

Letters

Big bad world

At "issue" in this year's elections is the question of whether or not the University student government should make a stand on topics of international concern. At least the Munion gang (CSRL) says that this is an issue.

Never mind that students all over the world (China, South Korea, France, the Philippines, the United States, etc.) regularly make their voices heard on vital issues of the day.

Never mind that the University is a sister university of the University of El Salvador, where students are regularly kidnapped, tortured and murdered for demanding basic political rights which we take for granted in this country.

Never mind University student funds are currently invested in companies which do business in the most racist society in the world: South Africa.

Never mind this year's ASUO government, led by an SPA administration, spent 95 percent of its time working on campus issues like improving campus safety with Saferide; improving student services with the new mediation program; working with the campus planning committee to improve parking; improving campus accessibility to physically limited students at the library and the EMU.

Never mind all that. CSRL, heretofore known as "the Ostrich Committee," wants stu-

dent government to put its head in the sand and hope the big bad world will go away. They want us to abdicate our responsibility to speak out on the vital issues of our times.

Good thing the students of the University have more of a social conscience than that.

**Randy MacDonald
Undeclared**

Voting SPA

This student election, students will be choosing our leaders and representatives in student government. This particular year there are especially clear differences between candidates. Students should make the effort to inform themselves on the various stands on issues.

SPA has initiated and expanded many programs that range from campus safety, child care and improved building accessibility to support of student housing programs, tax-exempt status for GTFs and continued lobbying efforts on financial aid issues. Recognizing that as students in an institution of higher education, we must try to inspire student involvement to understand and address crucial issues that face our society and world as well.

Students for a Progressive Agenda has placed a group of students on the ballot that reflects a positive diversity and broad representation of the University community. SPA has consistently supported the right of all students to form organizations. It is important to point

out that other candidates do not support this fundamental right of student expression.

When looking at the possibility in this election of continuing to improve a positive process or the other possibility of having a student government whose objective is to eliminate various service programs and student organizations, the choice becomes even clearer.

Vote for Sarah Lachkar and Jodie Mooney and the slate of SPA candidates. Please, we cannot afford to sit back.

**Bryan Moore
Spanish**

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