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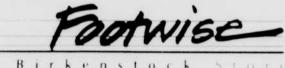
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### **EXECUTIVE**

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Shortly after, Bailey, Stickel, State Affairs Coordinator Traci Manning and other ASUO staff members began gearing up for the state legislative session by circulating petitions, organizing letter-writing drives and arranging car pools to Salem for one-on-one contact with lawmakers

Bailey and Stickel said the peak of their lobbying efforts came Feb. 5, when 300 students turned out on the steps of Salem's Capitol building for a statewide show of support for higher education. The turnout was the the largest of any Salem rally so far this session.

"I think one of the things that lobby day was intended to do was to create a sense of presence in the Capitol," Bailey said, "to give the legislators a sense of, 'Listen, these people, this particular population, is watching us."

Because of Measure 5, the ASUO focused much of its attention in Salem, away from campus.

But at the University, controversy over issues ranging from academic freedom to allegations of tampering with student government documents also demanded a response from the Executive.

Fall term, the ASUO Executive called for the resignation of law school Dean Maurice Holland and two other administrators after gay law instructor Greg Johnson was asked to apologize for comments he made in class about his sexual orientation.

The ASUO co-sponsored teach-ins during the Persian Gulf War to give students information about such topics as Middle East culture and the military draft.

"We've taken some stands this year and not looked like a bunch of fiery students that just blow up at everything," Stickel said.

However, some student leaders on campus said the ASUO could have used a little more fire this year.

"From my perspective, for gays and lesbians, their positions — with the exception of the Greg Johnson case — have been really middle of the road," said Sue Dockstader, co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association.

Dockstader said Bailey and Stickel spent too much time accommodating University administrators and not enough meeting students' needs.

Brian Hoop. ASUO University Affairs coordinator, said the limitations of student government—whether external or self-imposed—frustrated him throughout the year.

"Student government needs to be more vocal on the controversial issues that affect this campus — take a stand and not be indecisive," he said.

One of the more persistent ASUO controversies this year was an investigation into computer records in the IEC office.

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Based on findings from a six-week search, Bailey and ASUO staff member Lee concluded that former IFC chairman Mike Colson had sufficient

opportunity and motive to alter a section of minutes pertaining to him.

Colson continues to deny responsibility for the changes and says the ensuing IFC deadlock and

Constitution Court battles have tarnished the ASUO's reputation.

"Since April 4. Kirk and Sheila have presided over a circus." Colson said. "They've lost a lot of

credibility whether people agree with them or not."
In response to criticism, Bailey and Stickel acknowledge that many of their accomplishments

knowledge that many of their accomplishments this year have come from day-to-day meetings and decisions rather than from fundamental change.

"There's a lot of behind-the-scenes kind of stuff that leaves a mark, everyday policy changes" such as helping choose a new director of public safety or getting the University to alter its family housing policy. Bailey said.

Stickel, who will work in President Myles Brand's office next fall while she finishes a degree in sociology, said the long-term influence of their year in office will come from the personal contacts they made.

"More than anything, we've left our mark on a lot of people — people I've met, the staff and the student body," Stickel said. "We were approachable, and we were trusted."

## **POLITICS**

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"We don't get heard above the clatter among all the liberal organizations on campus," Wilson said. "They don't want to listen to what we have to say. That's difficult."

One problem that group members face is a misperception of them as "right-wing fanatics." Fernandez said College Republicans are much more moderate than people might think.

Last year, minorities and women made up about 60 percent of the group's executive board; this year about 40 percent of board members are women or minorities.

"This is not tokenism." he said. "This just happens to be the type of people we attract."

Meanwhile, University Democrats are hoping to attract a well-organized group of people

to work hard after campus group's merger with the national College Democrats of Ameri-

"As much as I abhor organization." Deckert said, "that group is organized." Despite the potential benefits of the merger. Deckert said he fears the group may become too social and lose sight of issues.

Next year, the Democrats plan to oppose a ballot measure sponsored by the conservative Oregon Citizens Alliance to classify homosexuality as "perverse." They will also work on getting a Democrat elected to Republican Sen. Bob Packwood's seat in the November elections.

This year, the Democrats devoted their energy to the passage of a universal health care bill and to fighting Measure 5 tuition hikes.

College Republicans plan to focus on getting candidates elected and repeating this year's campaign success.

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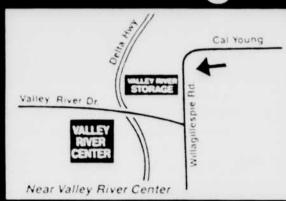
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