

Editorial

Munion: out of race but not out of mind

Ron Munion's all-too-brief campaign for the ASUO presidency lasted only 48 hours. University students will suffer for his withdrawal all next year.

Although the Emerald has not yet endorsed a presidential candidate, we do believe students must have a choice and hear more than one set of opinions. This was Munion's contention when he faced the ASUO Elections Board Monday.

The board rejected Munion's request, citing procedure. However, it ignored section 11.1 of the ASUO Constitution, which mandates that elections "shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the best interests of the student body."

Munion was allowed to run after receiving an injunction from the Constitution Court, which he admits he wanted to use only as a last measure. Munion says the struggle to stay on the ballot caused him to jump from the race.

There is, however, a hint of sour grapes when Munion speaks of his reasons for dropping out. He openly admits that if he had received the endorsement of the Greek system Tuesday night (which went to opponents Karen Gaffney and Steve Hoyt), he would have continued his campaign.

Considering all the controversy and uproar surrounding Munion's candidacy and all the effort he put into maintaining it, it is ridiculous for him to drop out less than a week before the elections.

Munion is a self-proclaimed and undeniable master antagonist, a vocal opponent always pressing others to think carefully about what they say and what they do. In a year with so many important issues facing the ASUO, the University needs its muckraking critic now more than ever.

Steinbrenner's proposal doesn't merit second look

Here's something that should make any smart person balk. George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees, Il Duce of the diamond, boss of the ballpark, wants to bring the NFL's instant replay officiating rule to major league baseball.

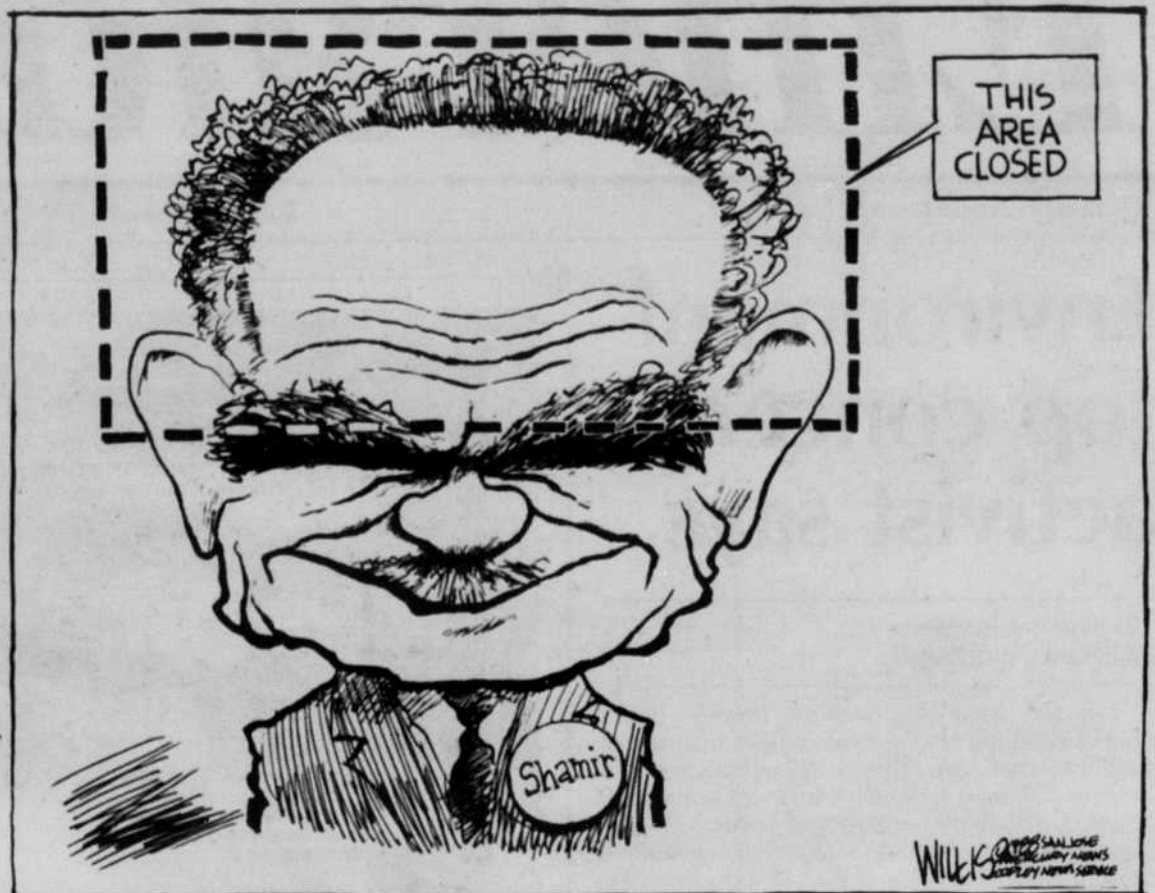
In a March 21 interview, Steinbrenner said: "We ask the umpires to make bang-bang calls. It may be tougher (than football). I've seen some late flags in football; the umpire has to make an instant call."

