

BOWEN

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overall.

But, Geltner said, "I don't get a sense that you would find consensus among those who work or worked in the administration that things were all so well."

He added, "I'm not sure that you would be criticizing the administration as much as the circumstances just all came together and created this kind of sense of disunity and lack of compatibility."

Bowen recognized that during fall term the ASUO Executive had a breakdown of communication with former Vice President Diana Collins-Puente and former Multicultural Advocate Eden Ajrian-Omari. Both resigned during Bowen's administration.

Ajrian-Omari, during the press conference and resignation March 2, said that the ASUO Executive was manipulative and controlling.

By winter term, Bowen said, the executive was utilizing mediation sessions to get the lines of communication flowing again. Since then, Bowen said, "To my knowledge, communication channels have been very high in the office."

Neo disagreed.

"One of the big weaknesses of Eric is that he did not put a whole lot of effort into team building and management," Neo said.

Neo recognized that Bowen's concept of a partnership for student leadership is different than his own. But he said, "They (student leaders) were part of a masterly vision that was orchestrated to achieve an end which had one voice. That one

voice was wielded by maestro Eric."

Neo, in questioning the legitimacy of Bowen's power, added that to some extent it was justifiable because of the environment last year.

In the beginning, Neo said he felt disenfranchised from the executive.

"I feel comfortable now because of the fact that I have acknowledged and accepted the fact that I am not a part of this power structure," Neo said referring to Bowen's authority.

At one point, Neo said he considered resigning from his position on the Executive.

"At one time I actually specifically said to him that if he makes a decision that impedes mine, I would resign," Neo said. Neo referred to the freeze Neo instituted on the International Student Association's budget due to alleged financial mismanagement.

According to Neo, Bowen, "Did now want to put pressure on ISA." Neo said Bowen was uncomfortable with Neo flexing his executive power.

He said, "If he would vetoed it, I would have resigned because I felt that somebody has to play the bad guy and get things moving again."

When questioned about the possible resignation of Neo in conjunction with ISA, Bowen said, "He never told that to me." Bowen said he thought Neo had told the Incidental Fee Committee that he would resign if Bowen tried to manipulate the books in the United States Student Association account, also frozen for alleged financial mismanagement.

Bowen said he was 99.9 percent sure that the case of Neo's possible resignation centered on the issue of the USSA budget freeze, not the ISA freeze.

ROOMMATES

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The roommates crowded around a table of salad, chicken shish kebabs and garlic bread, and reminisced.

"I don't remember when it was the last time that we've done this," Lyons said. "All of us sitting around the kitchen table and talking about this stuff."

"I like this atmosphere because it's laid back. Caitlin keeps us in check, though, and I appreciate it," he said. "We all call her Momma."

"Well, if you really want to know where the tension lies," Twain said, "It's an empty toilet paper dispenser." Illustrating with her hands, she explains, "It should lay over the top so it falls down."

"Also, I post the chores, so that causes a little tension as well," Twain said. "But it rotates around."

Everyone agreed that Shindler and Lyons make the biggest mess. But everyone else is pretty clean.

"They leave their things out all the time," Twain said. "I just gather it up a pile it in front of their door. Everyone else is pretty good about keeping the house clean."

"But Michael can make the most benign and mundane

objects. He glues everything together, a bunch of soup cans and a magnifying glass with legs and arms."

The dinner conversation wasn't on student affairs and politics. It focused on the season finale of *Beverly Hills 90120*.

"We usually gather in Joey's room and watch it together, except for Eric because he's working on papers or something," Armsbury said. "But lately we've been able to get him to watch a few episodes."

Psiropoulos admitted that he watched the most television of all the roommates, even though they only get three or four channels.

"I watch anything with *Star Trek* or *Simpson* reruns," Psiropoulos said. "I like *The Real World* on MTV. It's like living in this house."

The roommates don't talk business at home because it would violate University rules, as well as their house rule.

After a little coaxing, Twain and Armsbury explained that sometimes being associated with Bowen had it downfalls.

"Because of our association with Bowen we are invalidated," Armsbury said. "They forget that we were involved before him. I feel that we would have been appointed (in student government) regardless. There were

a lot of people who pulled for us to be involved in student government."

Some of the roommates shared a bottle of red wine. In a sense, it was a toast to the past years together and to future endeavors for those who are graduating and for those who remain.

"I'm looking forward to traveling this summer in Mexico," he said. "Then settling in San Francisco."

Armsbury said her fondest memory will be of Shindler and a game of Scruples.

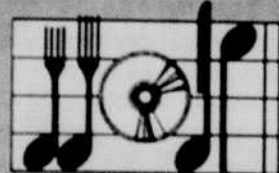
"Every question just pertained to him and his personal life," Armsbury said. "We learned about our roommate and his dating habits. But if there's one thing that he learned from him is the ability not to get involved in petty relationships."

"He's a good guy," she said with a smile. "When Michael comes home everything is good again."

Twain, whose parents own the house they live in, is in the process of selling it since she will be graduating.

The roommates agreed that they had fond memories of the good and bad times together.

Shindler summed it up: "We all get a long most of the time. It depends on the time of the day."



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