

The Interview

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As you know we have just elected a new ASUO president and vice-president. The next year seems to be promising one. Both Andy Clark and Scott Wyckoff seem to be committed to student issues and want to be accessible to the student body. Some of their goals and expectations were revealed in an interview with them on May 10.

What are your goals for next year?

Clark: The primary goal for next year is to decrease apathy at student polls. Historically the voter turn out has been small, 10-12% isn't representative of the student body. I am glad that it went up to 21% this year. I think I would like to get it up to the national average which would be increasing it to about another 28%. Some ways Scott and I propose to do that is actually putting voting booths in the residents halls while carrying out a certain degree of voter education throughout the year. And to go to different organizations and market student government as you would anything else.

Are there any other goals that you have for next year?

Clark: Yes, continued support for childcare. Efforts that have been made in the past starting with Steve Nelson have made terrific strides. The hearings last night and this afternoon will bring forth a lot of good information Scott and I can work from. Probably with our concentration being in needs assessment data spon-

sored by the administration for parent students. It hasn't been done; it has to be done. I was surprised it wasn't it is a matter of red tape and bureaucracy but I think we can slowly cut through it. Because there it a need to have parent student statistics shown so we actually know what to do.

What do you see as the future of the IFC process on campus?

Clark: The IFC process on campus well if it ain't broke don't fix it. The changes in the IFC have to come through the polls and through the voters. I respect fully and completely that it is an elected body by the students to provide for the cultural and physical development of the university. No specific plans for the IFC they are a sovran body they make their decisions as that. They make their decisions on the full information they have. Hopefully they will have full information. And any way we can aid them with budget requests we're there. I think if people want changes in the incidental fee committee it has to come at the polls and in the composition of that committee.

Wyckoff Beyond that I think I would like to develop some type of checks and balances beyond the presidential veto. In particular, using the student senate and writing it into the constitution and let the IFC have more of a checks and balance system as any other governmental system. We all have to go through certain areas to get work accomplished. And it seems that students in

general are unsatisfied. There has been a lot of talk and specific decisions. We need to think of ways beyond just the voting to let students feel that they have a little more at stake in the fee process. One possible alternative is to give the student senate not a veto power but the ability to oversee some of the decisions. By no means do we have anything specific in mind, but just a governmental system like where the house checks and regulates the senate.

Clark: It's a powerful committee. They control over \$4 million dollars. When seven individuals have control over \$4 million dollars that is a rare opportunity. I'd like to see a more checks and balances system, I don't want to see a dichotomy anymore between the ASUO and the IFC. And I want people to understand that the ASUO is its own office. We receive our funding from the IFC and in no way are we connected except for my right to veto an IFC decision. For which I won't foresee exercising this in any case unless I do see a blaring discrepancy. And if I do it will be called upon. If I don't feel comfortable that there is sufficient information for a large budgeting request or if I don't see a question for that need yet—I will veto.

There is a problem with low-income housing and family housing for students. What do you see as your role in making these situations better?

Clark: The housing task force was started to hear testimony.