

There's more to a campaign than empty promises

By Ernie Woodland
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We feel the student population has the same attitude that American society had during the last presidential elections. Students want a *change!* They are tired of hearing a wagonload of promises that are not answered once the candidate is elected. Candidates seem to believe that in order to win, they have to make a lot of promises to a lot of people knowing very well they can't possibly turn those promises into reality. Woodland and Kinberg are not making a lot of promises that they can't accomplish.

Effective leadership requires experience and a *vision* of what student government can *accomplish*. In the coming year, the ASUO will enter into new areas of serving students. The student government will have its work cut out for it in building a strong foundation that all students on campus can *trust*. In building that foundation, it will take strong, responsible, experienced leadership. When you vote for Woodland and Kinberg, you'll automatically get that kind of leadership. Our track records show that we are likable, dependable, workable, and offer an organized and flexible means of serving the interests of the students on this

campus.

Ernie was the student body president at Lane Community College before coming to the University. During his term as president, he served as an executive board member of the United States Student Association and was the national chairman for the Community College Commissions, where he was able to lobby for funding for higher education on Capitol Hill. Ernie traveled around Oregon lobbying other community colleges to get actively involved in lobbying and legislative issues. Because of his efforts, he generated more community college participation with USSA from the Northwest than in many years. At LCC, Ernie was involved in establishing affordable child care on campus for students. This was the first student-funded and the first student-run child care co-op on a community college campus in the nation. He has represented students on many search committees, interview committees and hiring committees in filling faculty and staff positions.

Yohanna has been very active in her adventures as a student. Yohanna is currently co-director of the Jewish Student Union. In her post as co-director, she has formed small coalitions with other organizations to get as many benefits as possi-

ble working from a limited budget. This will be one of our intentions when we get elected: to start a better network between the different student organizations so they can better serve all the students and student organizations. Yohanna has worked extensively with the community at large, serving on the steering committee of Clergy and Laity Concerned, planning the Martin Luther King Celebration march two years in a row, and being involved in the local Jewish community.

One of the issues that will face the new ASUO is the restructuring of the Women's Center. Women and their issues don't seem to be very important on this campus. The Women's Center went through a long restructuring process. It came up with a plan that will better serve the needs and issues women face each and every day on this campus. Funding and support of this new Women's Center is a vital and necessary venture.

The multicultural requirement of six credits will not provide enough exposure to different cultures for students to leave here with a well-rounded education. The University has no consistent course of study on people of color. There should be widespread multiculturalism across the curriculum.

Multiculturalism should be a commitment from the University to make this a part of each and every course. Ernie and Yohanna will work hard to see that this will happen.

The University promised low-income students living in the Amazon housing complex that they would have a home until they graduated. When a plan to destroy Amazon Housing went into effect, the students at the complex got busy and put together a plan that gave it historical status and a well-designed student housing co-op to save their homes. Ernie and Yohanna support preserving low-income student housing. As a matter of fact, Ernie has been an active participant in forming task forces and committees, and in attending meetings showing a continued interest and support in preserving low-income student housing and child care on this campus.

The president and vice president are but tools the students can use to cultivate a positive atmosphere in this community. We believe students and their needs are the most important issues on this campus.

It is vital that as the backbone of our community, students are afforded responsible, strong, experienced and accountable leadership. Leaders who have the skills to administer usage of

student fees and the ASUO budget. Students deserve leaders who work to ensure that the money paid in student fees is used in ways that will benefit all students.

In addition to this, we believe it is the role of the ASUO executive to empower students by facilitating ways for them to make changes and improvements on campus. Our goal is to create an accessible, diverse and effective ASUO. In doing this, we hope the qualities of our administration will permeate the campus and help establish these important characteristics in every aspect of University life. We hope in filling these positions, we can not only show excellent personal performance and achievement, but also create the potential for continuing growth and accountability.

Ernie and Yohanna are unique in each of their diverse experiences in student leadership, and will bring a strong voice to addressing and representing student issues. We have both worked extensively in the community, with administration and with other student groups. For leadership that will work for you, vote for Woodland and Kinberg.

Ernie Woodland and Yohanna Kinberg are candidates for ASUO president and vice president, respectively.

LETTERS

10 percent

Have you ever looked up at a 300-foot tree? There's a point where the sky becomes slits between the leaves and branches. There is a sense of calm that comes over you among these huge beings and the life they host.

I suppose we are lucky in Oregon, lucky to live among these great trees. But we also live with another reality. Ninety percent of our ancient forests have been destroyed by clear-cutting. When we clear-cut we lose everything in the area — clean water, spawning grounds for salmon, wildlife and the 40 percent of our medications that come from ancient forests. Even if an area is replanted we do not

regain such things. Probably the biggest outrage is that one out of every four logs produced is exported. Our own Congressman Peter DeFazio has summed up this process by saying, "It's stupid, it's bad policy and it's got to stop."

Today we have 10 percent left. The battle is not over, and it goes far beyond saving nice areas to hike in (though that's nice too). There are things that each one of us can do. For information, or to get involved, call OSPERG at 346-4377. I urge each of you reading this to make a difference.

For the trees.

Peggy Seltzer
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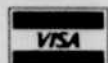
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Seminar: Student Union Cedar Room C, 7:00-8:30, 4/19/94
(Seminar for Juniors, Seniors, Grad Students & Internships)

On Campus Recruiting Schedule Wednesday, 4/20/94
(Recruiting schedule for graduating Seniors & Grad Students)