



LETTERS

Impressed by candidates

This upcoming election there are two people who are extremely valuable to the position they are running for. I am excited that these two people are running for ASUO president and vice president because they have proven their commitment to improving the University.

I am impressed by their involvement in increasing sexual assault services, creating a safer campus and their commitment to cultural diversity on campus. These are just a few of the important issues that Eric Bowen and Diana Collins Puente are involved in.

Not only am I impressed with Bowen's leadership as ASUO's program coordinator and chairman of the Student Health Center, but also with Collins Puente's strong leadership in MEChA, as ASUO's multicultural advocate and many other task forces and programs she has been involved in.

I have known Collins Puente over the years as an activist for many important issues. I know these two candidate have integrity and a strong commitment to the issues. I urge you to vote to bring this university to its fullest potential. Vote for Eric Bowen and Diana Collins Puente for ASUO president and vice president.

Julia Morgan
Sociology

Seeing the light

April 13 I sat through the first ASUO Executive debate, sponsored by the greek system, and was very dissatisfied with the responses of Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson.

Warren and Johnson want to provide more street lights on campus if elected, which is a great idea, but campus service is planning to install approximately 20 new lights this summer anyway. In light of the budget shortfall the University is facing, I don't believe the installation of more lighting is attainable or a priority at this time.

In their opening remarks, Warren and Johnson said they are not politicians and don't currently know the needs of this campus. I would have to say it is an essential ingredient to know who supports you and who doesn't. Both Eric Bowen and Diana Collins Puente have the ability to address our needs to legislators and have done so this year already.

In my opinion, I do not believe Johnson is qualified to be an ASUO vice president. He has never participated in a student government program on campus to this day.

I'm a strong supporter of Bowen and Collins Puente, and I believe they have the capabilities to lead us through the next academic school year.

Matthew Hasek
Political science

Candidate signed pledge

As an Incidental Fee Committee candidate, I attended the IFC debate April 15 in the Hamilton Mall. For those who attended it was an interesting debate and spanned nearly 2 1/2 hours. I would like to extend my appreciation to the audience and my fellow candidates for attending. It was a lively debate and demonstrated that the field of candidates is very diverse, both in opinions and their special interests.

I sincerely hope that a large percentage of the student body will take 60 seconds out of its busy day to vote, because the field of IFC candidates contains someone for everyone. Despite the lively and informative nature of the debate, I was however saddened by one outcome of the debate.

As part of the debate, I introduced a Lead or Leave pledge and offered it to all candidates for them to sign. The pledge simply states that the candidate pledges to work toward establishing an incidental fee level of \$100 per term (or lower) per student for the 1994-95 school year.

The other part of the pledge is a promise to step down from office if one cannot or will not fulfill the pledge. I was the only candidate willing to sign. If the candidates truly care about lowering student fees, they will be accountable to you the students and sign the pledge. But, alas, it looks like it is up to me to carry the fight for lower student fees, alone.

Braden D. Kelley
IFC candidate

Vote no on 8 and 9

Today is election day. For those of you voting, this an appeal for you to vote no on Ballot Measures 8 and 9.

Ballot Measure 8 is as follows: "Shall the Associated Students of the University of Oregon issue a public statement demanding that Senator Bob Packwood resign from the United States Senate due to his admitted acts of sexual harassment."

Ballot Measure 9 similarly reads: "Shall the Associated Students of the University of Oregon issue a public statement declaring that the Oregon Citizens Alliance is wrong, abnormal and perverse."

It is obvious that both Sen. Packwood and the OCA are unpopular with this campus. Although I do not support Packwood's activities nor the OCA, I cannot support these two ballot measures.

The ASUO is a representative of the student body, not a lobbyist. I do not believe that the student body should be forced to endorse a political statement of any kind. Leave these kind of decision for individual activist groups.

Measure 9 in particular seems totally contradictory because it acts in the same way as Ballot Measure 9 in the state elections in November. It even uses similar language in labeling the OCA as "wrong, abnormal and perverse." Just as University students were angry at the notion of having to label homosexuals as abnormal, so should they be equally disturbed by this proposal. Both victims serve to disintegrate their given victims through legislation.

Packwood's sexual harassment charges and the OCA both need to be addressed. The ASUO is not the proper forum. Vote no on Measures 8 and 9.

Zachary Hoffman
Undeclared

Get a majority first

The ASUO's referendum Measures 8 and 9 show how typically conservative the supposed liberal student government can be. With an average 8 percent turnout at the polls, there can be no true consensus of the opinions of the student body on these issues. The liberal philosophy honors all ideas in society. The ASUO is on par with Pat Buchanan when it condemns behaviors and ideologies because it doesn't like them.

Although everyone might agree that Sen Bob Packwood's behavior was objectionable and that the OCA has some ideas that might be offensive to some people, the student body and its government has no right to issue letters (especially on such ridiculously small issues) on behalf of the student body without clear majority support from at least 51 percent of the student population.

Those students who recognize First Amendment rights for any political organization and people who lend their support to Sen. Packwood should vote against these irresponsible measures referred to students from a first-class experiment in fascism, the ASUO. After all, these individuals would be the first to cry if something was said against their beliefs.

Richard J. Horswell
Pre-journalism

MSA offers thanks

The Muslim Student Association appreciates Eric Bowen and the ASUO for all of their assistance this year. The MSA was on the verge of closing because of internal problems, but Bowen and ASUO President Bobby Lee realized the importance of this multicultural organization, and they kept our office from being shut down.

The MSA office would like to offer its support to Bowen and we urge others interested in diversity to also support Bowen.

Farah Rahim
Muslim Student Association

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