

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The first ever Community Involvement Week is coming to the University this May 13-18.

Throughout the week you and/or your organization will work with other campus groups to better the community. This project will strengthen ties between the University and the Eugene/Springfield community, while developing new ties with other campus programs and UO departments.

Following a kickoff rally on May 13 — where your organization will be publicized to all kinds of media — you will be able to participate in a variety of community service opportunities. It should prove to be a wonderful event, and it depends on your participation.

We are still in the planning stage for this event. If you are eager to participate and/or organize, please contact me in Suite 4, EMU or call 346-0632.

Be a part of the first annual UO Community Involvement Week!

— Kevin Easton,
Community Affairs Coordinator

ELECTIONS BOARD

As the ASUO Elections coordinator, I have been very busy in the past few months.

It is this department's responsibility to organize the ASUO Primary and General Elections in the spring, advise and oversee student group elections and interpret ASUO election law.

In order to plan and carry out such a major project, we hire an Elections Board each year. This year we hired four talented students to organize and publicize the election and educate students on what they are voting for.

By educating various groups and programs, advertising and publishing information, we hope to increase voter turnout this year.

In the meantime, I have worked on developing a telephone voting system called "Duckvote." This system would be similar to Duckcall, and would make voting more accessible to students and save money in the long run. This project should be running for the 1996 elections; such a major project involves many organizations and takes some time to develop.

If you have any questions for me, please call 346-0629. Until next time, make sure to VOTE!

— Jennifer Dziekan,
Elections Coordinator

FEDERAL AFFAIRS

It may (or may not) come as a surprise to some that the quality and cost of thousands of students' education here on campus is directly influenced by the federal government — especially this year's legislative session.

This is why the ASUO started my position as ASUO Federal Affairs Coordinator. It is my job to be an advocate for students at the federal level, and also to monitor federal bills that will eventually affect students.

Financial aid and higher education programs are on the chopping block on Capitol Hill at this very moment. Students and colleges throughout the nation stand to lose approximately \$15 billion unless students make their voices heard.

And our voices are heard. Re-

EXEC STAFF REPORTS

Call the ASUO Executive at 346-3724, or stop by EMU Suite 4, if you have any comments, questions or issues you'd like to address. Internship opportunities are available. Staff positions are open for applicants in May.

cently delegates from UO, including myself, met with U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield from Oregon in Washington D.C. After intense lobbying efforts, the Senate revised the House Rescission Bill and removed all cuts to financial aid for the fiscal year 1995. Although Hatfield said he would do what he can to safeguard student aid, he also warned, "We cannot make very easy predictions for the future" when it comes to the final budget cuts now taking place.

Things are changing quickly in D.C. when it comes to funding for higher education, and the ASUO is doing their best to keep up with it. This term we hope to keep the student body as informed as possible through workshops and legislators coming to campus to speak. The Federal Affairs desk will also continue our in-state lobbying with Home District Offices of our state's congressional representatives.

Help be part of the effort! I urge all students interested in federal issues, financial aid and/or lobbying to contact me by calling 346-0630.

— Jennifer Williamson,
Federal Affairs Coordinator



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Fundraising Coordinator Paul Kalil is soon planning to inaugurate Duck Walk for Safety, an ASUO and OPS project designed to create safer routes to walk on campus at night.

FUNDRAISING

Greetings from the Fundraising desk. I have had an amazingly exciting year planning events, raising money and spending money. With the invaluable assistance of my interns Abbie, Bryan, Rebekah and James, I have managed to have a great deal of fun in this position — and helped a lot of students in the process.

We began the year with the Fall Street Faire. This rather rainy event proved to be both fun and profitable for the students of the U of O. The money raised from the Street Faire enabled the ASUO Executive to co-sponsor almost two dozen events in the University community.

Another portion of the Street Faire revenue allowed us to stage the 1994 Voter Registration Rally and Concert. This gave students the opportunity to hear speeches by candidates including Governor Kitzhaber while they brushed up on the issues for the upcoming election, ate some delicious food and enjoyed the music of bands from as far away as Phoenix, Arizona.

