

Promises

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One of their biggest plans for the year, Access 2000, is working to complete three of campaign goals at once. With the help of the United States Student Association, the ASUO Executive has been lobbying and enlisting the help of congress for increased federal financial aid, child care and graduate student aid.

They have also created a plan to improve dial-in modem access for students who live off campus. Chen said the executive plans to decrease paper waste in the EMU Computing Center and use the saved money to buy more modem lines for students without access to the high-speed Ethernet hookups in the residence halls.

"Right now there are only four lines for students, faculty and anyone connected with the University to use," Chen said. "If we're going to put everything on-line we need the services to back it up."

Anoushiravani said she and Chen are also proud of their improved relations with the Eugene

Police Department, especially during the Halloween holiday.

They have found, however, that they simply cannot accomplish some of their campaign promises, including starting a film school at the University, installing covered bike racks on campus and gaining a tuition freeze.

"The OSA Board of Directors voted not to have a freeze," Anoushiravani said.

They also have not been able to increase flexibility in the residence hall housing contract. Currently, students in the residence halls who break their contract and move out during the year must pay a \$9 fee per day for the remainder of the year.

Chen, Anoushiravani and Housing Director Mike Eyster said housing simply can't afford to give students more flexibility in their contracts. As a separate department from the University, housing receives no incidental fee money and must be completely self-sustaining.

But Eyster said the demand for housing hasn't existed this year like it has before, a trend he credits to returning students moving into new apartment complexes such as

Duck's Village and University Commons.

"If someone moves out of a dorm room, we can't just lay off a custodian," Eyster said. "We still have to pay our workers whether the rooms are full or not."

But despite what he can't get done, Chen said he isn't disappointed. He said the goal of his and Anoushiravani's campaign for the executive was to address many student concerns, not just one or two major ones.

"The whole point was to address many issues and see how feasible they were," Chen said. "In that sense, I'm not disappointed if we found we can't move on something."

But both Chen and Anoushiravani said they have been frustrated this term by the University administration's reluctance to act on some of their projects.

"We came in very willing to work with the administration and were optimistic we could create a harmonious synthesis," Anoushiravani said.

Instead, Chen said they have encountered bad communication and a host of other problems.

"I realize and sympathize with President Frohnmayer's health," Chen said. "But there were many times last term where I just wanted to see someone make some action and make an executive decision."

Frohnmayer suffered a sudden heart arrhythmia in October while attending a National Institutes of Health conference in Bethesda, Md.

Anoushiravani agreed she wanted to see more action from the administration.

"We're here for one year, and we can get tangible things done," Anoushiravani said. "They are in tenured positions. Where's the action? Where's the accountability?"

Chen said he met with Frohnmayer last week and is now more optimistic about the administration's commitment to students and student government.

Executive Assistant President Dave Hubin said he feels the administration is accessible to students, but it's a problem that needs to be addressed if Chen and Anoushiravani feel like they are not being heard.

"If they feel that way, that in itself is significant, and we should redouble our lines of communica-

tion," Hubin said.

Both Chen and Anoushiravani said some of the best things to come out of the ASUO office this year aren't specifically on their campaign list but still reflect their success.

