

LETTERS

Ludicrous

I am a candidate for Student Senate Seat 2, ASUO Programs Finance Committee Senator. I wish to apologize and to express to all voters the reason for which I did not appear at the senatorial debate on the evening of April 12. The topic of discussion was to be the problems women face on our campus. The reason for my absence is because this subject is one in which I am not nearly as qualified to speak on as other candidates.

As much as I try, because I do not face these problems every day, I will never fully understand the circumstances in which women on this campus live. For me to stand up and pretend I can pinpoint the problems women face today would be ludicrous. Because I am not a woman, the best I could give on this issue would be an outside opinion based on problems seen only at surface level. This puts me, as well as a number of my other fellow candidates, at a severe disadvantage.

In the future, I believe it would be wise and more impartial to hold debates on issues not involving race, gender, or sexual orientation and choose a topic every candidate may speak evenly on. If we were presented with a problem in which every candidate faces, such as the rising costs of tuition or the general improvement of our University, this would give a level platform to all candidates, so the voters could truly measure the merits of each individual candidate.

I apologize again for not attending. I hope this sheds

some light as to why I was not present and hope you will take this into consideration when you cast your votes April 19-20 and April 26-27.

David Thomason
Candidate, Student Senate

Leadership

I am writing this letter for two reasons. The first is to remind students about the importance of the upcoming elections and the effects they will have on all of us. Each year, elected students distribute more than \$5 million to various organizations and student groups. This money comes entirely from our incidental fees, giving us all an important stake in the outcome of the elections.

The second purpose of this letter is to ensure student government positions are filled with competent and proven leaders next year. Joey Lyons, chairperson of the ASUO Programs Finance Committee, is one such person. I had the opportunity to work with Joey and the PFC this year as the ASUO Finance representative.

Under his leadership, the PFC gave money to a variety of organizations on campus that demonstrated their commitment to greater diversity on campus. But more importantly, the committee managed to keep to the zero percent benchmark set earlier in the year by the Student Senate, which will assist in keeping incidental fees from rising. This feat has rarely been accomplished in the last several years.

Joey's dedication to diversity

on campus and his realistic, focused leadership capabilities make him the strongest candidate among the field of highly qualified contenders for Senate Seats 1 and 2.

Robert A. Carichoff
Political Science

Impressive

My involvement at the University of Oregon has afforded me the opportunities to meet people of various abilities and ideals. The dedication, intelligence and personality of Jennifer Williamson and Zachary Kelton have qualified them to be some of the most impressive people I have met on this campus.

They are two individuals who are devoted to making sure students receive the best possible education and the fairest representation in student government. Jennifer's role as an advocate for both women's issues and financial support for students is unparalleled. Zach's dedication to educational quality is unsurpassed. Their experience makes them overwhelmingly qualified for the ASUO Executive.

Not only are Jennifer and Zach qualified, but they have

proven to be allies of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance at times when it was unpopular to do so. They stick to their beliefs by fighting for fair and just treatment of all people.

It is for these reasons and many more I and the membership of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance endorse Jennifer Williamson and Zachary Kelton. I cannot be more emphatic in urging every student to vote for Jennifer Williamson and Zachary Kelton.

Susan Anderson
Co-Director, LGBA

Not necessary

The Amazon apartments have been home to a healthy and diverse student community. If the buildings are sturdy enough to be moved to another site and renovated, then the entire complex can certainly be renovated on the land it now occupies. The land and buildings carry no mortgage.

Expensive new construction and the resultant debt are not necessary. Renovation under direction of a tenant cooperative funded by rent proceeds is necessary.

Laura Miller
Architecture

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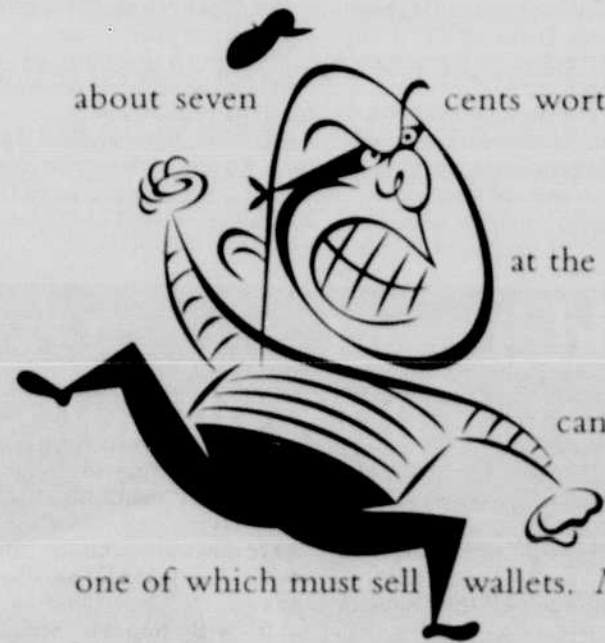
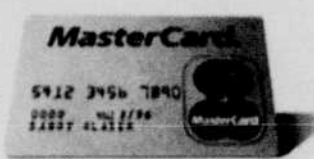
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