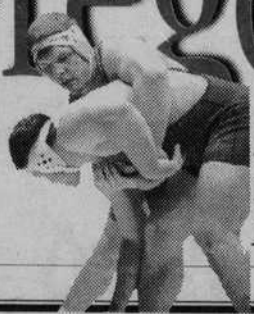


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A strong presence

Sophomore Eric Webb has been a dominant force for the Oregon wrestling team. **PAGE 7**

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Hail to the chiefs



Chrystal McConnell Emerald

Holly Magner (left) and Jay Breslow, shown with their 'super' capes, bring a light-hearted touch to the offices of vice president and president.

ASUO Exec: 'anything but boring'

Jay Breslow and Holly Magner have hired a great staff and shown some humor, but they haven't left a legacy

By Emily Gust
Oregon Daily Emerald

Perhaps the best thing ASUO President Jay Breslow and Vice President Holly Magner have done during their term as Executive is assemble their staff and allow it to run on its own.

Even Breslow and Magner think so. But some of those staff members said that although they enjoy the extra freedom to work on projects, the office is missing staff cohesiveness and a major drive toward a single goal.

Breslow and Magner took over the ASUO Executive office last summer with no student government experience and limited background with student groups. While the two let their staff shape the Executive's agenda, they have done little to push personal campaigns; instead, their goals have molded around what the rest of the staff wants.

"I'm proudest of the folks that are working in this office ... and the job we've done together," Breslow said.

Their biggest projects fall term were the staff's

voter registration campaign, which garnered 5,580 new voters, and the efforts to persuade the Eugene City Council to change certain conditions of the special response fee — an ordinance that charges party-throwers for repeat police visits to their disorderly gatherings.

Staff members frequently said the group is committed, hard-working and able to function without supervision, points that Magner stressed as well.

Brian Tanner, ASUO state affairs coordinator, described the office structure as inverted, where Breslow hires people to work on things they are concerned about and lets them set the agenda.

"Jay and Holly definitely do not micro-manage," Tanner said. "At least [not] my position or the [legislative] team in general."

Chad Sullivan, ASUO university affairs coordinator, said Breslow and Magner's hands-off philosophy has made the office less authoritarian and more organic, which is something he enjoys.

"One thing I really like about [Breslow] is that he

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WRC vs. FLA: Fair monitors?

■ The Fair Labor Association gets its turn in the hot seat at the second of three public forums

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

One of the leading advocates of international worker and human rights, Pharis Harvey, came before faculty members Monday afternoon and detailed why the Fair Labor Association is a viable monitoring organization.

Harvey, who helped establish the International Labor Rights Fund in 1986, is currently a member of the FLA's board of directors. His speech was the second of three public forums sponsored by the University Senate's ad hoc committee to clarify issues behind labor monitoring. The last forum will be held Feb. 28.

During their protests and sit-ins last year, supporters of the Worker Rights Consortium called the FLA a weak-willed front for corporations because its board of directors included industry representatives. Some members of the audience during Harvey's presentation renewed this criticism by questioning both the role of corporations in the FLA and its monitoring practices.

Harvey defended the organization and said that if a university only had the resources for being committed to one organization, it should choose the FLA because the WRC's reports on labor issues "come out in a somewhat random way," and the FLA has a more systematic approach to monitoring.

But Harvey also said the two organizations can work extremely well together, and the University should try to join both organizations if possible.

"My own perception is that the FLA and WRC are compatible organizations ... that are mutually supportive and helpful," he said.

ASUO University Affairs Coordinator Chad Sullivan, who has actively supported the WRC, questioned the role of corporations on the FLA's board of directors.

Margaret Hallock, a professor with the Labor Education and Research Center, also said it didn't sound as

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“My own perception is that the FLA and WRC are compatible organizations ... that are mutually supportive and helpful.”

Pharis Harvey member, FLA board of directors



Media observer debunks theory of "liberal bias" in journalism

■ Jeff Cohen, creator of FAIR Magazine, says America actually has 'libertine media'

By Hank Hager
For the Emerald

Media watchdog Jeff Cohen spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of more than 100 media-concerned onlookers at the Central Presbyter-

ian Church in Eugene on Monday night. The creator of FAIR Magazine spoke of the conservative bias in the media today and how media consolidation is influencing journalists.

In an hour and a half speech, "The Myth of the Liberal Media," Cohen debunked a widespread belief among Americans that the media are too liberal. This belief per-

sists, Cohen said, because consumers are uneducated as to what is considered liberal.

"What Americans most call liberal media is actually libertine media," he said. "If we had a liberal, left-wing media we would be hearing much more about the military. There would be intense coverage of the military. Complaints of liberal media are brought upon by sleazy

content."

This "sleazy content" is a by-product of important stories never being produced, Cohen said. Media conglomerates run many news outlets and they control what is shown and what is not. Cohen claimed that important stories are often buried or ignored because they involve companies that pay for the shows to be produced.

Cohen said only six corporations control the mass media. Media consolidation is even encouraged within the media.

"Journalists now engage in self-censorship," he said. "They don't even bring up stories for fear of losing their jobs."

Money is often an important factor when deciding what stories are

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