

EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORTS

JENNIFER DAVIS PROGRAMS

Don't graduate from college and later say you should have been more involved on campus. Read this column today, and get involved with ASUO Programs tomorrow!

You might ask yourself, what is an ASUO Program? An ASUO Program is a student group established for the purpose of enhancing the lives of all students. These groups provide new, transfer and existing students the opportunity to reach their full potential outside the classroom.

Currently, the ASUO funds over 90 student groups. We probably support a program that represents your interests. These programs collectively promote and explore academic learning, cultural diversity, environmental issues, recreation activities, artistic endeavors and much more.

If you entertain the thought of joining a group on campus, then look into ASUO Programs. ASUO Programs give students the opportunity to obtain leadership experience and work with other students toward common goals. As always, programs are excited to have new members!

This year, we aim to increase the networking and communication between programs, create a web page specifically devoted to programs, and to increase the visibility of ASUO Programs to the general student population.

If you are interested in establishing a program or obtaining information about ASUO Programs, we welcome you to our office in Suite 4 of the EMU or feel free to send me e-mail at asuoprog@gladstone.

ROBERT GARICHOFF FINANCE

The ASUO Finance Department here at the ASUO is gearing up for what we hope will be another success-

ful year.

This year Sarah Keech, Assistant Finance Coordinator, Kristi Rogers, who will be interning with us, and myself will be working to ensure adequate funding for programs while trying to keep the incidental fee from rising too drastically. Both Sarah and I have worked closely with the budget process in previous years.

The budget process is just getting under way this year. Incidental fee funded programs will submit their budget requests for the next year by January 9.

We want to ensure that fee funded groups are able to enrich the education experience of the student body as a whole.

SUSAN TRAFTON NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

Hi, I'm Susan Trafton, the ASUO Non-Traditional Student Affairs

need of the student.

I also sit on the Housing board that serves students living at East Campus, Westmoreland, Amazon, and 18th and Agate. The final plans are being drawn up for new Amazon apartments. The buildings will have an exciting new child care facility as well as new community rooms.

Students with disabilities are offered a wide range of services. The services vary from making sure that accessibility needs are met to someone take notes for them in classes.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 346-0630.

to the "bar-scene." This pub would be operated by a private microbrewery and serve microbrews, soft-drinks, and snack food items. The location has yet to be determined, but we are looking for space in the EMU.

The ASUO Spring '96 Street Faire will take place May 2-4. The Faire will offer students the opportunity to sample foods and purchase arts and crafts. Bands will be playing in the EMU Courtyard and ASUO Programs have information on ways to get involved.

If you have any questions or would like to help with the planning of these or any other fundraising projects please call me at 346-3724.

MATTHEW SCOTTEN FEDERAL AFFAIRS

This year has been a tumultuous one for advocates of student financial aid. Federal aid programs for higher education have been targeted by Congress for huge cuts in funding. Spurred by this year's frenzy to balance the budget, Congressional leaders have proposed deep cuts to critical programs like Direct Lending, Pell Grants and Perkins loans, cuts that could total nearly \$11 billion.

These programs are designed to ensure access to higher education for all. Some Congressional leaders seem to feel that higher education should be a privilege afforded only by the wealthy.

If higher education becomes a luxury, we will all suffer.

If we allow Congress to defund financial aid and force millions of students out of the system, the results could be drastic. As current trends indicate, America is gradually becoming a two-tier society. For all of us to fulfill our own potential, we must have access to education.

The ASUO is committed to saving financial aid, and is working in cooperation with several other groups on campus to make students' voices heard. To find out how you can join the fight to save financial aid, watch for events on campus next term, or contact us at 346-3724.

Together, we can create a system which provides access to quality education for all!



When reviewing a budget, we consider how efficiently the program has managed previous budgets and how active they have been during the past 12 months.

An ASUO Executive recommendation will then be presented to the Programs Finance Committee. The allocation of the incidental fee from that point forward rests almost entirely in the hands of the Programs Finance Committee and the Student Senate.

Coordinator. Now some of you are wondering what non-traditional covers! I deal with a wide range of issues from child-care and off-campus housing to students with disabilities. Each of these areas is very exciting and diverse.

ASUO offers a child care subsidy to students who qualify. The amount subsidized can range from 15% to 45% of child care costs, depending on the financial

JAMES PETERSON FUNDRAISING

As the Fundraising Coordinator, I work on the development of the Student Future Fund, Street Faires, and special projects. One of these recent projects includes the development of a student pub on campus.

We would like to provide students with an alternative