

# UNIVERSITY

## Ticket hopes to educate campus

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If there's one word that might sum up the vast array of goals Scott Dunlap and Connie Seeley have for the ASUO, it's outreach.

Dunlap, a senior majoring in marketing and finance, and Seeley, a senior majoring in political science and sociology, make up one of the three tickets running for ASUO president and vice president this year.

The two plan to focus attention on concerns such as prevention of rape through education, letting new students know about the programs and resources available at the University, and providing information to high school students about financial aid and scholarships.

"We want to sponsor some events that are not only going to be entertaining but have a message," Seeley said. "I want to get some big names here to talk about women's issues, especially date rape. I think that's something that this campus as a whole has really ignored."

"But when talking about education, Scott and I both realize that we can educate the women all we want, but we also have to educate the men. That's something we're really trying to focus in on."

Seeley said they plan to incorporate an educational program with the Early Orientation and Registration Program for freshmen.

"It's only through education that we'll get at the heart of the problem," Dunlap said. "One way that we plan on doing that is to get at the students who are just coming into the University by setting up programs through EORP and New Student Week. That can not only bring about awareness of ASUO programs, but promote a free-thinking environment and sharing of ideas."

"We want to set up a program that not only shows people what the ASUO is, what its resources are, but how they can use that and try to break the stigmatism of the ASUO," he said.

Getting students to the University in the first place is another concern, especially for Seeley, who went to a high school in a low-income neighborhood in Portland.

"Probably five people in my high school went to college, and I don't think it's because they couldn't do it, but they didn't know what their resources were; they didn't know about financial aid," she said.

Seeley said she wants to talk to high school students about higher education and financial resources and perhaps set up a combined effort with other universities and colleges throughout the state.

Another one of their goals for the University is



Photo by Todd Williams  
Scott Dunlap (right) and Connie Seeley, one of three tickets for ASUO president and vice-president.

to set up an Athletic Board of Directors similar to the EMU Board, of which Dunlap is a member.

"I would really like to see us get together some kind of committee or task force and start to put (a board of directors) together and see what kind of student power we could put on this," Seeley said. "If they're getting almost \$2 million of our incidental fees, then I think students should have a say in what's going on."

Dunlap and Seeley said they believe it is important to continue higher education lobbying efforts in Salem until July 1, and would focus energy on Salem if a special session is called next year.

Both want to emphasize what they believe are the attributes that set them apart from the other two sets of candidates, Jennifer Bills/JoSonja Watson and Mike Colson/Barclay Grayson.

"Our experience goes a lot further than student government experience," Dunlap said. "It out-reaches to a lot of different areas on this campus... No two people can have all the answers to the issues. What our ticket provides is a framework in which those issues can be approached and solved through empowering the students."

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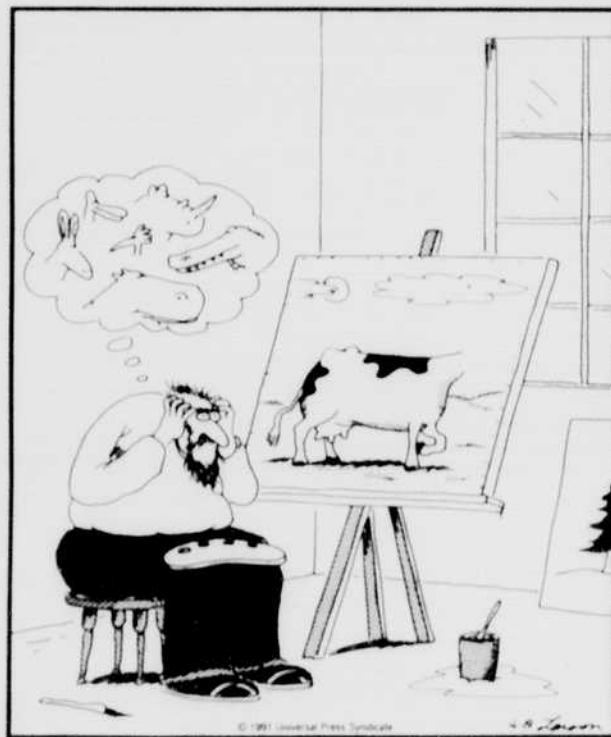
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