Currently, we are frantically preparing the first annual Celebration of Oregon Student Futures Dinner. This is the kickoff event for the UO Student Future

Fund. If anyone has any questions or comments about the dinner or anything else that seems like it should run across my desk, give me a call at 346-0628.

— Paul Kalil,
Fundraising Coordinator

FINANCE

In case you didn't know, approximately two-fifths of the incidental fees you pay each term go to ASUO Programs and Services. These programs and services exist for *all* students, and are great ways to become involved in hundreds of activities and opportunities on campus. It is the ASUO Finance department that plays an integral part of the process to make sure incidental fee money is used responsibly and efficiently each year in student-sponsored organizations.

Currently, the primary responsibility of the Finance desk is to prepare the ASUO Executive budget recommendations and present them to the Programs Finance Committee. Committee meetings are held twice a week and the Finance team represents the Executive at these meetings.

Coming up this month, the Programs Finance Committee will submit its budget to the full Student Senate for approval. The Senate stated earlier in the year that they hope to have a zero-increase in incidental fees.

On a side note, the Finance Department would also like to welcome our new Assistant Finance Coordinator, Heather Kessinger. Heather is a returning student majoring in Political Science and General Science.

— Kristen McCown,
Finance Coordinator

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

Hi, I'm Susan Trafton. I'm the new ASUO Non-Traditional Affairs Coordinator. My job here at the ASUO deals with issues that affect non-traditional students. The background of these students I serve is very diverse. I deal with older students over the age of 25 and single parents, as well as those students with special needs.

An exciting new project that I'm working on is the start of a Veteran's Club. The last Veteran's Club was here in the late 1970s. We're hoping to have some strong interest by vets on campus so we can have our first meeting in April. If you are interested in finding out more about this new group — or if you have questions about child care, campus housing and other non-traditional student topics of concern — please give me a call! My number is 346-0631.

— Susan Trafton,
Non-traditional Student Affairs
Coordinator



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A Veteran's Club is starting up at the Non-traditional Student Affairs desk by Susan Trafton.

PROGRAMS

Hello everybody! Hope everyone survived our dreary winter term. It looks as if spring is going to be beautiful.

The ASUO Programs department works with all the ASUO Programs (or student groups) on campus. This means that everything from the Student Insurgent to Jewish Student Union, from Project SafeRide to Women's Center, from College Republicans to Star Trek Information Center. Basically, everything under the sun.

Our desk has accomplished much in the past term including the Programs Faire and Programs Councils. Most importantly, we put together two projects that will help you find groups on campus.

First, there is a database of information on the people involved in student organizations. This means that anyone who wants to get involved with a group can find out where the group is easily.

Second, in the next two weeks, the ASUO will publish the ASUO Programs Guide. This will include contact information for most groups on campus. It also has brief descriptions of the programs. This means that you can find out what is on campus and what interests you.

I fully recommend that you get involved in programs. When you graduate from college, your resume will be a lot stronger if you have been involved in outside activities. Besides, you will gain friends and ties that you will never lose. If you want more information, stop by Suite 4 or give me a call anytime at 346-0622.

— Jason Grigsby,
Programs Coordinator

WOMEN'S DIVERSITY

I am the new ASUO Women's Diversity Coordinator. My desk is responsible for acting as a liaison and developing programs to address women of color concerns in the University community.

We have been working on the annual Women of Color Conference which will take place on May 10. We will be providing a speaker from the National Immigration Forum and many interesting sessions throughout the day.

This term will serve as a transition period back into the Women's Center. I am very excited and motivated to provide programs addressing issues of concern on campus and making the transition to the Women's Center as smooth as possible.

Women's Diversity is always open for questions or comments. Please don't hesitate to stop by or call at 346-0632.

— Sandra Cho,
Women's Diversity Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS

The gist of my position is developing messages.

Sometimes the publicity vehicle that carries these messages is a poster. Other times it's a press release. All are done with same purpose in mind: to spark interest in the ASUO Executive objectives of improving students' quality of life.

ASUO Reflections, with its circulation of 10,000, is one way to get this simple message across en masse: the ASUO exists to serve you, the students at the UO.

— David Shuey,
Communications Coordinator