

# Atkinson clocks in

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*Editor's note: These are the seventh and eighth of an 11-part series profiling the ASUO Executive candidates for next year. The primary elections are April 14 and 15, followed by the general elections on April 21 and 22. Transcripts of interviews with each candidate will appear on Page 3 Monday through Friday this week. Today, an additional interview appears on Page 6. Transcripts are edited for space, clarity, grammar and libel.*

Michael Atkinson is a senior majoring in journalism.

**Q-What's your platform?**

**A-**When I am elected, I am going to bring the mothership to Mac Court. And Bootsie [Collins] and George [Clinton] are going to have a big benefit concert to celebrate my election. The benefits are going to go to the erection of a large, stone clock tower.

**Q-What do you consider the two most pressing issues at the University?**

**A-**The lack of a quality timekeeping mechanism. We have canned chimes. They really suck. They're insulting. You are walking to class and it is pouring rain, you've got trench-foot, you are just down — you just flunked a midterm, and the Ducks just lost, and then [hums the University fight song] all of those glockenspiel and chimes, and it has a real, ironic gloom to the whole campus. It doesn't pick up anything. If anything, it brings down the whole mood of everything. It doesn't jive with anyone's feelings.

**Q-How do you plan to deal with that issue?**

**A-**To get rid of the canned chimes. It is like a canned national anthem or a looped drum track. I want big bells for the clock tower. I mean big bells. I want to put some balls in this tower — I don't know, about Big Ben-size. We could probably get a grant from Phil Knight. You know, I want a genuine hunchback, no machines; I want a real dude swinging from some ropes.

**Q-What are the weaknesses of the University?**

**A-**The canned chimes and the lack of a picturesque landmark. Sure we have Deady Hall, but no one really ever sees it.

**Q-What are the strengths of the University?**

**A-**None I can think of.

**Q-What experience do you have that makes you a good candidate for ASUO president?**

**A-**None. I think that is good. I have never really cared about student government. I have always kind of spit in its general direction. I don't have any bones to pick.

**Q-Why did you not choose a running mate?**

**A-**Well, I have Mark White, who is like my mascot, but it is all a big lark, anyway. I mean, I am not going to die. It would just be a person on a poster.

**Q-What would be your goals as ASUO president?**

**A-**I don't believe in goals. Aim low and have low expectations. That is what I think.

**Q-What sets you apart from the other 10 presidential candidates?**

**A-**A 500-foot restraining order.

# Chen notes internal ASUO problems

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*Editor's note: This story is a reprint of an article in Tuesday's Emerald that contained errors made by the Emerald staff.*

Wylie Chen is a junior majoring in planning, public policy and management. His running mate, Mitra Anoushiravani is a sophomore double-majoring in political science and theater.

**Q-What's your platform?**

**A-**WC: We have a number of goals that we want to accomplish, things like retaining seats at Mac Court and Autzen Stadium, child care, campus safety, quick Internet download access for off-campus students, things like that. But our main issue is the restructuring of the ASUO, the internal operations, and we have a lot of internal problems in the ASUO that we want to address.

**Q-What do you consider the two most pressing issues at the University?**

**A-**MA: I think the first one is the lack of collaboration between the ASUO, programs and the administration. It's the ASUO's responsibility to kind of be the medium between those three and be the communication between those.

WC: Our other issue is ASUO accountability. ASUO is responsible for over \$6 million in student fees. We need to be accountable for those, for all the programs and services we offer.

**Q-How do you plan to deal with those issues?**

**A-**WC: The first thing we need to do is get rid of the personal agendas and conflicts of interests within the student government.

MA: Then we need to shift the leadership approach and eliminate the top down approach and put it on a kind of horizontal plane, to really support the programs and the students as opposed to telling them what they should or shouldn't do.

**Q-What are the weaknesses of the University?**

**A-**WC: We have a lot of programs and services on our campus that students don't know about. Our outreach and publicity for these services and programs is extremely poor. It's not that students don't want to be involved with all these programs and services that the ASUO provides.

**Q-What are the strengths of the University?**

**A-**MA: The potential for student empowerment. There is a lot of student activism on this campus, a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Wylie and I both really believe that students really do care about what goes on.

**Q-What experience do you have that makes you a good candidate for ASUO president and vice-president, respectively?**

**A-**WC: I've served on ASUO executive for two years, prior to this year. I worked with USSA and lobbied for higher

education, financial aid and whatnot in Washington, D.C. This past summer I worked for Sen. Ron Wyden working with constituents and legislative issues, and currently I'm the Student Senate vice president. Outside of that student government experience I've worked with a lot of other programs.

MA: Last year at Hamline University, I was involved in the student congress, and this year I'm vice-chair of the EMU board and I'm a resident assistant.

**Q-What would be your goals as ASUO president and vice president?**

**A-**WC: My main goal is to fix the internal problems and to make the student government function like it is supposed to and not push our personal agenda.

MA: My goals are twofold: The first is that I want to personally represent the underrepresented students on campus, which traditionally has been those who are not involved in the ASUO. The second is that I want to create an executive office that is student-centered.

**Q-What sets you apart from the other 10 presidential candidates?**

**A-**MA: What sets Wylie and myself apart from the rest of them is that we are a new, innovative, unaffiliated perspective in the ASUO.

WC: And with our experience and knowledge of the ASUO we'll be able to get the things that need to get done, done.

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