

Letters

Saints 'n' sinners

It has come to my attention that a petition is being passed around to gather enough signatures to place a ballot measure before the student body in the spring elections. This ballot measure seeks to sever any official ties between the University and the Greek system. I would strongly urge the students of this campus *not* to sign this petition, and to vote an emphatic *no* if it should appear on the ballot.

Students for a Progressive Agenda takes a very dim view of this type of reactionary ideology. Regardless of what your opinion is of the Greek system, severing our recognition of the living organizations of more than 2,000 students is a bad idea. We at SPA recognize that the Greek system, like any other campus group, has its ups and downs, its share of saints and sinners. But we have a tradition of inclusiveness. Targeting any group for "extermina-

tion" is a dangerous mistake, and we hope that University students see that. If its the Greeks today, who's next?

This year's SPA slate is the most diverse ever. We have candidates who are women, Greeks, minorities and non-traditionals. The platform that Maureen Kirk and I are running on is based on student empowerment and expanding student rights. The ASUO is at its best when it is inclusive of *all* students. If this is your idea of student government, vote for Tim Hughes and Maureen Kirk for ASUO Executive, and vote SPA!

Tim Hughes
Candidate, ASUO president

Elitism

As concerned students interested in student government, we must voice our opposition to the endorsement proceed-

ings of Students for a Progressive Agenda (SPA). By endorsing a particular ticket before the filing deadline for potential candidates, the SPA robbed themselves of their own ideals: giving everyone an equal opportunity and equal rights.

The SPA denied those students who had not announced their candidacy any hope for SPA support. Rather than allowing all presidential candidates to be fairly considered, they went out and grabbed the first candidates that remotely advocated their agenda — that of special interests and non-representative politics. Is this the sort of government you want to fight for your rights? Do you want elitism at the University? All we ask is that students think before they vote!

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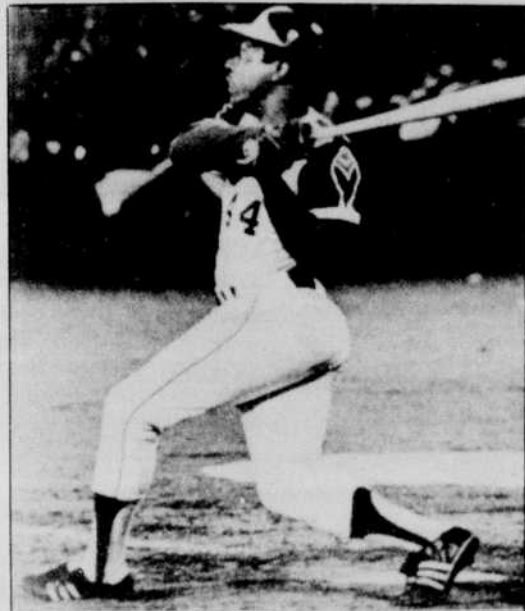
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