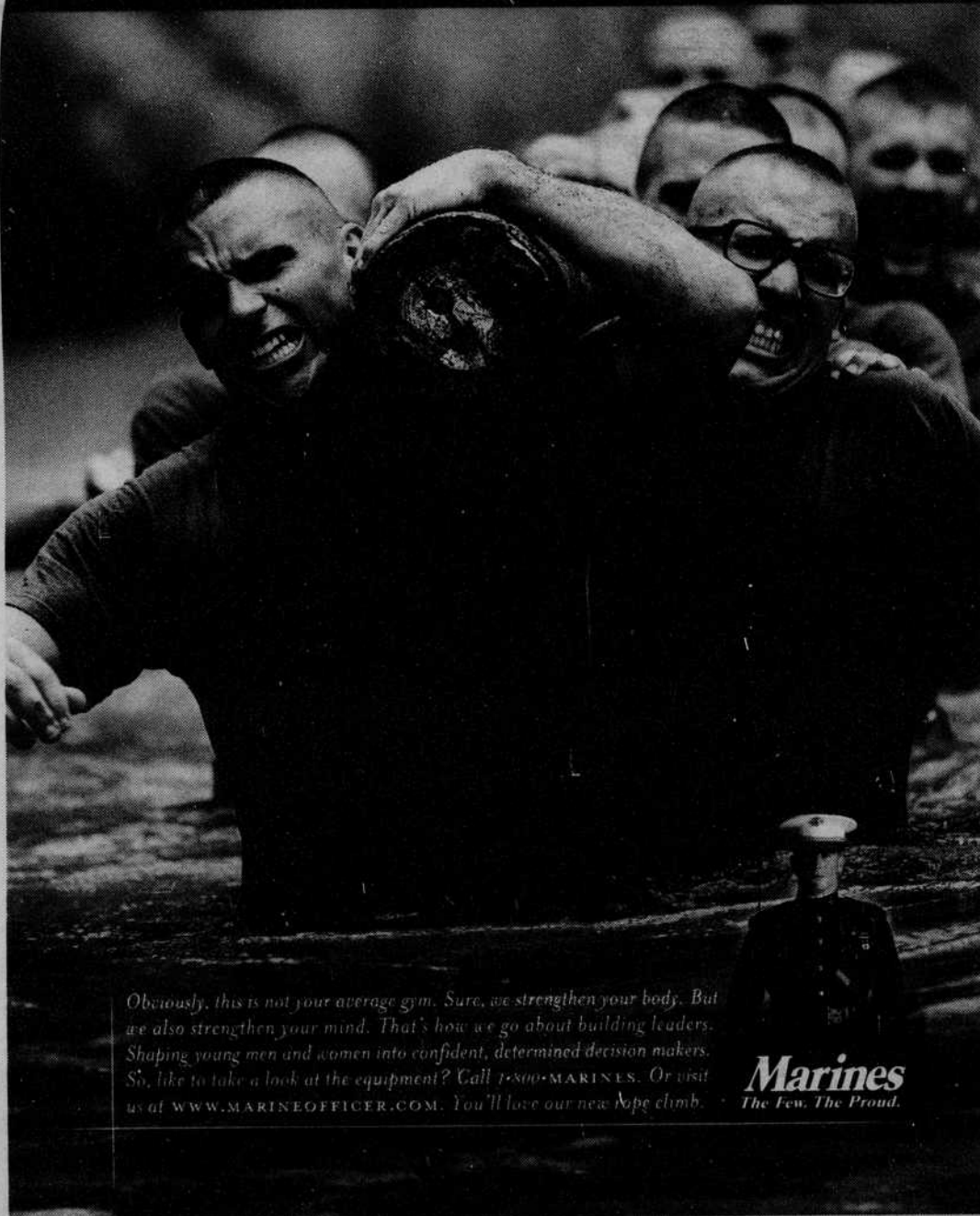
"We've increased accountability by cleaning up the red tape, making sure people follow through on the issues and creating a more professional atmosphere on our staff," Anoushiravani said.

She also praised their renter's rights campaign, the Student Parent Association and improving professor evaluations.

Overall, Anoushiravani and Chen said they are proud of the vision they've set forth for the year, are optimistic for the next half of their campaign and will continue to work to be effective and efficient.

For the rest of the year, the executive will continue working with their Access 2000 and renter's rights campaigns, as well as safety concerns like improving lighting around campus. They also hope to improve birth control in the residence halls by giving resident assistants access to birth control for their residents.

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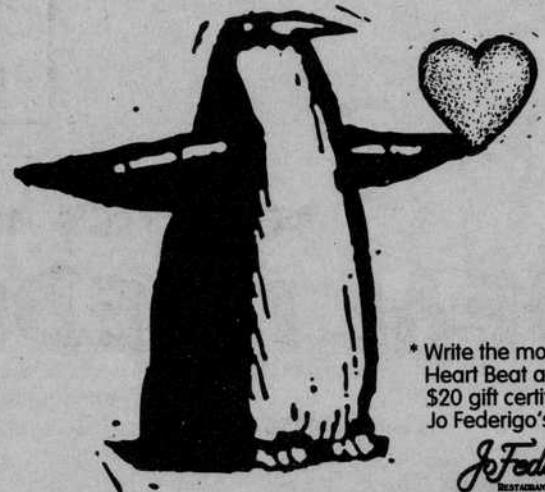
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