

Commentary

SPA-controlled government is addressing student needs

I have been concerned for some time that the Oregon Daily Emerald lacked information about the ASUO. The recent editorial endorsing Kevin Lewis for ASUO president is evidence of the problem. ASUO relations with the ODE deteriorated when we criticized its ad policies last fall and got worse from there. I am writing now to tell what we have done and why the editorial was in error.

Student involvement is not down, it is up. Our anti-apartheid rallies were among the largest in the nation. Many ASUO programs received budget increases because of high activity levels. More students are becoming involved through the Greek system and have worked this year on the SafeRide van, food distribution and the successful OXFAM drive to end world hunger.

If the ODE's candidate believes student involvement is down, perhaps it is because students are not involved in his projects. When Lewis worked in the ASUO, even a directive that program budgets would be frozen if they attended a Program Council meeting failed to produce full attendance.

The next ASUO administration will have five years of SPA lobbying efforts to build on. We have worked with USSA, are close to achieving a western regional office and completed a direct lobbying effort in Washington, D.C. Through the Oregon Student Lobby we have established childcare, tuition levels, student debt burden, financial aid and accessibility as priority issues for the next legislative session.

We have wide support from legislators and officials on such issues as divestiture and the Riverfront Park project. To believe that one who has had no part in this effort can improve upon it is naive.

All 81 positions on University Committees are filled for the first time in years; tardiness is hardly appropriate criticism. SPA does not oppose the right of any group to publish on this campus. We have asked for sensitivity and responsibility.

The ASUO is a busy hub of activity. Students from different backgrounds and cultures are working on the van, a food store, a film series, a newspaper, the dome, Riverfront, parking and the Women's Symposium. We have advocated for divestiture, brought Angela Davis, opposed apartheid and oppression in Central America.

We fought for student control of incidental fees. We doubled the Street Faire and the Course Guide, prepared course evaluations and expanded legal services. We worked for wheelchair access in planning and nondiscrimination in policy. We improved ASUO insurance and developed a student corporation.

We have had little time to court the favor of those who were not with us in our tasks. But SPA means student government at its best. Don't let a lack of information influence your vote.

by Lynn Pinckney, ASUO President

Letters

Narrow view

Darrel Rothauge:

Are you *serious*? If so, I pray for your immortal soul. If not, what a cruel joke.

On the serious side, I pity your narrow view. I have homosexual friends (both gay and lesbian). All I can say is the road they've had to climb to be proud of their sexuality is a tough one, much tougher than heterosexuals can imagine. I have a friend who was excommunicated from her family once they learned the "horrible truth."

As far as lesbians, "half of which think they're a man trapped in a woman's body," I have witnessed no such entrapment among my homosexual friends. I have purposely left my own sexual preference ambiguous. Think what you will. I don't

care. I just know we're all brothers and sisters on this planet. I prefer to look beyond the artificial barrier of "sexual preference" to find my friends.

Kristi Svendsen
Undeclared

Does not apply

Last summer the Emerald published an advertisement at which the student government and others took offense. The reasoning was that even in humor one could not make a racist or sexist statement.

I thought they were being a little aggressive, but the theory was fair in its application. However, the student government has changed its view on the matter.

I was walking near the glass cased office of Suite 4 when I

noticed several signs. Being a good student, I wondered what the people who worked in there thought about the world, so I started to read the posters. One had in bold letters, "MBA'S ARE PUSSIES."

I thought the poster was in bad taste and perhaps sexist and racist. I also wonder how many people will hold meetings or write letters about this injustice. The poster is three times as large as the mentioned Emerald advertisement and has been in the public eye since winter term.

I guess the human rights our student body president spoke about at the beginning of winter term do not apply to us in the school of business.

Timothy F. Chase
Junior Pre-Business



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