Replay works for football, a business-like endeavor with absolute boundaries and definitions, but baseball is human. Variables, not cold rules, form the basis of nearly every aspect of the game. Strike zones, errors, interference — all of these depend on the umpire's perception of what occurred in a given situation, following only rulebook guidelines.

Granted, the umpires do make bad calls sometimes. But that is undeniably part of the game.

Baseball also has a sense of history that football lacks. Today's superstar players are constantly judged against the legendary players of yesterday in statistics, records and memories.

Decent folk around the country should be horrified about what that soul-less industrialist of the infield is proposing, but even those who don't like baseball should be apprehensive. Just consider how much longer and s-l-o-w-e-r televised games would be with the replay.



Letters

Tuning out

I know there's been a real brouhaha-a-brewing in these pages over KWAX, but I still think a music student's opinion might be in order.

I have virtually quit tuning in to KWAX. Actually, I listen more often to our other two listener-sponsored stations, KLCC and KRVM — both of which feature some nifty jazz, folk and comedy with which to wind down during the off-hours.

I'd support either of these stations before supporting KWAX. I've stopped listening to the latter for the following reasons:

- The station has moved my two favorite programs thereon, Jim Svejeda's "The Record Shelf" and "The Opera Box" from weekend evenings to school nights.
- My favorite orchestra programs have suffered similarly, to the point of inaccessibility.
- Ever since the station's facilities moved off-campus, its format has become nothing if not a classical equivalent to those MOR/Top 40 stations, with their restricted playlists and deadening lack of variety.

Personally, I'd much rather be hearing a fourth listener-supported station — namely KOAC (pronounced kay-whack) — than KWAX. It's on scratchy old AM; audiences in Bend and Corvallis (where the station is based) are treated to full stereo. It has more of my kind of classical programming (i.e., Karl Haas' daily "Adventures in Good Music") and manages to cram in a little jazz and folk besides.

Neil N. Wahlert
Music

Nasty clauses

Will \$98,000 for a new Emerald computer system eradicate such nasty clauses as "she too has never rode LTD" (Scott Maben's "LTD proposes new student fees"?)

I'd rather spend \$4.50 a term for "free" bus service I might never use — but that has clear benefits to frequent users — than \$2.35 for the Emerald, of which the less read, the better.

Jeff Harrison
Student

Shenanigans

Now that the elections are drawing near, I feel compelled to comment on the shenanigans of the IFC this year.

I think I speak for most students when I say how embarrassed and outraged I am at the irresponsible behavior exhibited by ex-chair (and ex-candidate) Bob Baldwin. Aside from his tantrum-like resignation from the IFC, he was a disorganized, destabilizing influence all year. Beyond that, the entire IFC has once again shown a lack of imagination at solving the all-important problem of rising student fees.

And where does that leave us? The new OAR proposals were not formed in a vacuum. The conditions for the state board to take away student power were brought to you by the lackluster behavior of the

IFC. Until ASUO groups are held responsible for overspending, until the IFC shows imagination and planning skills, we will be vulnerable to losing the student power enjoyed on this campus.

As a candidate for 1-year IFC, I will bring the kind of innovative approach necessary to balancing the needs of keeping ASUO programs healthy with the needs of keeping student fees as low as possible. I promise to listen, and I don't throw tantrums.

Tim Hughes
GALA Co-director
IFC candidate

No on transit

In response to the letter printed on April 4, supporting mass transit for University students subsidized through student incidental fees, I disagree.

Even as a student who lives off campus and does not own a car, I do not believe it is right for everyone to pay for a service not everyone will use. The only reason \$4.50 extra a term from each student can pay for unlimited bus fare for everyone is that not all the people paying for it will use it.

I see many of my friends using so much of their hard-earned money for car and insurance payments. Why should they have to pay extra so that others can have the same transportation they work so hard to earn for themselves?

Students who use the bus should certainly be able to pay for bus fare themselves, rather than forcing other students to pay for their transportation.

Most of us students are short enough on cash as it is; we should do all we can to reduce student incidental fees — not increase them.

Vote no on the Student/Mass Transit Initiative on April 19 and 20.

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