

LETTERS

Cruz for IFC

I am writing in concern of the process which is used for endorsing candidates running for a student body government position. The credibility of these endorsements is based on interviews of the candidates by the (ODE) Editorial Board.

Unfortunately, not all of the candidates, including myself, were contacted and interviewed. I do not feel that a clear and complete decision can be determined without having interviewed all of the candidates.

After talking with people from the Emerald, I was informed that they wanted to interview me but were unable to contact me. This I can understand and I am not trying to accuse anyone of any wrongdoing. However, I am very concerned, and therefore I am writ-

ing this letter.

I don't know how to respond to this issue except to say I want to represent every student on campus fairly and without bias. I care very much about human rights and what is happening to our planet.

I am not much of a politician but I want to make a difference. Every student should exercise their right to vote for someone who is willing to listen and care.

Robert Cruz
IFC candidate
One-year seat

Editor's note: Robert Cruz is the only IFC or ASUO Executive candidate whom the Emerald was unable to contact, and therefore was not interviewed.

Nerve gas

William Gaskill has a lot of nerve. As an IFC candidate,

Gaskill proposes to zero-fund gay and lesbian, animal rights and abortion groups in the name of a "free America."

Now he has written a letter (ODE, April 18) saying he believes Mike Colson's rights have been violated. Gaskill says even "the most horrible mass murderer and the most gruesome rapist" have rights. They apparently have more rights than the groups he plans to wipe out next year.

I find it interesting Gaskill would come to Colson's defense concerning due process.

The IFC investigation was hardly a criminal case. The ASUO investigation did follow the due process of this university, as outlined in the University Constitution. The police were not involved, no one was arrested (but it does bring up

an interesting idea).

Stephen Thomas
Fine arts

Vote Colson

Going to school here used to be a wonderful experience — and used to be cheaper, too. Depending on your major, you might not get your classes you need to graduate in less than five years. And even when a student does land a class they need, it may just be in a crowded lecture hall where the only seats are on the floor.

It would stand to reason that if we are paying more money, we should get better service. Isn't this how the market works? Well, yes, except at the University. We are indeed paying more for less.

Unique to our University is the power the student government has over a portion of our


tuition bill each term. Every term we march into the ballroom and shell out approximately \$490 for teaching costs only, another \$18 in building fees, \$47 in health center fees, and \$100 in Incidental Fees which we as students have control over.

As our education becomes more expensive and excludes many would-be students from attending this school, it becomes imperative that we elect strong student leaders to the Incidental Fee Committee and, most importantly, ASUO Executive, to bring back affordability. I am casting my vote for Mike Colson and Barclay Grayson for the presidency. It's time we brought financial sanity back to the University. None of us can afford to pay more for less!

Karl Pond
Sociology



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