

opinion

Hotchkiss' year better ASUO

Quietly, smoothly, at the stroke of midnight May 25, the mantle of ASUO Executive power worn by outgoing ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss was handed over to incoming ASUO Pres. Julie Davis. In other lands and cultures the power to govern in the name of the people is seized amid explosions, treachery, broken bodies and bloodshed in the streets.

That is not our way. The ballot is the strongest instrument for change in this country.

The transference of power in the ASUO Executive, while miniscule in comparison to the paroxysms of a national revolution, is an exercise in democracy, a metaphor for the ideals upon which our republic was founded and is to this day guided.

The Hotchkiss Administration was probably the most active ASUO administration in many years. There have been better administrations and there have been worse — but few administrations acted as stridently to manifest the aspirations of students than did the Hotchkiss Administration. Hotchkiss was keenly aware of the goals of the students and became their highly visible representative.

As is the case when taking a stand — there were those with differing ideas. The EMU sign controversy brought out the foes of Hotchkiss and the Students for a Progressive Agenda. The criticism was for the most part a respectful dialogue of diverse opinion. However, there were the cowards of the night who resorted to spray-paint and slander to oppose Hotchkiss and the students who sought removal of the sign.

The *Emerald* had nothing but admiration for the way Hotchkiss took a firm stand on the sign issue, in spite of the slander and harassing telephone calls. That Hotchkiss didn't back down or shrink from her stand showed she possessed more character than any of the slanderers.

The EMU sign controversy was really but a single moment in Hotchkiss' year-long presidency. There were other moments and better examples of how Hotchkiss was the best possible representative of the students.

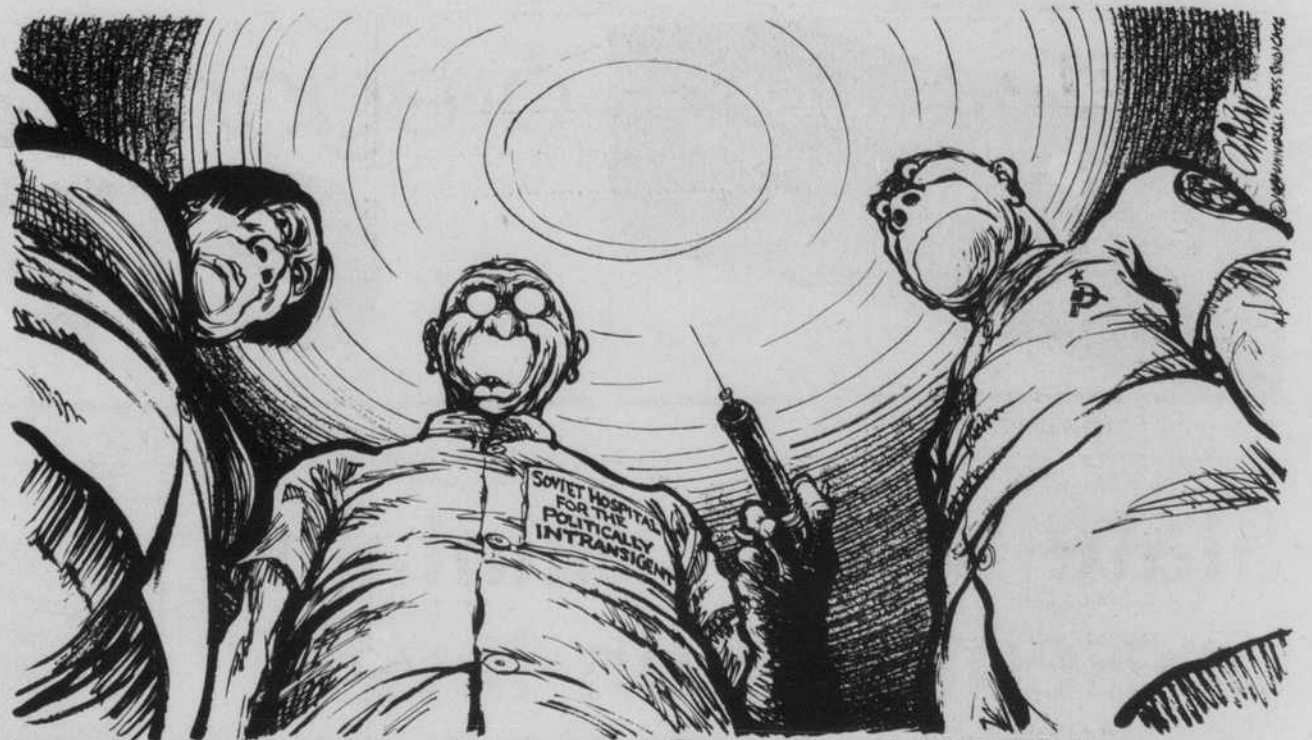
It was Hotchkiss and Don Corson, a law student, who confronted the State Board of Higher Education asking they make a serious move to request the Legislative Emergency Board to appropriate funds necessary to maintain the quality of all the institutions (not just the University) in the state system. Anyone with less dedication to the high quality of education at the University and statewide would have shirked such a confrontation.

When Hotchkiss came into office the ASUO Executive was not in very good shape. The program budgets were in confusion. The office was splintered into political factions. The whole atmosphere was conducive to maintenance of a long established bureaucracy. Bureaucracy was the last thing students wanted, nor needed, for the ASUO Executive.

