

Opening Statement

Greetings Ducks,

It's time once again for us to exercise our student voice and power in this year's ASUO Elections. This is your chance to let your representative body know what you want by voting for those who best represent your views. The more of us that are involved, the better the U of O campus environment will be in the following year. 2000 has brought many hopes and changes to the annual election. The Elections Board has made a few changes to help assure a smooth and fair election so that all of us have the opportunity to be involved.

First off, an outstanding turnout of candidates, with hopes of being the next ASUO senator, board member or president, have come from a variety of backgrounds here on campus to run for the plethora of ASUO seats available. This showing of campus pride and involvement is a testament to the overwhelming sense of awareness that is displayed not only by these candidates but by the entire student body that they wish to represent. This year's ASUO Elections promises to be one of the most democratic votes in years.

Secondly, for the convenience of the entire student body, the 2000 ASUO

Primary and General Elections will be administered completely through Duckweb. What does this mean to you? This means that all upstanding Ducks who have paid their incidental fee can vote in their dorm at 3am in their underwear, one of the several ASUO official voting booths located throughout campus, or anywhere that internet access is available. Indeed, this year we have no excuse not to vote. It will be as simple as a few clicks and take just a couple of minutes. We at the Elections Board hope that this change in the voting process will catapult voter turnout from here on.

Once again we wish to express our utmost gratitude towards the students who have taken an active approach here at the U of O and run for office. All of you should be commended for your desire and drive to make the U of O a better school for all of us. To the voters, we hope that you vote for those who you feel will represent you well and log on to Duckweb during the Primary and General Elections. Good luck to all of this year's candidates.

The 2000 ASUO Elections Board

Candidate Statements

President/Vice President



Daniel Atkinson

Sinister Students Unite! I stand for Left-Hand Rights. If elected I will fight until there are no rights left that the Rights have left us out of!

First I will strive to increase the number of Left-hand desks on campus. Many classrooms have none, most have a handful, and even the best contain no more than 7% Left-hand desks yet a full 14% of young Americans are Left-handed. When we are forced to adjust to Righty's world, it can mean the difference between "a passing or a failing grade," according to an Indiana University study.

Second, I will work with the administration to increase the number of Left-handed faculty on campus. As our school strives to increase diversity, we cannot leave behind the last unsung minority!

My ultimate goal is to eliminate the climate of hate pervading campus. Society has come a long way since the 1600's, when my people were burned at the stake; we've even come a long way from the days when my own father was forced to become right-handed to attend school. Yet hate is still deeply ingrained in our thinking. The words "sinister" and "gauche" mean "Left-handed." We still shake with our right hands. And there is not a single textbook on this campus that does not read

left-to-right-as though moving to the right equals progress!

All our lives, Left-handers have been told we were strange, wrong, even evil. Stop playing Righty's game. Vote Daniel Atkinson for ASUO Executive.

Scott Austin

Hi, my name is Scott Austin, and I want to be your next ASUO President. I suppose I could make a bunch of colossally insipid promises that everyone knows I couldn't possibly keep, but in all honesty, I have no desire to waste valuable brain cells on a task that none of you cynical bastards will buy anyway, so let's just be jolly and blunt: I want power, and lots of it.

Oh, don't act shell-shocked, you all know that if you could, you would want this tremendous power and prestige as well. I want to be absolute dictator and undisputed ruler of this University. If you want that sort of leadership, vote for me. I won't make a difference, I promise. The ASUO is irrelevant and archaically inane anyway, so why not put someone in the pilots seat who believes in Machiavellian theories of leadership? Think about it. I'm your man.



Jay Breslow and Holly Magner

The University of Oregon is a great university. There are opportunities for student activism and advocacy in many different arenas. We are running for ASUO Exec because we believe in the

potential and the power of all students on this campus.

Student government has been criticized for internal bickering and partisan politics. As newcomers to student government, we intend to bridge the gaps between the average student and the ASUO.

We are running not for personal gain, but because we genuinely want all students on this campus to feel good about being here.

Our main goals next year are not crazy or impossible. They are real.

We want to continue the process of diversity on this campus. We need to keep the administration accountable for the promises that they have made and continue the hard work that goes along with making positive changes at the university level. We also want to continue the work that has been done on community outreach with the greater Eugene community.

Returning students and student parents are an important yet often overlooked population on this campus. We need to find ways to reach out by protecting childcare and creating programs and forums that address their needs.

We can do all of this, and we will.

VOTE JAY AND HOLLY FOR ASUO EXEC!



Autumn Kathleen DePoe and Caitlin Upshaw

We will not attempt to persuade you with catchy slogans

and cheesy campaign promises that will never be fulfilled. Our moms always told us, "If you want to cook in the kitchen, leave it looking better than you found it." That is what we plan to do with the ASUO.

Tell us what you want. We won't feed you a bunch of squash (i.e. trash) that will just end up spilling on your shirt. (Who wants a wad of squash on his/her shirt?)

Autumn knows her way around campus, intimately. She has served on the Student Senate, been the vice-chair of the Emerald Board of Directors, reported for the Emerald and KWVA news, spent an entire year as ASUO Communications Director, chaired the KWVA Board of Directors, served on numerous student/faculty committees and has her own show on KWVA 88.1 (shameless plug to tune in).

Caitlin has a lot of personality and will tap dance for any student (for free).

We are serious. We have the most experience. We are students just like you. (We couldn't even afford to get neat pictures of ourselves for this guide.)

We believe that every student has the experience to be ASUO President. (We're students, isn't that the point?)

We have known each other for 8 years and are Eugene residents (i.e. we get along and know the community we love).

We support all ASUO programs. Vote smart, vote for the best candidates (i.e. vote for us). (Skatepark in the EMU! love, Autumn).



C.J. Gabbe and Peter Larson

Vote CJ and Peter.

Tuition is rising, financial aid is decreasing, child care is inaccessible, diversity isn't prioritized, and people don't feel safe with the Eugene police. Even though students pay tuition, we feel powerless. The Administration is making decisions that should be ours. We need to exercise our power. CJ and Peter are ready to step up and give power back to students.

Making Education Affordable

We will fight to decrease student debt as well as working towards a tuition freeze for residents, non-residents, and international students.

Promoting a Diverse Community

We will work on recruitment and retention of students and faculty of color as well as expanding the definition of hate crimes. Together we can institutionalize safe and accessible education for everyone.

Holding Police Accountable

Who watches out for students' interests? Without a system of accountability, the police are answering to no one. We want to increase student input in matters of police review and conduct.

Student's Issues

Students went online and told us that there are three main issues they want us to address: corporate code of conduct, big name concerts on campus, and longer library hours. We will work hard to make sure these issues are

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