

Elections offer baby bottoms and cookie-cutter candidates

LETTERS

Political language is designed to make lies sound more truthful and murder respectable and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind
— George Orwell

It's that time of year again. Don't panic. Just stay calm and maybe they'll all just go away. Yes kids, not only is the IRS out and about looking for your loot, but every ASUO inbred jed is now running for office. And they have spared no expense in making sure we are all aware of it. The schmucks.

Let's see, what do we have this year? Five different tickets with ten different idiots. We've got four platforms from the ASUO all running as "outsiders" and two guys who thought it might be fun to play government.

First off, we've got the three cookie-cutter tickets: Washburn/Sunada, Carichoff/Yeh and Scotten/Banfield. The only thing different about these three are their names. They all want to "promote diversity," march on up to the capital to demand a reduction in tuition and "reinvent" the ASUO. Christ, for the four miserable years I've been stuck in this God forsaken town — that's all that these candidates ever say. It's like a mantra they teach you in Suite 4 if you're going to run for office. Reinvent the ASUO? What the hell is that? They always say it, but they never explain what they'll actually do. Make the ASUO more accessible to students? Gee, Wally, I thought that the ASUO was run by students.

Lower tuition? Are you really that naive to think that the legislature is going to listen to a bunch of self-righteous, noisy kids who can't even get 15 percent of their student body to vote in their own elections? Of course not; it just looks good on a poster to "fight for students' rights." No, I want you to fight for my wallet. If I thought that my rights were being trampled on, I'd smack Salem upside the head with a copy of the Constitution. It's the rights of my wallet that need saving.

But none of these Bozos wants to change

the mandatory incidental fee process to an optional one. They claim that it would "undermine the freedom of the marketplace of ideas." This ain't Sweden, pal. I'm here to get an education — not to feed the "marketplace of ideas." That's what the real world is for. Congress doesn't fund the religious right quacks or left-wing communist pinkos, so why should I have to? It's bad enough that I have to pay taxes without a bunch of freeloaders grabbing my cash and doing nothing that benefits me with it. Yeah, I'm selfish. So what? This kind of crap doesn't happen off campus, so why should it happen on campus? But these charming lads have all grown up in the ASUO, so why should we expect anything less than the standard party line. That's the whole thing: we should expect more, but I rather doubt that it will change. Ain't democracy great.

Next ticket: Ostitis/Louie. Never heard of 'em. They state that they are "socially liberal, fiscally conservative and chock full of good ideas." Look, you two young-uns, you're there to look out for the way my money is spent, not to be socially liberal, conservative, or anything else. Do that in the privacy of your own home. But these two upstarts do have some nifty ideas, such as a president's ball to raise funds and perhaps at least try to get the campus together for once. Then there's their idea of a 24-hour library and computer lab. I don't see any other candidates being this innovative. Must be that "reinvent" thing that they're all stuck on.

Last item: Kantrowitz/Bostic. Kantrowitz tried for the ASUO Executive last year and Madame Presidente Jennifer Williamson and her partner in crime Zachary Kelton thumped him hard. This was one of the very few good things that ever came out of an ASUO election. Don't get me wrong, the Kantrowitz/Bostic ticket has some very good ideas. It's just that I doubt that it was Kantrowitz's defective X chromosome that came up with them (for you non-biology majors out there, that means that Bostic is probably the brains in the outfit).

Oh yeah, Kantrowitz is smooth, smooth as a baby's butt. I just don't trust him as far as I could drop kick him. Here's a little story for you. You see, Kantrowitz used to

be on the KWVA Board of Directors; he was the chair, in fact. But then they started screwing with the radio station — micro-managing, interfering with the daily operations and writing memos containing questionable directives that no one could seem to remember writing and that no one ever signed. Then, after confrontations with the station's staff and the station's DJs, Kantrowitz was unable (unwilling?) to explain the actions of the board he was in charge of. He then bolted from the board for the rest of the year — abandoning his duties. I guess that the padding on his resume was starting to get a little thin, and he didn't like what was underneath it.

And this yahoo wants to run the ASUO. He can't even handle eight people that only met once a month, if that, much less the 16,000 students at the University. Yet this year, true to form, he's running again. He even picked out another blonde bimbo to run with. The only problem, however, is that Bostic is the farthest thing from a bimbo. She's the only one with a brain out of all ten candidates, and even though I totally disagree with her politics, she's probably got more of a spine than all of the sniveling ASUO "outsiders." That alone is reason enough to vote for her. The ASUO president is supposed to be a leader, one who stands up for what he or she believes in, not some milquetoast who whines a different tune every time the wind changes. Her only mistake is not dumping that fool Kantrowitz.

So don't vote for any of the above, vote for yourself — you'd probably do a better job. If you must, write in Bostic's name and under running mate put down either the economist David R. J. Unger or my kid brother Michael, who will have the misfortune of being here next year. That should cheese him off.

So it's another year of the same ol' S#!t. Big deal. It's happened before, and yes, it will happen again regardless. So have some fun. Write-ins are a blast. The elections committee will love ya for it.

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Three years ago, as I began my freshman year, my wife and I were confronted with the very stressful situation of trying to obtain infant and toddler child care for our 15-month-old son and soon our second son. At that time, most University-affiliated child care centers would only take children 36 months or older and private child care providers who offered infant and toddler care had waiting lists of a year or longer. After several months we finally found child care for our oldest son, but locating infant care for our second son was our real concern.

My wife and I finally connected with Suzy Blanchard at the Amazon Family Co-op Center and told her our long and frustrating circumstance. The response from Blanchard and Amazon was overwhelming and shows the support and commitment the Amazon Family Center has for students with children. Within one month, Blanchard secured the financial resources and found space to develop the first infant-toddler child care program at the University. In addition, she asked my wife and I to be an integral part in locating teachers and developing the infant-toddler program. Peter, 19 months old, and Paul, six weeks old, along with four other toddlers became the founding members of the program.

Today, the infant-toddler program has 12 children and an extensive waiting list. The infant-toddler program is known in the community for delivering high quality, low-cost child care and continues to be an essential component for students with children in obtaining a college degree.

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