Hotchkiss selected some extremely competent people who made the ASUO a more efficient office. We think of Hotchkiss' appointment of Bill Hallmark as ASUO director of programs and finance. Hallmark has done a remarkable job with the ASUO budget for programs. Although Hallmark is only one of many excellent Hotchkiss appointments.

Hotchkiss leaves the ASUO Executive in a thousand percent better condition than in years past. Davis takes over the reins of a well-oiled, cost-effective organization. The value of such a legacy cannot be measured. If Davis isn't appreciative of Hotchkiss' efforts (and we're not suggesting she isn't) we certainly are.

Hotchkiss can depart Suite Four with her head high, proud of her many accomplishments. She has left the ASUO Executive in such a good situation that Davis doesn't have to waste much of her time reorganizing.



'RELAX, COMRADE SAKHAROV — YOU ARE BEING PROVIDED WITH QUALIFIED MEDICAL AID.'

letters

Underinformed

ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss is right — many students would like the *Commentator* to become an alternative to the *Emerald*, but for some reason, (by a vote of 1715 to 790), are clearly unwilling to pay for it. But the necessary ingredients for the continued health of our campus environment are sometimes overlooked by transient and often underinformed student voters.

I believe the IFC was using extraordinarily good judgement by offering funds to a competing publication. Sometimes it is necessary for a governmental organ (i.e. the IFC) to protect the rights of the minority by rejecting the will of the majority. In the article May 22 the *Emerald* reported that Hotchkiss believes "the IFC should not allocate funds to support a publication with a particular political viewpoint." As a citizen of a republic, I am forced to ask "why not?" Since newspapers have a profound effect on public opinion, my fear is that the absence of competition makes it impossible for proponents of all competing points of view to have access to this important communications medium. The absence of the *Commentator*, or any other competition to the *Emerald* will thus seriously inhibit the free flow of ideas that a healthy campus (and a healthy democracy) requires.

Mike Slouson
political science

Champions

I'd like to inform the Sports department at the *Emerald* that the lacrosse season at the University starts in mid-February not in the third week of May.

The University men's LaCrosse Club team start practice each fall in early October and open the spring season with the Oregon Jamboree held in Salem on the second weekend in February.

I would like to thank the *Emerald* for finally printing something about the team. Unfortunately the coverage is long overdue. The 1984 men's lacrosse team is one of the finest if not "the" finest to ever represent the school. Right now the team is 6-1 in league play and 13-4 for the season overall. But the Ducks played the Beavers on Saturday in Corvallis not here at home as reported in the *Emerald*. A victory will place the team on top of the league as co-champions (with Lewis & Clark and Washington).

The goal of each team in the league (PNLA) is to win the title and represent the Northwest Colleges at the Western States tournament at Palo Alto, California the following April. Because of the tie for the title there will be a playoff involving the three teams next March to determine the representative.

The University student body can look for a strong showing from the 1985 edition of the men's LaCrosse Club team. Club sports are a great opportunity for men and women to participate in sports here at the University. I'd like to thank club sports and Director Sandy Vaughan in particular for making the lacrosse team possible here at University. Also Dan Jensen has done a fine job as our team manager and league representative. We will miss him on the field and off.

In closing I strongly urge the *Emerald* to be more aware of lacrosse at the University in the future. There are 20 men on this campus that are champions and I hope the student body will now recognize this fact. We have a fine team picture if the *Emerald* would be interested in printing it.

Dan Murphy

Sub-liminal

I was glad to see you gave full front-page coverage to the powerful topic of satanic messages in rock'n'roll music. I have tested this myself and found the phenomenon occurs in other media as well. For example, the lectures of certain sociology professors from this campus, when played in reverse, contain backmasked messages like "overthrow the government" and "death to im-

perialism." Last week I taped Pres. Ronald Reagan's press conference and found that his response to a question on arms control played backwards actually contains 45 seconds of a drone-like chant "nuke Moscow, nuke Moscow..." Everybody wants to get into the act.

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Commando

Dan Goulet, in his recent letter, has brought to print incorrect notions concerning abortion, population growth in various parts of the world, and the value of non-youth in America.

Goulet seems to think that a woman having an abortion does so with the ease and joy of a person blowing her nose. Abortion is not fun, Goulet, and is often the unfortunate option for those with low incomes.

I also see an implicit assumption about the connection between a nation's ability to put up an effective army and that country's population growth. To the "Third World" though, a larger population does not mean increasingly more soldiers. It means increasingly more weak, hungry people. If this were not true, then the "Third World" might not have the problems which now supposedly threaten America.

Goulet's implicit equating of a strong nation directly with a large youth population is an injustice to our non-youth. Goulet has insulted my president. I stand offended. Muscles only really deal with symptoms. Ideas, no matter how old the thinker, go a lot farther towards putting one in a position to deal effectively with the sources of a problem. I speak here from experience. I have been trained by the church in conflict resolution, conflict intermediation and other peace making skills; and I have successfully intervened nonphysically while out numbered in physically violent situations as well as having defused other situations before they became violent.

In conclusion, a nuclear deterrent is not the only option for supplementing our conventional forces, Goulet. Dealing with the roots of problems is one option and it is an undeveloped area where any age can be involved. Would the phrase "Cognitive Commando" help?

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