

# Editorial

## Brooks/Gaffney offer enthusiasm, freshness

Students will have their hands full when weighing their vote for ASUO president and vice president this week. With nine candidates seeking executive office this year, voters certainly have options. After carefully reviewing all the candidates, we throw our endorsement to the Kasey Brooks and Karen Gaffney ticket.

This was not an easy choice, however. Coming in a very close second was Steve Frichette and Donna Cooper. Both the Brooks/Gaffney and the Frichette/Cooper tickets have political know-how and would offer accessible and competent administrations.

Brooks and Gaffney stress accessibility, working to better the student insurance program and searching for ways to better the parking situation and child care on campus. Frichette and Cooper list their priorities as substance abuse education, lobbying for increased financial aid, and child care.

Both would re-examine the role of The Record, and would strive to make it more informational regarding student government rather than being political in nature. Similarly, both support the Sister University Project, but would seek to send more qualified people down to the University of El Salvador.

These two tickets also have their faults. The glaring anathema of the Brooks/Gaffney ticket is their ties to the Athletic Department. Kasey Brooks is the daughter of Rich Brooks, the head football coach, and the conflict of interest here is rather apparent.

On the other hand, Frichette and Cooper seemingly have a tired approach to campaigning. Their style is marked by a degree of cynicism. Both have impressive resumes for holding student office, however, and depending on your point of view, their cynicism may not be a handicap. Furthermore, their agenda is somewhat stale. Having the substance-abuse issue as a campus priority is meritorious, but a bit uninspired.

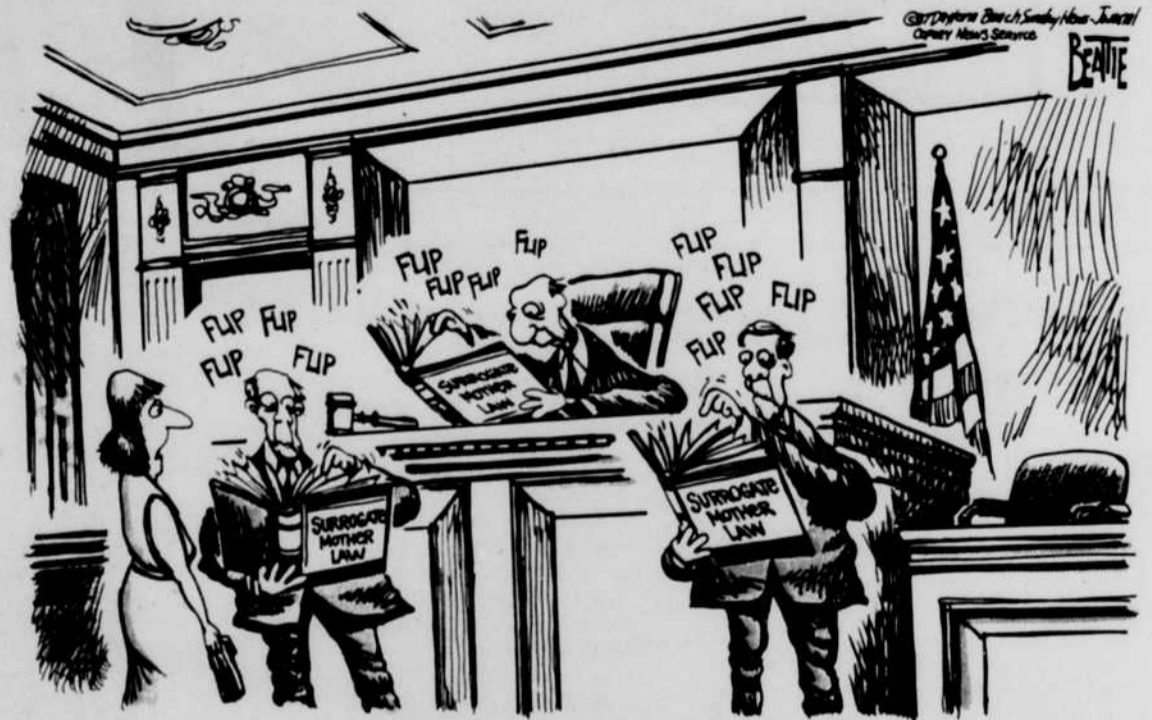
The Brooks/Gaffney and the Frichette/Cooper tickets are essentially equal. But the former ticket's saving graces are the enthusiasm and the fresh faces it would bring to office.

