

editorial

Put your vote behind Pinckney-Dreeszen

The ASUO presidential race shows a lot of merit this year. Students are being treated to one of those rare occasions when there are several qualified candidates running for president and vice president — Lynn Pinckney and John Dreeszen, Kevin Lewis and Ryne Jackson, and Todd Saunders. But when deciding where to place your vote, make no mistake about it: The Pinckney-Dreeszen ticket is the best choice you can make.

Pinckney and Dreeszen, who are running on the Students For A Progressive Agenda platform, have already been endorsed by a number of the University's leading student organizations, including the Student Bar Association, Greek Endorsement Committee, and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation. These endorsements are well-deserved. As co-director of GALA, and a member of the ASUO Women's Task Force, Pinckney has shown a strong ability in organizational skills and group projects. As a second-year law student, she has developed an ability to present issues in a concise and clear fashion. Dreeszen has done a good job as the ASUO's current finance coordinator. As a graduate student in business, he has the knowledge to understand the intricate workings of the ASUO budget procedure.

Lewis and Jackson apparently understand how the ASUO operates and both have backgrounds that emphasize organizational skills. But their leadership abilities are lacking. Specifically, the Lewis-Jackson ticket lacks the kind of broad student representation that can be found in Pinckney and Dreeszen. The latter represent an entire spectrum of student organizations, including those as diverse as GALA and the Interfraternity Council. Furthermore, the Emerald feels that Pinckney and Dreeszen are strong student leaders who have the ability to work as part of a team. This is essential for any ASUO executive.

Todd Saunders, who is running for president, places worthy emphasis on better ASUO communication with the University administration, but his weak position on the ASUO South African divestiture lawsuit, among other things, leaves much to be desired. The "Von Dragonclough" ticket, represented by William Sean Roberts for president and Joseph Watts for vice president, passed up the Emerald interview session and do not appear to be serious candidates for the positions.

With many urgent issues facing the University community, students will need an effective and responsible ASUO in 1985-86. With this in mind, the Emerald firmly endorses Pinckney and Dreeszen for president and vice president.

Make your feelings count by remembering to vote

Starting tomorrow, University students will vote for a series of elected student positions on a number of organizations including the ASUO, the Incidental Fee Committee, EMU Board, Student University Affairs Board, ODE Board, and the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council. These positions are the heart of student representation on campus.

The Emerald encourages everyone to go out and vote tomorrow. Only by voting can students get the representation they will need to make sure that their voices are heard when it comes to important decision-making at the University. Students who take the time to vote become active participants in creating a quality educational experience designed to reflect their interests and needs. Make your feelings count. Vote!



letters

B.S. begins

Here we go again. Elections for our student leaders are drawing near, and already the B.S. begins. I have read a letter (ODE April 11) from Ron Munion explaining in one paragraph why we should vote for him, and in three more (count 'em) why we should not vote for Donna Lawrence. In the following letter, a question is raised as to the truth of a claim of endorsement by the Masters of Business Administration Association for the ticket of Kevin Lewis and Ryne Jackson. Sound familiar? And they wonder why less than 10 percent of the student body vote. I, for one, cannot bring myself to vote for the lesser of evils in such a small political arena. I'd just assume save my stomach for the national elections. If I could find just one candidate who can transverse his/her campaign on his/her own merits, convictions, and (gasp!) morals, I would not only vote for them, I would be happy to work with them to further their campaign.

Jerry Wolcott
Management

Munion issue

Who does Ron Munion think he is, anyway? Donna Lawrence clearly does not appear in the Emerald front page photo of Nov. 29 that Mr. Munion refers to (ODE, April 11). What's more, I know for a fact that Donna has never had anything to do with any such demonstrations.

As an OSPIRG Intern when Donna was the local board

chairperson, I had the opportunity to meet and work with her. I was new to the organization and didn't know what to expect; Donna always encouraged my involvement in OSPIRG meetings and activities and had the ability to make my opinion seem important. She was always willing to help me when I had any problems, even though she was routinely putting in over 30 hours a week.

I have seen Donna's ability and experience in action. She is a leader. I urge all geography, political science, international studies, and history majors to vote for Donna Lawrence, SUAB position 4. It will be a vote well cast.

Robert Smith
Political science

The best

Students trying to decide on the best candidate running for SUAB position number 4 in Wednesday's election should consider voting for someone who has demonstrated her strong organizational and representative abilities in the past.

Donna Lawrence has the experience necessary to be an effective student representative. Her tenure as student body president of Chemeketa Community College provided her with a solid background in the workings of student government and dealings with the needs of students.

Working with Donna in OSPIRG here at the University, I can attest to her leadership capabilities. As chair of OSPIRG's local board, she took on enormous responsibility and responded by putting in many hours of work each week in order to coordinate and represent the organization effectively. She worked at both the state

and local level on the issues that OSPIRG was working on and was an integral part of the organization's successes.

As students, you deserve an experienced and capable representative — vote for Donna Lawrence.

Kevin Masterson
Economics

Thank you

When we agreed to be interviewed for the Emerald article, "Profile: Life in the Other Lane" (ODE, April 8), we were apprehensive about the repercussions of being so public about our lesbianism. However, we also feel that lesbians and gay men are feared and discriminated against largely due to ignorance, and that our visibility can help alleviate that ignorance.

We are writing this letter to thank the students and faculty of the University for their support of our decision to be visible. It seems that our apprehension was unfounded; all comments we've received — from heterosexuals as well as lesbians and gay men, from strangers as well as friends — have been positive and friendly. Apparently, the very vocal opposition to homosexuality comes from a small minority of students, and doesn't really reflect the thinking of the entire campus. Needless to say, we are relieved and pleased about the response we've gotten.

We would also like to thank Jim Marks for his openness and understanding in writing the article, and the Emerald editorial staff for its recognition of the importance of lesbian and gay issues. Again, we thank all of you for your support.

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