

# Letters

## Safer-ride

The SPA affiliated administrations during '85/'86 and this '86/'87 year created, secured, and made Saferide a success.

One thousand and seventy six women rode the van winter term, bringing the total to 1,406 riders this year. There has been more than 105 women volunteer drivers. The program has been self-sufficient with over \$2,000 in donations and advertising.

Saferide is a rape-prevention shuttle van service for women, driven by women. Maximum safety precautions are the first priority of Saferide. No, not all men are rapists, but it is impossible to screen a potential rapist.

Rape is a reality for women. Every woman when she walks out at night knows she is vulnerable to potential assault. One out of three women will be raped in their lifetime. If a man rode in the van, got off at the same stop as a woman, Saferide would be leaving that woman vulnerable to attack.

If a man drove the van, there is potential of abusing the power and authority that the driver has. If one harassment occurred, it would directly undermine the goal and priority of Saferide. Many women who drive and ride Saferide would never ride Saferide again if men were able to drive or ride.

In talking with the Brooks/Gaffney candidates I believe they would have men on the van as drivers and/or riders. SARAH LACHKAR AND JODIE MOONEY ARE DEDICATED TO EXPANDING SAFERIDE AND PRESERVING THE ALL-WOMEN POLICY. VOTE FOR LACHKAR/MOONEY.

Shannon Meehan  
Project Saferide coordinator

## The academy

I would like to publicly thank the Greek Endorsement Council, the Masters of Business Administration Endorsement Board, Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership (CSRL), the individuals who voted in my favor, and all of my friends, for the tremendous support you've given me during the student elections.

I expect the two years ahead of me will prove to be both exciting and challenging. You have my word that I will respond to your needs and desires when taking action on the EMU Board of Directors.

If and when you have questions or suggestions pertaining to the function of the Board within the EMU simply call or leave a message in my box in Suite 3, EMU.

By the end of the week we will know what kind of student government we can expect for '87-'88. The outcome is well within our grasp if we choose to take it.

This last week showed us that the students at the University can take their futures responsibly into their own hands. Kasey Brooks and Karen Gaffney have the needed skills to

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run an administration that will accurately represent you the way an ASUO office should.

The election didn't end with the primaries, so don't give up yet. Please go out and vote one more time to insure we have an executive that will operate responsively and correctly.

Matthew Smith  
EMU Board of Directors

## Reflections

I awoke Friday morning with the sad realization that I would not be ASUO President next year. I ran and lost.

It has taken me a couple of days to put it all in perspective, and I have come to realize that the campaign was two of the most enjoyable, educational weeks of my college career.

I would like to commend the following groups and people for their honesty and fairness throughout the campaign: The Oregon Commentator, The Oregon Daily Emerald, Kasey Brooks, Karen Gaffney, Sarah Lachkar, Jodie Mooney, Steve Nelson, the MBAA, and the Minority Caucus. All of the above have earned my respect and praise.

I would like to suggest improvements to the following groups; to the Greek Endorsement Committee — look up the meaning of the word altruism; to Phil Levinson and Robert Ball who spent \$10 per vote — if you would have given me \$5 I would have voted for you; to the SPA — sometimes you have to sacrifice principle for electability, maybe next year.

The only losers were the people who didn't participate. I would encourage all University students to get out and vote this week. Best wishes to the winners.

Steven A. Frichette  
Student

## On business

In the upcoming general election, you will be asked to decide upon Senate Seat 9, which represents the needs and concerns of business majors and their business school. The business school is the largest of the schools on campus and therefore deserves strong representation.

Although international and national issues need attention, they should not be put on the same level as student and campus concerns. The needs of

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business majors and the student body as a whole must come first.

The way our student fees are allotted determines the quality of our student life. Incidental fees, when used most effectively, should be seen directly by the students, in the facilities

they use and the programs which benefit all.

I feel fortunate that I have earned the endorsement of the CSRL and the Greek Election Committee, the organizations which best represent my views.

These views are related but do not exclude the

needs of the entire university population. I respect the necessity of a strong student senate and therefore will approach this position with the importance it deserves.

Eric S. Grimes  
Student Senate candidate

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