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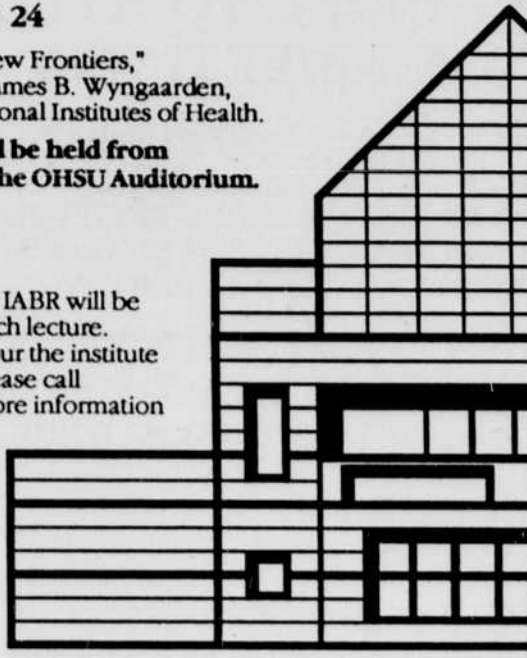
Friday, April 24

"New Science, New Frontiers,"
a lecture by Dr. James B. Wyngaarden,
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Greater focus on student concerns aim of CSRL presidential ticket

By Carolyn Lamberson

Of the Emerald

ASUO presidential candidate
Kasey Brooks believes past stu-
dent governments have focused
too much on international con-
cerns rather than campus
concerns.

Brooks said she hopes, if
elected, to make student
government more responsible to
the students it represents, and
to get students more involved in
the government process.



Brooks, a first-year law stu-
dent, has an undergraduate
degree in international studies.
She describes herself as ap-
proachable, motivated and self-
disciplined.

She has been involved in her
sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and the
Associated Students President's
Advisory Council. She also was
a cheerleader for two years.

These past experiences,
especially cheerleading, which
she said involved a huge com-
mitment, have given her a
broad-based involvement with
many diverse groups.

Brooks also is involved with
Concerned Students for Respon-
sive Leadership and said the in-
volvement with the group has
helped her greatly.

"We are a bunch of concern-
ed and different students who
have bonded together because
we have some common con-
cerns," she said, emphasizing
CSRL is not a political party but
a coalition of students who, if
anything, want to de-politicize
the ASUO.

"My own personal political
views are on the liberal side,
and while I may be expressing
personal opinion on some inter-
national issues, that does not
necessarily mean every student
shares my opinion," she said.

"It's not that I want to make
the office apolitical," she
added.

She sees the role of the presi-



Karen Gaffney and Kasey Brooks

dent as that of mediator or focal
point between the students and
the University administration,
Brooks said.

"The president has to remain
a somewhat central focus," she
said, "but not so independent
that you are not affected by stu-
dent views."

Brooks also would like to pro-
pose new administrative rules
within the ASUO office that
would increase efficiency and
help programs start the new
year in a faster fashion.

"That office can be more
organized. There is a profes-
sional staff that needs to be
utilized. They are getting paid,
and it would save a lot of time,"
she said.

She also would propose a
summer workshop for ASUO
staff members that would help
them organize the programs
sooner instead of letting them
wade through paper work and
figure things out on their own,
she said.

Her running mate, Karen Gaf-
fney, echoes many of Brooks'
ideas, but also has her own
ideas about how to run student
government more effectively
and more openly.

Gaffney is a junior journalism
major. She currently is chair-
woman of the EMU Board and
sees that involvement as a train-
ing ground for the ASUO vice

presidential office.

"Living in Suite 3 (the EMU
Board office) has given me a
good perspective on the interac-
tion between student govern-
ment offices," she said, since
the ASUO office, Suite 4, is
nearby.

Gaffney would like the Ex-
ecutive to focus on openness
and to apply that to attitudes as
well as records.

"The Executive needs to go
out to where students are and
solicit opinions," because stu-
dent opinions will not just come
to the Executive, she said.

While Gaffney sees the presi-
dent as a top public relations
person, she believes the vice
president needs to make sure
that occurs.

"That means I would make
sure, when Kasey is in Salem or
when Kasey is out advocating
for students, that issues here are
being dealt with," she said.

On international issues, Gaf-
fney sees the Executive as a
facilitator of student ideas
rather than one who takes a
stand.

"The Executive speaks on
behalf of all 17,000 students,
and it would be very rare if they
all agreed on any issue," she
said. "On political issues, the
Executive should act to
facilitate discussion on both
sides. We need to have forums
and speakers that would show
both sides."

She said she supports groups
like the Sister University Project
and thinks if students want to
educate other students on
what's going on in Central
America, that's good.

"However, that doesn't mean
the ASUO has to become the
Sister University Project," she
said.

Gaffney also would like to see
a change in students' percep-
tions of the ASUO, she said.
This could be done by en-
couraging students to vote.

"Student apathy is an issue
that is probably brought up on
every campus. I am convinced
people don't vote because they
feel their vote doesn't matter,"
she said. "It then becomes a
challenge for the student
government to convince
students that their views are im-
portant. Students need to sense
something is being done."

Gaffney, like Brooks, would
like to see student government
shift its focus from international
to campus concerns, she said,
specifically addressing the
issues of child care, parking and
campus safety.

"Campus issues have
systematically not been given
priority by the government,"

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