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events coordinator. The fact that the group has reached consensus on all decisions so far is an indication more of their dedication and willingness to work than that they all have the same political viewpoints, according to Snyder.

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"It's not so much that we all think alike, because we don't. We have a real variety of political approaches in the office," he says.

Hotchkiss says everyone in the office is "highly motivated" and mature enough to accept the new decision-making process.

"It's a matter of trying to judge what's the most pragmatic. You keep personal feelings out of it and work on pragmatism and things get accomplished," she says.

One of those things the Hotchkiss administration would like to accomplish is to "kill student apathy."

On the day of the new government's inauguration last spring term, many of them participated in a march down 13th avenue from the University bookstore to the EMU. Garbed in cloaks and hoods, they carried a banner urging "death to student apathy" and chanted the same.

Ironically, that march created little interest but the new government is undaunted by that lack of response and is still making plans to crush apathy.

Student apathy is a response by the students to the conditions they face," says ASUO Vice-Pres. Kevin Kouns.

He says getting students involvd will help put an end to apathy. tudents can become a political force and Kouns says that can be accomplished by using a concept of "student empowerment."

ASUO can inform students and community members about issues, act as a facilitator by bringing people together, be activists themselves and lead by example by organizing petitions, rallies and civil disobedience, Kouns says. These acts will help kill apathy according to him.

Hotchkiss says if people feel their efforts are paying dividends they are more likely to get involved.

"You have to show people they are going to accomplish something. I think lethargy comes from feeling like 'everything is so ig I can't do anything about it'," she says. "You have to cut things into small enough pieces so that people feel like they can get their teeth into it and do something about it.

"That's certainly the way my mind works anyway. And I think we're offering that this year to the students."

And there are many students

dorm members.

'This will help solve the apathy problem of the past," says McCarthy.

Hotchkiss has other plans for killing apathy, too.

She wants to increase the name and face familiarity between students and ASUO government members. If they each stand up in each class and invite students to meetings and ASUO sponsored symposia, students will become more involved, Hotchkiss says.

But a big part of student involvement is simply getting them to vote and a concern of all members of the new government is getting students registered so they can vote.

Snyder, Stuart and Kouns, all of whom attended workshops at the United States Student's Association this summer, are particularly working on student voter registration at the University and through the Oregon Student Lobby. Already underway to help im-

prove political education, discussion and activism is ASUO sponsorship of a symposium on Central America and of course the voter registration drive.

There are other specifics of the SPA platform the government intends to carry out and other specifics ASUO members are working on.

Kouns plans to recruit colleges for membership in the USSA, organize opposition to the Solomon Amendment and coordinate computerizing the ASUO offices.

And executive assistant Sherri Schultz wants to keep student turnout at ASUO elections at the level it reached last year and involve more students with the election process.

Schultz says the mere process of running for an ASUO office is complicated and deters students from becoming involved so she in-tends to see that more students learn that process.

Other people are working on other projects and the administration encourages members of the student body to drop in, meet them and ask questions or make complaints.

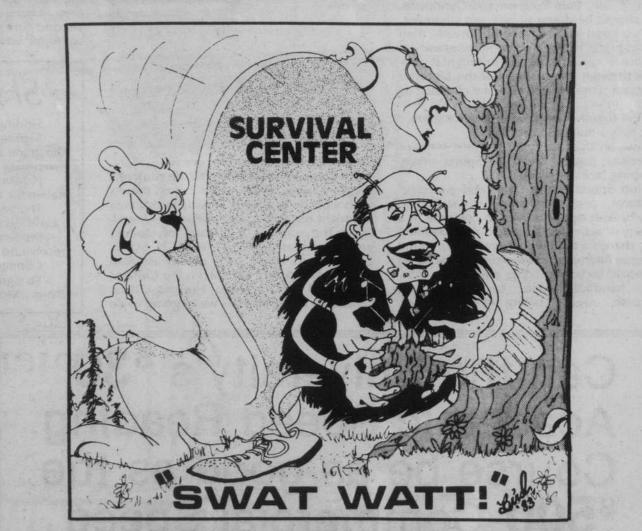
In fact, the ASUO people pride themselves on responding to student's problems.

"I'd say we've been real good about addressing people's specific problems and I'd like to see that continue," says Hotchkiss, adding that people can walk in any time and talk to her without worrying about having an appointment.

While the various members of the new government make it clear that their's is a different, and perhaps happier, form of decision making in the ASUO executive suite this year; they also make it clear they have specific directions. "I've realized that student associations really aren't governments. It's more like a small student corporation, students are the investors, they invest X number of dollars per year. We simply manage that money and try to get the best benefit for the students in education, cultural and other benefits," says Snyder. This year, with this administration, it appears those benefits will be focused on increasing student awareness and keeping an ear open to student's wishes.







who will get involved if they're attracted, says Hotchkiss.

"I think there are plenty of people sitting in dorms night after night twiddling their thumbs not knowing what to do with themselves and if you just generate a little excitement around an issue people are going to be attracted to it," she says.

Opening that communication between the dorms and ASUO is a priority of McCarthy and her coworker Gary Okazaki, the ASUO director of University affairs.

They want to relate the ASUO to living organizations by holding meetings at dorms and getting responses and reactions from



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