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COMMENTARY

Welcome from the ASUO team

By Leslie Warren

Welcome back! We, the ASUO team, hope that your summer went well and you're ready for an exciting '94-'95 fiscal year. Summer was extremely prosperous for the ASUO, with the exception of the loss of three officers who were forced to resign due to family and/or health-related issues.

We have the new work-study program, which will be ready to go in mid-October. This program is available to students who are ineligible for the federal work-study program, international students who are unable to receive a work permit and students who exceed their allotted federal work-study hours.

This program is funded by 10 percent of the technology fee we were hit with this year and will pay for a significant amount of students' wages while a department or organization on campus will pay the rest. This program was established with the intent to create more on-campus jobs for students, not to fund existing jobs.

ASUO was also able to find \$15,000 to repay the Child Care Subsidy Program's loan that it received last year. We are working with the Child Care Development Center, the Child Care Subsidy Program and the ASUO finance coordinator to find ways to better track recipients of the subsidy program so that over-spending will not occur in future years.

We worked with the Registrar's office and were promised that the money from our 25-cent charge for class schedules will be returned to the students, since the purpose of this charge is strictly to monitor the dispersal of the booklets.

The Registrar's office kept us in mind and agreed that the money should come back to us. This \$8,000- to \$10,000-per-term amount will be filtered into the ASUO Future Foundation to reduce student incidental fees.

After a long and tedious national search for a Women's Center director, we finally offered the position to Edwina

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Welch from the University, and she accepted. We will hold a reception in her honor on Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Women's Center. Please feel free to attend if you would like to meet Edwina, be introduced to the new structure of the Women's Center and give input to new and old ideas.

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dent government is working for you. The larger events we will be working on in the fall are:

- Safety campaign — Please look for our events posters around campus.

- Voter registration drive and concert — The last day to register for the November elections is Oct. 18.

- Voter education speaker series — Learn what ballot measures will directly affect your education.

- Educational campaign — In conjunction with the Multicultural Center, to let the community know what our education is to us.

- Foundation Kick-Off Ball — An alcohol-free event on Valentine's Day that will be the start of an ASUO Future Foundation that will, in the long run, pay for all of the independent contracts and agreements that are paid for by the students. This will decrease student incidental fees immensely.

As ASUO president, I just want to thank all of those coordinators and advocates in 12-month positions for all of their hard work throughout the summer. I know we will have a successful year in student government with such dedicated people.

Please stop by if you are interested in becoming an intern in the ASUO, and please be nice to our voter registration volunteers who keep bothering you to register to vote.

Leslie Warren is currently serving as the ASUO president.

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