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VOTE! On ASUO ballot measures...

The following are the Emerald editorial board's endorsements for the ASUO ballot measures that students will vote on Wednesday and Thursday. The editorial board encourages you to make sure your voice is heard. Get out and vote!

MEASURE #1

Do you support continuing the Associated Students of the University's membership in the United States Student Association for \$50,223 per year, which is approximately \$1.00 per student per term, for a period of two years, to begin fall term 2000?

YES It just makes sense to continue supporting important student issues on the national level, and the USSA is one of the best organizations working for our

MEASURE #4

Shall it be resolved that the students of the University formally request the University adopt the code of, and join with, the Workers' Rights Consortium, in financing all membership fees through profits from University licensing contracts?

YES Though this is virtually the same statement being considered by the Licensing Code of Conduct Committee, it's an important ethical pronouncement in support of workers' rights, and it's always important to reinforce those values.

MEASURE #5

Shall student incidental fees be increased by approximately \$1 per student per term for a period of two years to generate \$50,000 per year to allow the Office of International Education and Exchange to purchase books, periodicals, supplies and equipment, to staff an International Resource Center within the International Lounge in the EMU?

NO The resources offered by this program are redundant for those in the University system, especially the highly esteemed Knight Library. The Programs Finance Committee already turned this project down.

MEASURE #2

Shall the following section be added to the ASUO Constitution and the subsequent section be renumbered accordingly? 15. Grievances. 15.1 Any grievance filed by a member of the ASUO against an ASUO Program, excluding the ASUO Executive and ASUO Student Senate, must be filed first with the ASUO Programs Administrator. Any resolution to a grievance filed with the ASUO programs administrator may be appealed to the ASUO president within seven business days. Decisions made by the ASUO president may be appealed to the Constitution Court within seven business days if the grievance falls under the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to section 10.2.

YES This measure will be a good way to streamline the arduous grievance process by offering one more filter to examine concerns before the Constitution Court or Student Senate must waste their time on often insignificant process problems.

VOTE

MEASURE #7

Shall student incidental fees be increased by approximately \$0.35 per student per term to generate \$16,843 in addition to the Programs Finance Committee's allocation of \$63,157, to fund the ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle in such a manner that the service will be able to operate a multiple vehicles during peak weekday and

YES Again, the Designated Driver Shuttle is an important service and should be funded whenever a reasonable plan is put forth, such as this funding for increased operating time.

MEASURE #3

Shall student incidental fees be increased by approximately \$0.52 per student per term to generate \$25,000 to enable the ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle to purchase a replacement 15-passenger van, for increased service during peak weekend operating

YES The DDS is an important safety resource around campus, and its fleet needs to be updated. This measure would replace one of the grizzled vans. It's not much money, and the investment is a wise

MEASURE #8

Shall a student incidental fee be established at approximately \$7.29 per student per term for the 2000-2001 academic year to generate \$365,000 and approximately \$7.52 per student per term for the 2001-2002 academic year to generate \$375,000, to fund unlimited bus service for all currently registered University students? Law students would pay approximately \$10.94 per student per regular semester for the 2001-2002 academic year. Other students would pay approximately \$7.29 per student for summer semester for the 2000-2001 academic year and approximately \$7.52 per student for summer semester for the 2001-2002 academic year.

YES The inexpensive LTD bus service is a boon to many students and should continue because there is no better alternative mass transit plan for such a great price.

MEASURE #6

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[Paraphrased for length] A list of ASUO constitution changes that would require a review by the Constitu-tion Court of all proposed ballot measures and their wording before they would be considered by voters.

YES This ballot would ensure that a measure passed by students will not be overturned later and will allow any problems to be fixed in early stages.

THUMBS



To increased voter

With a final tally of 1,942 students voting in the ASUO primaries, up 341 from last year, voters got out this year to vote for their favorite candidates and fulfilled a responsibility of a healthy democracy.

To the hilarious stupidity of 'The Bull'

Mafia-hit-manturned-state-informant Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano was arrested last Thursday on drug distribution charges The Bull originally escaped the wrath of justice of 19 admitted murders by turning on former Mafia don John Gotti and now faces charges on a ring of Ecstasy distribution in Arizona and New Mexico. Anyone who's seen "Goodfellas" knows the irony is sickening.



To Tonya just being Tonya

Portland native and world-infamous ice skater **Tonya Harding was** back in the news again last week for an issue of violence. She pleaded innocent to domestic assault Thursday after allegedly heaving a hubcap at her boyfriend and repeatedly punching him in the face.

To the quiet de-

Only eight out of 28 ASUO Student Senate hopefuls showed up to a debate last Tuesday. There were 16 open seats.

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