SPA endorses Hughes/Kirk ticket

By Frale de Guzman
Emerald Associate Editor

Spring election still is a couple of months away but those running for student government positions have begun seeking party endorsements.

Monday evening was no exception as Students for a Progressive Agenda, a coalition of students working to increase student empowerment on campus, endorsed Tim Hughes and his vice presidential running mate, Maureen Kirk.

SPA members also interviewed Andy Clark and Scott Wyckoff, who kicked off their campaign for ASUO president and vice president earlier this month.

Maureen Kirk

According to SPA member Doug Pyle, "the Hughes/Kirk ticket offers students a team of two experienced activists with complementary strengths."

During their endorsement interviews, both Hughes and Kirk focused on vital issues such as childcare funding, improved campus lighting and a continued support of rape-prevention programs, Pyle said.

In addition, they both agreed to "publicly counter violence against gays and lesbians, women and students of color through a combination of education, legal action and the setting a public example of inclusiveness and diversity in next year's ASUO administration," Pyle said.

According to Hughes, the promotion of greater team work, diversity and student activism will be the main thrust of his and Kirk's administration if elected.

"We want to expand student empowerment on this campus," said Hughes, who currently is a member of the Incidental Fee Committee and sits on the EMU Board of Directors. Hughes also was last year's co-director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) and ran the southern Oregon "No on 8" campaign last summer and fall.

Kirk, the current State Board chairwoman of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), said that past experience in working in student government and student groups would enable her and Hughes to increase communication and interaction between the ASUO and other student programs.

Tim Hughes

"We want to establish an administration that is inclusive as well as responsive to a variety of students' needs," said Kirk, who also is a member of the EMU Board of Directors and U.S. PIRG, a student lobby group based in Washington, D.C.

The work Kirk has done with OSPIRG and other campus organizations has convinced her that there still is a strong need to increase student voice on campus.

"I'd like to help what student activism exist on campus to thrive, but I'd also like to promote it even further," Kirk said.

Speaker says support needed to fight Salvadoran repression

By Polly Campbell
Emerald Reporter

With the war escalating in El Salvador, it is becoming increasingly important to mobilize students across the country in support of the Salvadoran students' fight against repression, said Doug Calvin, National Student Coordinator of Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador.

Calvin is traveling around the country visiting campuses and working with different solidarity committees in an effort to strengthen the communication between students in the United States and students at the University of El Salvador (UES).

"The repression against the people of El Salvador and the University of El Salvador is the worst that it has ever been. At any time the University of El Salvador could be invaded, or U.S. troops could be sent in," Calvin said.

The focus of the media has been on the political situation in El Salvador, not on the "massive, vibrant," student movement against the repression, Calvin said.

"Students are the heartbeat of any movement for change, they have the most energy, time and flexibility to give to solidarity," Calvin said.

In response to the intensifying repression in El Salvador, Calvin said there has been a surge of campus activism spreading throughout the country.

There also has been an increase in student participation for the solidarity of El Salvador in this country, Calvin said.

Most of the student actions are designed to bring about more visibility to the repression and war in of El Salvador, Calvin said.

The University of Oregon/University of El Salvador Sister University Project (UO/UES) has contributed substantially to assist students of El Salvador in their struggle, he said.

UO/UES has been nationally recognized for its work for El Salvador, Calvin said.

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