coordinator,
Women's Symposium

Insulting

I found the April 19 editorial cartoon to not only be ill-conceived and poorly timed, but also annoying and insulting to those of us who believe that the election of Harold Washington as mayor of Chicago to be only the beginning of good things to come.

The cartoon depicts a scene of confusion and hopelessness in the Democratic party in a city where a black democratic candidate was elected mayor. You would think by looking at the cartoon that the election of a black candidate was the source of all the confusion.

Furthermore, the boxcar that the candidates are in is at the end of the tracks. What does this imply? The end of the line for the Democrats? I would argue quite the contrary.

The election of Washington is a new beginning for the Democrats. Because if nothing else, the election of Washington demonstrates that blacks and Hispanics are at the level of political sophistication that is needed to get their candidate elected.

And if the Democrats want to regain the presidency they will have to run a black, woman, or Hispanic candidate as vice-president. A candidate who can articulate the concerns of these under-represented groups.

This is common knowledge both throughout the Democratic party and the media. This only acts to further irritate me everytime I

look at the cartoon — which seems to mean that because the Democrats must run a "minority" candidate, the party is shot to hell.

I realize that the Emerald probably has very little direct control over the editorial cartoons that it prints. But it is my belief that in the future such emotional issues like that of the Chicago mayoral race, some form of censorship is warranted. To continue printing such insensitive material only acts to covertly reinforce those racist attitudes and beliefs many people in this country still hold.

James Britt
director,
Black Student Union

For or against

Does the YAF stand for Young Americans Against Freedom or Young Americans For Freedom?

I am confused.

I like apple pie, baseball and the Beach Boys as well as any red-blooded American, but I question how any group called Young Americans For Freedom can be pleased when people are denied their rights.

I may not personally be a believer in communism, but I will stand up for their freedom from any form of discrimination, and the statement applies as well to homosexuality.

Would the YAF like all "homos" to wear pink triangles? How about Jews? Why I am not even sure if they eat apple pie? In fact I think they drive Datsuns. While on the subject — what do "homos" drive? Those pink cadillacs belong to Mary Kay.

I think YAF must stand for Young Americans For Freedom except for "homos" (aren't they Americans?) and any other group YAF deems unfit. Hitler would be proud. So would the Hitler Youth. By the way, Young Americans for Freedom, I would fight for your freedom to work where you want and live where you want as well.

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