

Election: Greeks big issue at debate

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Further defining the Student Conduct Code would also alleviate many campus safety concerns, Scotten said.

"The Student Conduct Code is the main document that sets the tone for our campus environment," he said. "We need to make sure there is very specific language in there that clearly defines what is appropriate behavior and what isn't."

"Once these are defined, we will have a much more expedient process of punishing people for their behavior."

More emergency call boxes and better training for University Office of Public Safety workers is necessary to increase campus safety, Ositis and Louie said.

"OPS ... must be certified so they actually know what they're doing," Ositis said. "We want more call boxes. Call boxes are vital. And finally, you've got to fund safety programs like Saferide."

Candidates also discussed problems currently facing the greek system and their aims to rectify them.

"What we would do to support the greek system is help them recruit more people," Yeh said.

Carichoff added that the ASUO would reach out not only to freshman greeks but to all freshman.

"The ASUO isn't traditionally very effective at [reaching out to] the freshman," he said. "I think that's one way we can help integrate the greeks and the ASUO system ... and make sure we get more co-sponsored programs between the ASUO and the greeks."

Kantrowitz, who is a fraternity member, said negative stereotypes continue to plague fraternities and sororities.

"[Negative stereotypes are] not true of greek people," he said.

Candidate misses three office hours; put on probation

Glen Banfield, the current ASUO state affairs coordinator and an ASUO vice presidential candidate, was placed on probation for non-fulfillment of duties by ASUO President Jennifer Williamson on Tuesday night.

Williamson said the decision to place the candidate on probation was a result of Banfield's missing three of his office hours during the past week.

She said the ASUO is assuming that candidates who miss office hours are campaigning on students' time.

Banfield, however, said he did make the office hours in question.

"I did not miss those office hours," he said. "I worked those hours."

He said Williamson and Zachary Kelton, ASUO vice president, acknowledged to him they were aware that he had made his office hours. When he went into the office on those occasions, however, he failed to initial the office's sign-in sheet and for this reason he was put on probation, Banfield said.

Banfield is running for the vice presidency with ASUO Presidential candidate Matthew Scotten.

"That's a serious problem. The Emerald often times will only report the bad things that happen. The perception is that these groups are inherently bad ... It's very easy to target the greeks."

A solution, Kantrowitz said, would be if the University became more involved in greek

ELECTION notes

Injunction filed over filing time deadline of Kevin Briody

A request for an injunction and formal complaint against the ASUO Elections Board was submitted to the ASUO Constitution Court on Wednesday by students Mike O'Leary, Aleena Kliever and John Watson.

O'Leary, a former Constitution Court member, said he is asking the court to evaluate the candidacy of Kevin Briody, who, like Kliever and Watson, is running for ASUO programs finance senator seat one.

O'Leary claims the Elections Board allowed Briody to file for candidacy shortly after the 5 p.m. March 8 deadline. In doing so, O'Leary said, the board violated the ASUO Constitution.

Briody, claims he was in the ASUO office prior to the deadline and that a member of the Elections Board saw him waiting in line to submit his paperwork for candidacy.

The Elections Board debated whether Briody had arrived at 5 p.m. and was waiting near the desk to file or whether he had arrived after the deadline.

activity.

"I think the University needs to take responsibility of the greeks," he said. "The next time you have a problem with noise from a fraternity, don't call the police over, who charge \$1000. We'll take care of it. They're one of us."

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Mentor: Kitzhaber offers campaign ideas

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a candidate can do in a campaign is to compromise their principles or modify their message.

Likewise, one of the best things a candidate can do, he said, is to remember that it's OK to lose — not recommended, but OK.

When he was running for re-election in Douglas County, he said he realized that there was something very powerful in saying, "The worst thing that can happen is if I don't get re-elected."

"You'll either win or you'll lose and then you are still free to pursue and vote in the things you believe in," he said.

Kitzhaber spent the second half of his visit answering questions from students.

One student asked about the current trend of millionaires like Ross Perot and Steve Forbes who

keep trying to get into public office.

Kitzhaber answered he believes that it is a dangerous trend. Norma Paulus is one recent candidate who was defeated by a candidate who had more money than her.

"I am a strong supporter of publicly funding campaigns and limiting campaign spending," he said. Another student asked about Kitzhaber's personal ethics regarding negative campaigning.

He answered that the recent senate race for former Sen. Bob Packwood's seat was a disgrace.

A third student asked governor how he felt about including independent candidates in the primaries.

Kitzhaber said that he is supportive of opening the primaries to include independents. "I don't see a downside; I think it's a good idea."

Group to open dialogue about bicultural issues

FORUM: Support series is first one on campus for students who grew up with blended cultures

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

Students with backgrounds that cross racial and cultural lines now have a forum to address their concerns, meet others with similar experiences and explore biculturalism.

The Bicultural Support Drop-In Series, a new discussion group created to explore bicultural issues, begins today at 12:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, EMU Suite 33.

Sho Shigeoka, a graduate teaching fellow and one of the group's organizers, said she hopes the group becomes a

place where students learn to feel comfortable in their multiculturalism.

Some of the issues she hopes the group can explore include lesbian, gay and bisexual issues for people of color, interracial relationships and people who have been raised by members of another ethnic group.

Today's meeting will give students a chance to express what they would like to discuss at future meetings.

Shigeoka said biculturalism encompasses a variety of issues, including discussion surrounding what the term means.

"There are a lot of issues — not feeling part of any group, feeling isolated and there may be some internalized racism," she said. "I want students to be able to define their own biculturalism."

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She said she hopes the group fills a void on campus by examining these issues. Until now, there has not been a group that specifically focused on bicultural issues.

Through the group, Shigeoka said she wants students to celebrate their diversity in a supportive atmosphere.

The drop-in series will take place weekly on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:50 p.m. in the MCC, and it is open to students, faculty and staff.

While bicultural issues will be the focus of discussion, the group is open to those who do not have a bicultural background. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 346-3227.