

■ **LETTERS**

the ASUO executive by people who are aware and who have shown their commitment to women's issues as well as to issues that affect society. That is why I am voting for Jennifer Williamson and Zach Kelton. Both have demonstrated to me and to all of the students that attend the University that they are concerned with how our school mirrors larger society and that they are concerned with women's place in society. Williamson's active involvement in women's issues has made an especially large impact on me.

Williamson, unlike Scott, has been involved in a host of events and programs that demonstrate her commitment to creating a campus society that is a community. Jennifer understands that this kind of a campus cannot exist if violent acts occur or if women and minorities are underrepresented. She has been an intern for the Feminist Majority Fund and Foundation in Washington, D.C. Williamson has been an active volunteer for both the ASUO Women's Center and Saferide. I have personally worked with Jennifer in organizing this year's and last year's Take Back the Night marches. These marches work to make people aware of the fact that violence against women occurs everywhere, even on this campus and that violence against women is a societal issue, not just a women's issue. Both this year and last year, it was Jennifer who got the ball rolling so that Take Back the Night would occur. Events like Take Back the Night can occur only if women, like Jennifer Williamson, are wholeheartedly committed to ending violence against women and to creating a campus community in which women do not have to walk the streets or go out on dates in fear.

Jennifer has also been an Unwanted Sexual Behaviors Task Force intern for the past two years. Her work there has helped to educate students, both men and women, about unwanted sexual behavior and about what we can do as individuals to stop this problem. All of Jennifer Williamson's

work at the University has integrated, in some way, a commitment to creating a community on campus and educating students about how they can do so. Women and men need Jennifer in the ASUO executive next year. Although I do not doubt Niki Scott's commitment to women's issues, her experience in this area pales in comparison to that of Jennifer Williamson. When it comes down to it, we simply need to be represented by people who will actively be involved. Past experience is the only proof that I know of demonstrating that active and effective representation at the executive level will occur. Williamson has demonstrated through her dedication and active involvement in the ASUO Women's Center, Take Back the Night, Saferide and the Unwanted Sexual Behaviors Task Force that she is deserving of the ASUO executive position. Jennifer Williamson and Zach Kelton are the candidates who should be elected to the ASUO executive and they have my vote.

Jennifer Carter
Journalism

Go OSPIRG!

I would like to take some time to mention some of the great accomplishments OSPIRG had last term. The environmental education group went into eight schools, including EMU child care and Amazon child care and taught students about recycling, endangered species and toxins. The recycling group held an educational rally on campus and was also successful in making recycling easier in the dorms.

OSPIRG also sent two students to Philadelphia for an environmental leadership conference. These students then came home and held a leadership conference of their own.

relaying what they learned to students in this community. All of these experiences are invaluable learning tools that are very important to the enhancement of this university. I am thankful that OSPIRG provides a place for this type of learning to happen.

Katy Anthes
Anthropology

Very interesting

It is very interesting that, at this late date, Mike Eyster has finally become concerned about the cost of replacing Amazon. This is the same Director of Housing who kept the Phase I apartments entirely empty (although in precisely the same condition as the currently occupied Phase II apartments) for more than a year at a loss of at least \$17,500 per month.

This is the same director of housing who was unwilling to consider rehabilitation, which will cost millions less than new construction, even if rehabilitation runs over cost projects by 200 percent.

This is the same director of housing who does not want to consider management problems at Housing as a reason why the last two Housing projects have been unable to come in at less than \$600 per month for a two bedroom apartment. (A rehabilitated Amazon apartment — rehabilitated, that is, to the same standards as new construction — would be less than \$300).

This same director of housing who allowed Amazon to suffer from "deferred maintenance" so that there would be \$3 million in overdue repairs — so that now he can say that it must be replaced (at a cost of \$18 million!!).

Sharon Singer Millman
Officer, Amazon
Community Tenants Council

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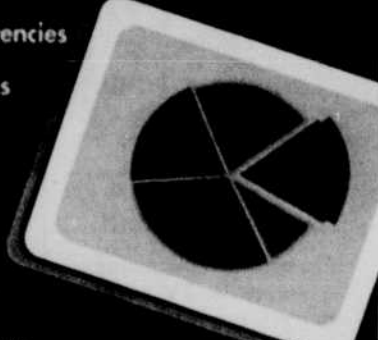
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