

LETTERS

Excited

As a former ASUO intern and an incidental fee committee member, I know with intimate experience that most elected campus officials have little political expertise or concern for their constituents. Their position is merely for resume padding. Therefore, I am quite excited by the fact that Daniela Diaz, a Programs Finance Committee candidate, Carmen Rubio, an EMU board candidate, and Sven Orozco, a senatorial candidate, have chosen to run for office this year.

Over the last three years, I have seen them demonstrate a deep, progressive concern in improving the University. For years they have been affecting public policy as empowered students; they have been active as directors and officers on hiring committees, conference organizers, student panels and lobbyists, among other things. I have little doubt they will continue to be instrumental in their elected positions. So please support Rubio, Diaz and Orozco in elections.

Ja Orozco
English

Proven

My name is Joey Lyons and I was a candidate for Senate seat 2. I have withdrawn from the race for seat 2 and am running as a write-in candidate for seat 1 as a protest to the way the elections are being gerrymandered and because I have a strong history of advocate work for student groups and students on campus.

Students should have the right to vote for two candidates out of the pool for seats 1 and 2, but the Elections Board altered this right (officially) in the eleventh hour. Candidates then had to arbitrarily file for an identical seat, 1 or 2. My petition to the Constitutional Court failed (although I have asked for a reconsideration because they used faulty information in their opinion).

Last year and years previous, students have been able to vote for two (or even three) out of a pool for multiple position seats,

which 1 and 2 are. I hope this clears up any confusion.

I have proven to be a responsible and approachable leader on campus and I urge you to write me in for senate seat 1.

Joey Lyons
candidate, Student
Senate seat 1

Typical

I feel that I represent the "typical" student at the University. I am writing a much-needed letter regarding the upcoming ASUO elections. As an informed student, I am very concerned about the fate of our university. The ASUO is an organization that supposedly represents the students at the University. The ASUO, in the past three years that I have attended the University, has been made up of a small, biased sample of the University population. It is high time that the ASUO finally serves us, the students at the University. In order for this to occur, we need to get new blood into the ASUO.

Upon examining "all of the facts," I feel that Chris Kantrowitz and Niki Scott are clearly the best candidates for the ASUO president and vice president. The candidates have demonstrated undying commitment toward their causes and they would put that commitment toward the student body at the University. I feel that their leadership skills, experience and genuineness would be a wonderful asset to the University.

The University needs to create a student government that helps the students. Presently, the student government serves only the elite clique that is involved with the ASUO. I am tired of watching the elections each year, seeing the same people get elected to different positions. The ASUO will never change until we elect new people into the government. Kantrowitz and Scott desire to make a difference in the University and I feel that they deserve the chance to show the University what they can and will do for the students.

As a "typical" student, I rep-

resent most of you reading this letter. I am voting for Chris Kantrowitz and Niki Scott and I hope that you will too.

Kathleen Murphy
Psychology

Distinguished

I am writing to recommend to the voters three ASUO candidates: Jason Paul Heuser (Academic Senator/Social Sciences), Christopher Prindiville (Athletic Dept. Committee Finance, Senate seat 7) and Joshua Rico-Akin (Programs Finance Committee, Senate seat 2).

These students have distinguished themselves to me as people of exceptional character. They all demonstrate four qualities that I believe are very important for committee members to possess:

- Self-assurance guarantees that none will be swayed by other committee members who try to use intimidation as a persuasive tactic. Likewise, these candidates will not respond to attacks on their positions defensively, but instead with good humor.

- Open-mindedness allows each of these candidates to weigh arguments on both sides of an issue before coming to a decision, rather than imposing a narrow set of assumptions on any and every question set in front of them.

- Eloquence ensures that they will express themselves with clarity and precision, so that colleagues can understand their positions.

- Honesty guarantees that whatever these candidates' opinions, their colleagues will know what they stand for. As a result, supporters and opponents alike will have concrete positions with which they can agree or contend.

People with these qualities contribute to a well-run committee by fostering a friendly atmosphere in which the best ideas can emerge. Please cast your votes for Jason Paul Heuser, Christopher Prindiville and Joshua Rico-Akin.

Aaron Ramsey
English/History

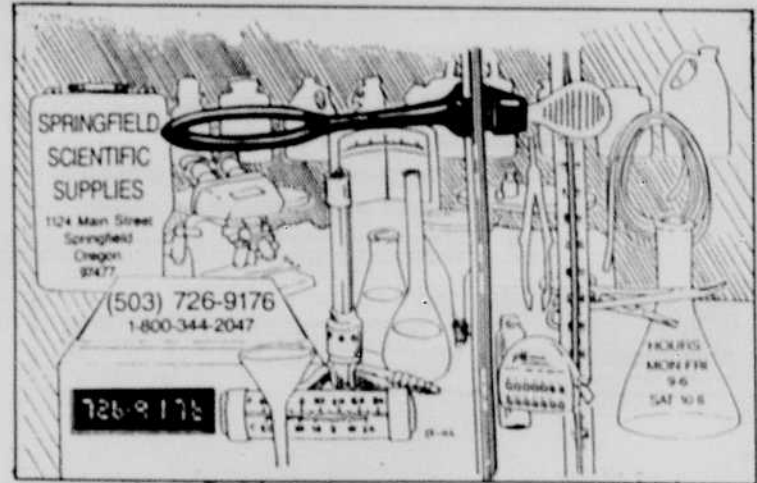


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