The remaining tickets are not worth considering. Sarah Lachkar and Jodie Mooney are backed by the well-oiled Students for a Progressive Agenda political machine. Ironically, the weak link in this ticket is the person heading it. Although Lachkar has experience in student government, she fails to express her views articulately and often relies on her running mate to handle tough questions. Moreover, we fear Lachkar would be little more than an SPA mouthpiece.

If anyone has a chance of buying the election, it would be the Phil Levinson/Robert Ball ticket. We have problems with anyone who would purchase more than \$1,000 of election advertising in this publication. Furthermore, these two are woefully inexperienced politically. But their dollar-blitz campaign makes them dark horses in this race, and they could surprise some people.

Thomas Stansfield, the only candidate running alone for executive office, matches Levinson and Ball in naivete and ignorance of student government. We do not recommend voting for Stansfield.

If nothing else, this week's elections promise to be exciting. Student apathy may give way to student participation this year due to the number of candidates seeking office. This behooves the University and makes for a more dynamic campus.



"I was artificially inseminated in New Jersey, pregnant in Delaware, had my baby in California, and decided to renege on the contract in Louisiana..."

## Letters

### False image

Boy, am I upset. Statements have been attributed to me that I did not make. An example: Ron Munion is anti-child care. This is not true.

We had a day-care facility on our campus at Lane Community College when I was there. At one point, the college administration tried to remove the center. We decided to use the scenario: good cop, bad cop.

My friends would go to the administration and act belligerent toward them. I would then negotiate with the administration. In a short time, the problem was solved with the solution being most favorable to the students.

Now at the University, my detractors have tried to paint a less favorable image of me. They have taken one vote out of over 20 that I cast concerning day care on the IFC and come to the conclusion that I don't support day care.

This does not reflect my opinion. So, you may ask yourself: Why are there so many fabrication of Ron's opinions making the circuit today? Could it be that CSRL has endorsed him for re-election, and there has been

an attempt to discredit this group?

Even at a recent IFC meeting, these same fabrications were repeated by my chair, Jodie Mooney. At that point, I explained to Jodie my beliefs concerning day care. She then made a public apology to me.

Perhaps, the campaign can be cleaner than it has been up to this point. We can only hope so.

Ron Munion  
IFC Member

pyramid and it multiplies exponentially. Has anyone done any valid research as to the average number of sexual contacts within the last seven years?

The sexual revolution is over, like it or not! Permanent monogamous relationships, traditional values, all of a sudden make rational sense. Maybe the gay community should be "thanked" for bringing us all back to our senses — but GAY PRIDE WEEK? COME ON!

John E. English  
Eugene

### Misnomers

Gay Pride Week is a misnomer, as in military intelligence. Large percentages of gays having made the conscious choice to be gay (because of low self-esteem, feeling they aren't worthy of love), opt only for sex.

The immature seek immediate gratification — a desire for the outrageous, scurrying around like blind lemmings subconsciously looking for the edge of the continent so they can take the final plunge into the suicidal ocean of AIDS, all under the guise of "having fun."

AIDS, the all new American Pyramid Game! You not only sleep with each person individually, but because of the lengthy incubation period, you also sleep with every person he or she has slept with and every one each of those people has slept with and on and on for the last seven years.

Just throw one or two very promiscuous people into this

### Disturbing

I was very disturbed by your article on Peter Frangos in the April 3 issue. I think that it was very unfortunate that you had to use Pete's accident as nothing but an example of deviant conduct.

What about Pete? What about his parents? What about those of us that he left behind, those who loved him? What about the fact that it is a crime that an 18-year-old, someone with great dreams and tremendous potential, should have to die?

To us Pete was a beautiful person, a great guy. To you he was some poor slob who got killed breaking the rules.

I'm glad that our R.A. declined to comment; he would have told you who Pete was, but you didn't even want to know.

Joel Stirnkorb  
Tingle Hall

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