

Letters

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Nilda and Joy support all students

Having worked with Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair on their campaign for the past few months, I have come to realize the extent to which they are qualified for the ASUO Executive. While I always knew about their titles and the work they did in the ASUO, I was unaware of the time and effort they put into understanding other students and trying to empathize with their concerns.

Brooklyn and Nair can't be classified as belonging to any particular group. Their concerns and friendships run deeper than that. They support and associate with student programs as much as they do with Greeks and athletes. These two continuously give up their time to educate themselves about the matters that concern all students, not just a select few.

Because they will fight to represent all students and to provide a voice for the University as a whole, I am voting for Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair.

Rachel Pilliod
freshman
undeclared

Con Court should have heard grievance

I am very disappointed with the law whizzes at the ASUO Constitution Court. They've fenagled out of another election delay by dismissing my March 23 grievance against the ASUO Election Board.

I filed a grievance with the election board against Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook on Feb. 27, alleging trespassing and distributing fliers in the residence halls (including my own) — violating the rules of the Residence Hall Association.

The board ignored my grievance, even though the Emerald covered the story. Surely they didn't lose

the paperwork in the ASUO's messy hovel-of-an-office.

I filed a grievance March 23 against the board for not hearing my case. The court gave me the same silent treatment. Not until I threatened to file a grievance with the ASUO Senate against the court did they respond with a one-paragraph dismissal — saying my grievance was conjoined to Jeff Oliver's resolved complaint.

The court's ruling that the cases were conjoined is inappropriate. If this is so, why was I not given a hearing notice or written decision after the board heard Jeff Oliver's case?

ASUO Election Rule 7.3 (b) requires the board to issue its written decision to the plaintiff and the defendant. If I was a plaintiff, where is my due process?

This issue began with Jacobson and Cook — whom I'll remind you not to vote for. The string of corruption is clear. Until the election board and constitution court shapes up, abuse of University policies will continue.

David Christensen
sophomore
English

Bret and Matt ask for your vote

I would like to remind all students, including law school and graduate students, that if they care about the issues Matt Cook and I stand for, they have to vote today on DuckWeb by 5 p.m.

We believe that there is a desire within the campus to have intelligent, moderate people with fresh ideas and a new perspective acting as the official student voice.

We have creative ways of solving campus problems. We want to include students from all majors to examine how to best improve student government, as well as starting a public relations outlet for student groups and reorganizing the executive to better meet student needs.

We also believe that many people don't know why voting is impor-

tant to their own lives. In this case, the ASUO receives about \$500 of your money each year, and we are the best choice as a ticket to oversee how that money is used.

Please take the short period of time to vote for something new. Vote for Bret and Matt.

Bret Jacobson
junior
business

Nilda understands women's issues

As a woman on this campus, I am glad to see a candidate that is so dedicated to women's issues. I saw Nilda Brooklyn at the regional Gloria Steinem Leadership Institute in Portland last month. It was a great weekend workshop where we were educated about current issues facing the nation's women. But more importantly, we were taught what we, as students, could do to improve them.

It is refreshing to know that a candidate understands that women at this university deal with more problems than the obvious public safety issue. While that is important, the problems that women face go beyond the physical assaults. Child care, date rape and classroom discrimination are also on the minds of today's collegiate women.

I am confident that Brooklyn and Joy Nair will do a great job representing all students and their issues.

Elizabeth B. Loudon
junior
undeclared

Spike Lee story got it wrong

Did your reporters see the same Spike Lee I did? He looked like a "normal guy"? He is a normal guy, whatever that means.

We aren't allowed to say what women are wearing anymore, but you lead with what he was wearing? That is weak! Besides, in his oversize yellow-and-black striped shirt, he looked like a big bumblebee.

He said when he entered films, his

purpose was to tell a story, not to "give black artists the platform..." That came later, as he specifically stated. He also criticized "Green Mile" and "Driving Miss Daisy" extensively. All he said about "Patriot" was that there wasn't a Native American in the whole film, and he was sure that South Carolina, where it was made, must have some.

Your reporters need to take better notes and re-read them before they write.

Don Goldman
fifth year
classics

Nilda and Joy have experience to make a difference

Through my own involvement with different groups, I have seen different individuals and student leaders claim to care about the greater good of students on this campus. Quite frankly, I don't believe that everyone is sincere about their reasons for "caring."

As the ASUO elections (finally) take place, we'll be hearing a lot of talk about why the candidates are running and what goals they hope to accomplish. I admire all the candidates for taking the initiative to run for office, but I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair for the past two years, and I strongly believe in their ability to lead, listen, cooperate and make things happen. Their dedication, passion and sincerity stand alone in this election.

Brooklyn and Nair have proven they're qualified and capable of representing students on our campus. They've built coalitions with countless student organizations on campus, and they have also been actively involved with some of these groups as members. They also realize the importance of reaching out to students who aren't associated with a student group. Their current involvement with the ASUO has given them an understanding of what works, and they are commit-

ted to listening to the concerns of the student body.

Brooklyn and Nair have what it takes to make a positive difference on our campus. I urge everyone to take two minutes out of their busy schedules and put these women where they belong — in the ASUO Executive office.

Dawn Liu
senior
general science/psychology

Nilda and Joy live and work for diversity

I am a freshman, and I am voting for Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair for ASUO president and vice-president. As a staff member of the Black Student Union, I feel that by voting for Brooklyn and Nair, I am also casting a vote for diversity.

One reason for choosing to attend the University of Oregon is the increasing awareness afforded to the issue of diversity. It would be of the greatest benefit to have the present multicultural advocate, Nilda Brooklyn, and the recruitment and retention coordinator, Joy Nair, as our executive. They will not only bring their knowledge of issues facing diversity, but we will all benefit from Nair and Brooklyn's experience and close involvement with the student unions and programs.

I am so excited about these two candidates for the reason that they encourage all student unions to have a voice and will help to bridge the gap between the ASUO and student groups, helping to strengthen the organizations as well as the student government, and in effect will foster a more inclusive campus atmosphere.

Brooklyn and Nair have a true commitment to diversity and understand the importance of what diversity means to a college campus — not just by saying it, but by living and working for it.

Haben Woldu
freshman
biology

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- How do basic world views affect the definition, freedom and dignity of the individual?
- What role does the U.S. Constitution play in regulating or freeing religious expression?
- How do these larger issues affect current legislation on school prayer and posting the ten commandments, vouchers for private school, regulating the Boy Scouts or President Bush's proposed Faith-based Initiative funding?

Date: April 18th

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Place: Ben Linder Forum Room
Erb Memorial Union - University of Oregon