

**LETTERS**

**Campaigning**

Innovative leadership requires experience, action and commitment. Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson have what it takes.

Leslie is currently the director of the Black Student Union, co-director of Black Women of Achievement, co-founder and coordinator of Students of Color Building Bridges, chairwoman of Affirming Bridges, chairwoman of Board's Subcommittee for Student Concerns, appointed student member of the International College Master Planning Committee, and appointed student member of the Multicultural Curriculum Committee.

Mark is the coordinator of the Dorothy Project, a program designed to assist in the education and medical needs of children in Uganda, founding member of the Tanzanian Association of Anthropologists and Archaeologists, and has worked to correct the foreign exchange market for the government of Tanzania. Mark has also worked as a factional violence mediator in South Africa.

Leslie and Mark are committed to actively pursuing diversity in education and our community, reducing costs and increasing options for child care, holding regular town hall meetings and Saturday office hours, facilitat-

ing an "Adopt-A-Lightpost" campaign to improve campus lighting, developing better methods of reporting hate crimes, and providing more self-defense and safe-sex workshops.

Our global perspective and continued involvement demonstrates collaborative efforts to keep students our No. 1 priority. We approach problems differently, seeking creative solutions, and we follow through because of our passion, commitment and ability to reach out to students and act on their needs. We care about students and the community.

For a new way of thinking, vote for Warren and Johnson.

**Leslie Warren  
Mark Johnson**  
ASUO Executive Candidates

**Campaigning II**

Creating a multicultural center and a sexual assault fund are great ideas, but must student fees continually increase for obviously needed programs on campus?

Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson are committed to working on needed programs on campus without burdening students.

Funding for a multicultural center can come from corporations who contribute large sums

of money in return for certificates of commitment to diversity. Money for a sexual assault fund can be accomplished by regional benefit dinners at least twice a year that would cost about \$200 a plate.

Promises can always be broken, but commitment from the heart with passion and motivation is definitely found in Warren and Johnson's work. If you want to work toward a University campus that is comfortable for all, I encourage you to vote Warren and Johnson — "A new way of thinking."

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Mathematics  
Computer Science

**HYPOCRISY**

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ugly. I have some neighbors who have been referred to as "meth-maggots," meaning methamphetamine users. On an occasional weekend night I hear them. After the band has stopped and most of the cars have left and gone home, the angry screams start — followed by the thud of objects being thrown or dropped.

On an energetic night, I might hear gunfire coming from the nearby railroad embankment. Probably just target practice though. Now, do you suppose those women and children and men could use some relief? I guess you can tell by the tone of this line of reasoning that I do believe there is a connection between drug use and the victimization of women and children by men, and even of men and children by, dare I say, women.

Granted, my evidence is strictly anecdotal, as there are no authors with degrees behind their names, that I know of, who directly assert the same thing. What the hell, my

**I wonder why there are not any protests against alcohol as a source of violence against women and children.**

opinion is as good as anyone else's. So why don't the placards say "Prohibit Pornography, Abolish Alcohol, Dump Drugs." Hmmm ...

Now there are the makeup peddlers and their cohorts down in animal testing. We already know about them. And yes, I personally do believe the assertions made about the detrimental effects of Madison Avenue on women and society in general.

But what about MTV? I wonder how many marchers and sign-painters watch MTV and even occasionally support the sexist and degrading (again an unsubstanti-

ated belief of my own and of others) Hollywood establishment by purchasing an occasional ticket to *The Hand that Rocks the Cradle* or *Single White Female*. Hmmm ...

There seems to be a double standard at work here. It seems that a group of people wants to take away the choices (there that word is again — sorry, it just seems to work in this instance) of another group, but seems unwilling to even speak out against activities that may well be a fundamental cause of the same problem against which they reportedly fight.

Is there a sacred cow here? I think so. And if I may, I would like to give some unsolicited advice to sign-painters, marchers and boycotters. Whatever your cause, if you have chosen to carry the cross that is any crusade, grasp it firmly at all four corners, straighten your back and lift with your knees — instead of dragging it behind you like a chip upon your shoulders.

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**RESPECT**

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of female existence. That power takes many forms, be it demeaning and degrading comments, acquaintance rape or the brutal murders that women have suffered at the hands of their partners.

If we lived in a society where women had the same economic freedom as men, where women were safe in their own homes, where women could safely walk alone, pornography could be seen as an expression of artistic

merit, or of freedom or sexuality.

However, we live in a society where child abuse and domestic violence are ever-present. One in 12 men surveyed have admitted they've had forced sexual relations that meet the legal definition of rape. One in four women will be raped or sexually assaulted in her lifetime. Eighty-five percent of those rapists are acquaintances.

This is not to say that porn is the cause; however, pornography contributes to a pervading misogynistic climate in our soci-

**This imbalance in power is crystal clear in the sex industry. Who is making money off women's nudity? The models sure aren't pulling in the revenue.**

ety.

The *Emerald* went wrong in its coverage of *Playboy* on campus when it neglected to report why some women and women's organizations find fault with pornography and why women


were offended that pornographers would recruit on campus.

The editorial never commented on the problems of pornography, but it did grant women the power to choose what to do with their bodies. Thank you. It's

always nice when men give permission to women.

The *Emerald* commented, "At its worst, pornography may trigger a sexual crime." But isn't that reason enough to oppose porn? How many women need to be victimized, sold into prostitution and pornography, battered and killed before pornography is seen as violence?

*Shoshannah Oppenheim is a volunteer coordinator for Saferide.*

**THIS WEEK**  **APR. 12-18**

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