

# GALA co-director taken off ASUO payroll

## Sharp not enrolled in school this term

By Joe Kidd  
Emerald Reporter

Gay and Lesbian Alliance co-director Laurel Sharp was removed from the ASUO payroll last week, losing her monthly stipend as a GALA leader.

As a result, her position as GALA co-director is uncertain, said Michael Peeler, also a GALA co-director who until now has shared GALA leadership with Sharp.

Sharp was removed from the ASUO payroll because she is not a registered University student this term, and because she was unable to hold required office hours for three weeks, Peeler said.

"If you're not a student, it's bad to be a head of a student group," Peeler said.

The ASUO constitution requires that paid student group

leaders be enrolled at least half-time, and the GALA constitution requires that its co-directors hold a minimum of 20 office hours a week.

Peeler said it "wasn't a matter of firing" Sharp, but that he advised her to quit to avoid having to pay back stipends received since the beginning of spring term.

However, when later asked if the action was a firing or a resignation, Peeler's response was: "That's a good question."

Sharp declined to comment on the situation when she was contacted Monday.

Peeler said he did not know if Sharp would continue as a GALA co-director.

"I assumed that since she is not receiving a stipend that she would resign," he said.

ASUO programs coordinator Christy Anthony said Sharp

was removed from the ASUO payroll May 16.

Because Sharp's non-student status was brought to ASUO attention last week, she may have been overpaid one month's stipend that she received at the beginning of this term. If so, she will have to pay that back, Anthony said. GALA co-directors earn about \$75 a month.

"A formal complaint was not filed," Anthony said. "Peeler came to me and asked for procedural advice on the issue," she said.

"As soon as I got verification from the registrar that she isn't a registered student, I took her off the payroll," Anthony said.

GALA faced a similar situation last year. Cassie Hodges, then a GALA co-director, was not a registered student during spring term and should not have been paid for her position

as a GALA leader during that time, Peeler said.

Later, Hodges had to pay back stipends received during that term, he said.

As for Sharp's possible absence, Peeler said GALA activities would not be affected.

"It may make it a little more difficult to get together a hiring committee for next year," he said.

But because GALA has few activities scheduled for the rest of the school year, the absence of one of the group's co-directors would not otherwise make a difference, Peeler said.



Laurel Sharp

# Lecture to discuss Huck Finn

MEETINGS

OSPIRG will hold a chapter meeting tonight at 5 at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St.

ASUO Programs Council meets today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room.

Sociology Club meets tonight at 6 in Room 714 PLC. A presentation on graduate school

University of Pittsburgh. The presentation will take place tonight at 8 in the EMU Fir Room.

"Philosopher and the Egg: A Look at Harvey's Exercise on Generation" is the title of a lecture to be given today at 3:30 p.m. by Catherine Wilson, associate professor of philosophy. The presentation will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 314 PLC.

St. Participants are asked to bring something to share.

Wesley Center drop-in hours are today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St.

CPR Center will offer a certified American Heart Association CPR course. The course, which runs from 6 to 10 tonight, will be held at the CPR and First Aid Training Center at 335 Mill St. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 342-3602 during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rhetoric and Communication fall term course reservation will be held today, Wednesday and Thursday in Room 211 Villard. Hours are posted on the door.

Women's Center tributary potluck dinner honoring women who have contributed to the Women's Center this year will be held tonight at 6 at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid

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Incidental Fee Committee meets tonight at 6:30 in the EMU Board Room.

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"Rethinking Huckleberry Finn" is the title of a lecture to be given by Jonathan Arac,

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