

Students leave office, remember highlights

ASUO: Leslie Warren, Mark Rhinard say that they've accomplished most of their goals

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With a few handshakes, pats on the back and a hug or two the ASUO president and vice president stepped out of the office Wednesday, never to return, at least not in an official capacity.

It marked the exit of Leslie Warren and Mark Rhinard from the hot seats in the ASUO Executive. After a year of turbulence and triumph, both said they are ready to move on.

Warren plans to go to Hawaii to relax and Rhinard plans to take some time off to work on his Honors College thesis. It will be a welcome change of pace from the hectic, demanding schedule that kept them in the spotlight "24 hours a day, seven days a week," Warren said.

Behind the scenes

A lot of what students don't understand is the work the pair put in behind the scenes writing memos and meeting with students, administrators and community members, Rhinard said.

"A lot of this job is trying to cut through the bureaucracy, dealing with the bureaucracy, dealing with the red tape, pushing paper," Rhinard said.

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ASUO President Leslie Warren and Vice President Mark Rhinard celebrate with a piñata during an party marking the end of their tenure.

Deductible eliminated in center's new policy

Insurance: If care is received off campus, the \$200 deductible must still be paid

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The \$200 deductible from the current student insurance policy will be eliminated this fall and a new policy has been developed, a University Student Health Center official said.

The deductible will be eliminated only if students are treated at the health center, said Bob Petit, medical administrator.

If care is received off campus, the \$200 deductible must still be paid before the insurance company will pay 70 percent of the bill. This is true even in an emergency or if the student is referred off campus by the health center, said Debbie Alley, insurance coordinator.

A deductible is the amount paid before the insurance will pay its share of the bill. At the University, the policy holder pays the remaining 30 percent.

"During the last couple of years, 80 percent of the claims filed with insurance companies are from services received from the Student Health Center," Alley said.

"On any given night there is at least one [student] who ends up at Sacred Heart [General] Hospital," Alley said.

Students with the new policy who go to doctors off campus must go to preferred providers, who are doctors and hospitals under contract with an insurance company to provide health care at lower costs, Alley said. In addition, only services covered by the policy will be paid by the insurance company.

Alley cautioned students to know what

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'Morning after pill' available at Student Health Center

Treatment: Many students may not know that the contraceptive is an option

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The morning after pill can prevent pregnancy when other methods of contraception fail or when couples have unprotected sex, said University Student Health Center nurse Colleen Jones.

The morning after pill — or emergency contraception, as the health center calls it — can be taken within 72 hours after having unprotected sex, she said.

Jones emphasized that emergency contraception is different from RU 486, a drug that induces abortion.

Emergency contraception treatments are given in a series of pills. They contain the hormones estrogen and progesterone, which can delay ovulation, prevent fertilization or prevent a fertilized egg from embedding itself in the uterine lining, Jones said.

These hormones are the same ones

used in birth control pills, but are given in higher doses in emergency contraception treatments, she said.

The health center usually prescribes emergency contraception to women who have unprotected sex around the time of ovulation, but will give the treatment to any woman who believes she will become pregnant.

It is taken twice at 12-hour intervals, and can reduce the risk of pregnancy to 2 to 5 percent, she said.

Jones cited statistics saying that nationally, emergency contraception could cut the number of performed abortions in half. Higher awareness of the treatment could greatly reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies, she said.

"If [a student] doesn't want to get an abortion this would be a great way to decrease that likelihood," she said.

Even if the treatments do not prevent pregnancy, they are unlikely to harm the fetus, she said.

The health center has offered the treatments for at least 10 years, but not many

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Pied piper



Shanti, a street musician, finds a place to play at the foot of the Pioneer statue.

■ GOOD MORNING

► WASHINGTON (AP) — It may be comfy and 100 percent cotton, but underwear bearing the text of the "Contract With America" apparently rubs the Republican National Committee the wrong way.

Two New York artists who created limited-edition silk-screened undies with House Speaker Newt Gingrich's face on the front and all 10 points of the GOP's agenda on the back have received a letter from the RNC threatening legal action.

The letter asks the artists to immediately discontinue using the text in their work and adds that "continued unauthorized use by your company will force the Republican National Committee to take the appropriate legal action."

The Brooklyn, N.Y., artists had 120 pairs silk-screened and enclosed a card numbering each one. They sent 10 pairs, run off as tests before the signed copies, to various politicians, including Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and President Clinton.

No fans of the speaker, the artists intend the underwear as a protest against the new Republican leadership in Congress. They have staged exhibits featuring the underwear — including one in which the underwear hung above piles of dirty laundry.