

Pinckney claims diversified ticket

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"We're in an unprecedented position," says Lynn Pinckney, ASUO presidential candidate. "We're being supported by the SPA (Students for a Progressive Agenda) and the Greeks, as well as the law school."

Pinckney's platform of con-

tinued affirmative action, divestiture of State System of Higher Education funds in South Africa, increased security for women on campus, streamlined student government and what she calls a "liberal agenda" has found support from a broad spectrum of student groups.

The focus of her agenda is increased student involvement in University government, Pinckney says. Her running mate, John Dreeszen, says bringing different students together is at the core of their campaign.

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"For us it's a matter of principle to show that people from diverse groups can work together," Dreeszen says.

Diversity and teamwork are the crucial elements on a ticket that pairs Pinckney, a second-year law student and co-director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, with Dreeszen, a graduate adviser to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and a first-year MBA student.

The differences between Pinckney and Dreeszen symbolize the diversity they say they would achieve.



Lynn Pinckney and John Dreeszen

Communication, 'addition' part of Saunders' platform

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Listening to students' needs with a "big ear," and representing those students, is what ASUO presidential candidate Todd Saunders says is the main thrust in his campaign.

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Saunders' platform is based more on "positive addition" than change, he says. Those additions include a strengthening of communication between administration and students. Saunders, ASUO assistant coordinator of events, says the communication issue was raised during the recent conversion of the Alder Street tennis courts into a parking lot.

Saunders says he plans to work closely with the administration in the future, and says he is confident that tennis players will be back on the courts by June, with an alternative parking option in place.

"It's a major problem with a

simple solution," Saunders says. That problem is the lack of communication between the administration and the ASUO committees. The solution, he says, is to improve communication between committee officers and the ASUO.

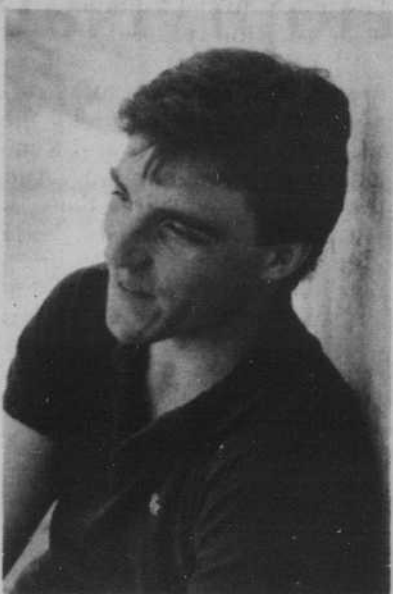
"It's better to act than to react," he says.

The ASUO exerts pressure through organizing rallies, Saunders says. "That's the way to act when the administration doesn't listen."

Students need a voice in the University Health Center's budget as well, Saunders says, explaining that the Student Health Advisory Committee's \$2.5 million budget is funded entirely by student dollars.

Recently, Saunders received approval from Dan Williams, University vice-president of administration, to form a student committee to vote on the Health Center budget. A ballot measure for the committee will be included in the ASUO general election. So far, he says, students have spoken in favor of forming the committee.

"So many students have told me it's the most positive change on this campus this year," Saunders says.



Todd Saunders

Saunders says he plans to act upon improving the quality of teaching by graduate teaching fellows at the University if elected. He would propose offering a campus workshop through the Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation.

Saunders says ASUO accessibility to students and campus groups is a primary concern in his campaign. The addition of a coordinator of University

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"The number of black students here on campus is half of what they were when I first came here," Pinckney says, adding that without educational representation of different ethnic groups "our degrees aren't as competitive in the real world."

Pinckney says she will continue efforts made this year to fund a director of women and minority affairs, a position the

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