

# Snyder leaves for new job recruiting in the Midwest

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One might say that Bill Snyder got more out of the 37th Annual United States Student Association conference than any of the other 250 delegates attending the early August event.

Besides gaining a little political savvy, Snyder got a job.

After participating in the association's week full of workshops, caucuses, plenary sessions and other meetings, Snyder proposed to USSA officials that he be assigned to recruit for the organization throughout the Mid-United States.

During the past year as a delegate and board member of USSA, Snyder and other local members spearheaded an extensive and quite successful campaign to get colleges along the West Coast involved in USSA.

Snyder believes that for the organization to be truly a national one, as its title implies, schools from other parts of the country, such as the Midwest, must also become active.

"It isn't fair," Snyder says. "A national student organization should be recruiting nationally. We claim to represent all students... we need to start forming that feeling."

Apparently USSA took him seriously, giving him the job and even offering Snyder funding for gas, lodging and food, he says. Snyder adds that he may wind up saving the organization a few dollars as he plans to stay with other student leaders part of the time and camp out, depending on weather conditions.

Snyder says the USSA trip is also part of the reason he recently resigned from his position as ASUO Student Events Coordinator. Freed of the many responsibilities he carried there, Snyder says he plans to leave this coming Saturday to recruit for the next three months.

He'll begin his trip in Idaho, he says, and then cover the states of Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and Texas. He

may also recruit in Oklahoma and Arkansas if time allows, he adds.

One reason Snyder got the job is that other USSA leaders are reluctant to visit these states, which they consider to be less glamorous than other regions, Snyder says.

"USSA does not recruit in the central U.S. simply because no one wants to go there," he says. Snyder is more flexible, he says, having lived in nearly all 50 states at one time or another. "All I have to do is keep my hair short... I can even talk with a drawl if I have to."

His four-year background in local student and community politics will also be an aid to the trip, Snyder adds.



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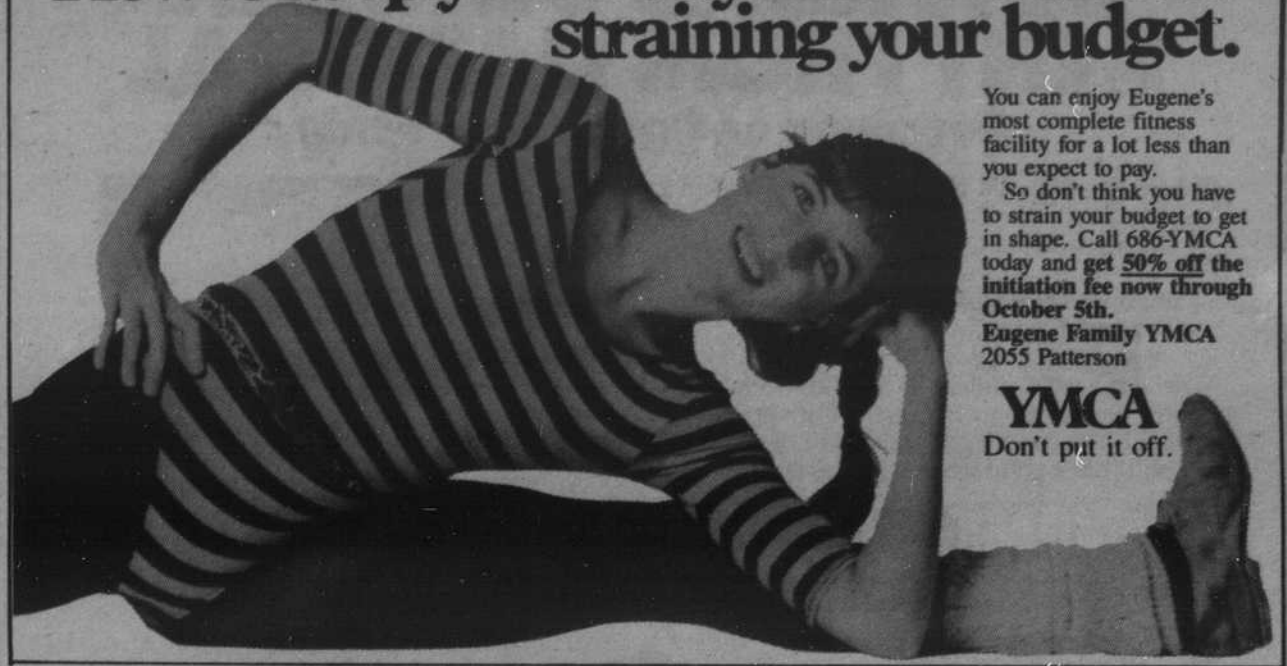
"I know enough to apply my politics by now," he says. "It's like a child with a new toy. It's time to take it out and use it."

Snyder, a junior studying sociology and political science, will also study migrant labor camps in the region, and he hopes to pick up college credits from the personal interviews he will make with these workers.

Snyder, who terms himself a "political organizer," says the red tape involved in an unsuccessful loan attempt for the trip sparked another idea, which he may add to his long list of

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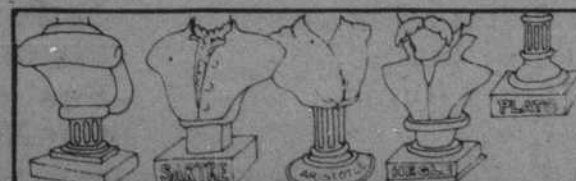


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