

Candidate Statements

President and Vice President

ASUO EXECUTIVE

The President may run with a designated Vice President, or may run alone. S/he is elected for a one-year term from the student body at large. The President's current stipend is \$600/month or work-study; the Vice President's current stipend is \$600/month or work-study. Both work at least 30 hours per week for 12 months.

The ASUO Executive is the recognized voice of UO students, and administers over 115 funded ASUO programs. The ASUO President is the chief officer of the Executive, which includes a Vice President and the offices of Fundraising, Programs, Elections, Finance, Multicultural Affairs, International Affairs, Non-Traditional Student Affairs, University Affairs, Federal Affairs, State Affairs, Greek Affairs, Community Affairs, Publicity, and Comptrollers. Staff members are hired by the President's hiring committee after s/he is elected. The Executive may undertake many projects according to the President's wishes. These projects may include symposiums, street fairs, forums and debates, political fairs, voter registration drives, work with the Oregon Student Lobby and the United States Student Association, and much more.



Gregory McNeill and Maco Stewart

The ASUO Executive Office distributes over \$8.5 million dollars of student incidental fees annually. Each of us pays \$500 for benefits like free football tickets, free public transit and campus publications. Unfortunately, that is all that most of us ever see for our money. In past years, the ASUO improved life for all U of O students. The EMU amphitheatre and the blue-light emergency posts that we see all over campus are examples of the good work that the ASUO once did. For the past two years, however, no significant improvements have taken place. The ASUO keeps a low profile, and has done next to nothing for the average student. We consider this to be a very serious problem. Clearly, there are better ways that our money can be spent.

If elected, we will ensure that the programs which are financed first are those which all students can enjoy. Free football tickets are always in short demand, for example, and are something which more students should be able to obtain. If elected, we will provide more student seating at sports events. Project Saferide, the Designated Driver Shuttle, and the Student Recreation Center are all good examples of the types of programs that we most strongly support.

We also see a shortage of ASUO-sponsored activities. Where are the dances, the barbecues? The homecoming parade? Other schools have celebrations and events, and we should too. These are some of the things we stand for. On election day, don't forget to vote McNeill/Stewart.



Rachel Pilliod

Year: Sophomore
Majors: Political Science, General Science
Hometown: Springfield, OR
Related Experience: Constitution Court Justice, Health and Wellness Coordinator

Ben Buzbee

Year: Junior
Major: Business Administration/Finance
Minor: Economics
Hometown: West Linn, OR
Related Experience: EMU Board, Student Senate, Vice President of Delta Sigma Phi, University of Oregon Investment Group

In the time we have spent at the University of Oregon, we have had a great deal of experience working with the ASUO, Student Senate and Constitution Court, as well as a variety of campus and community organizations. With this experience, we hope to work with as many students as possible to address issues affecting not only the academic elements of student life, but also the varying social aspects of a campus community of nearly 20,000 students.

Some areas we have committed ourselves to working on include:

- Establishing an effective leadership development program to serve as a resource for students on campus.
- Increasing healthcare access and education on campus, state and federal levels.
- Creating a permanent Health and Wellness Position in the ASUO.
- Continuing the work on housing standards, energy efficiency and increasing the awareness of, and involvement in, issues concerning social inequalities on campus.

We look forward to meeting and working with new students, and promise to incorporate new ideas throughout the year. So what's all the buzz about? It's about Rachel and Ben for ASUO Exec!



John L. Ely and Hayes Bryant Hurwitz

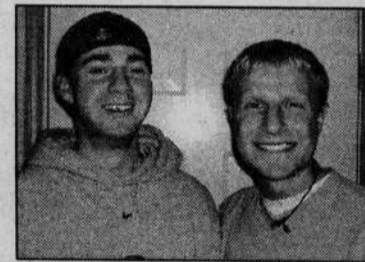
During these rough economic times, the University of Oregon needs fiscally responsi-

ble and effective leaders that can work with a diverse range of people and issues. Our experience, ethics, and abilities will help UO students to achieve academic and social stability.

Our highest priority is to create an efficient, practical, and convenient system that will allow students of all classes, cultures, and needs access to a well-rounded higher education. As undergraduate students pursuing post-graduate education we both understand the need for an effective system that allows the flexibility to pursue other interests while maintaining a full schedule of classes. We both feel strongly about attaining more flexible and convenient access to school resources.

Coming from diverse backgrounds, but having similar goals has given us perspective towards understanding those of various upbringings and of dissimilar needs. We value social harmony, and ethical principles. Through the development of diversity and empathy for all students, we can realize the strength in unity.

Together we can address and solve any difficulty that exists or could arise in the future. We plan to act as a gateway for students to have their voices heard not only on campus, but also at a municipal, state, and national level. We believe that the potentials for the University of Oregon and its students are limitless, and we would like to create an environment that captures that potential. Go Ducks!



Sean Ritchie and Jason Babkes

VOTE FOR RITCHIE & BABKES
ASUO PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT
Student Government That Works For You

Now's an amazing moment in time to be a student at UO. The University shines in the national spotlight through academic and athletic success reflecting the dynamic spirit that is Oregon. It all comes from the active participation of the student body in creating the environment and a dialogue that is the essence of higher learning. Sean Ritchie and Jason Babkes are the best choice to build on that spirit.

Student government at it's best unites all students; actively seeking input from all to implement programs that further the pursuit of excellence. It fosters a safe campus that promotes

discussion and respect. With a commitment to representing the entire student body through a completely open and personal-agenda free administration, Ritchie/Babkes will seek input from all, with the goal of creating a university-uniting agenda that preserves the integrity and standards of the University.

Ritchie and Babkes are active in the University community and have a passion for Oregon that is unmatched. With energy, reason and willingness to serve, Ritchie/Babkes will create an administration that will serve the students and do only what is right for the University.
RITCHIE & BABKES
ASUO PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT
Student Government at its best



Eric Bailey and Charlotte Nisser

The Eric Bailey/Charlotte Nisser ticket offers experience, leadership and ingenuity to this year's election. Bailey has been on the Student Senate for two years, holding the offices of Vice-President and Ombudsman. He is currently the R.H.A. President and is Vice-President of the Junior Honor Society. Nisser contrasts this with her position as General Manager of KWVA 88.1 FM, Campus Radio, a large student program. She has prior ASUO experience under the Wylie & Mitra Executive.

Next year is an election year. A top priority for the executive must be voter registration and education. The student voice must be heard! Student concerns are often overlooked due to low voter turnout. We'll do our best to reverse this trend at the UO.

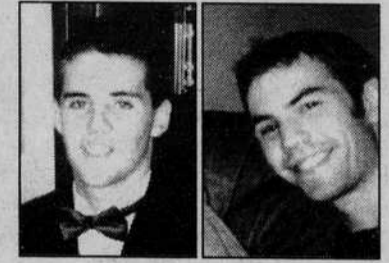
Budget cuts from the state and tuition hikes from the university are both in the foreseeable future. But Bailey/Nisser has a plan. We will do whatever we can to reduce the effects of these financial burdens as well as preventing the loss of faculty and overcrowding of classes.

The Bailey/Nisser campaign fully supports student groups; they are an essential part of our university experience. We will encourage coalitions between student groups and the ASUO to educate students on issues of race and diversity.

Energy conservation, Greek involvement, protecting student

tickets and campus safety would be among other top priorities in a Bailey/Nisser office. We have the experience and we know the issues. On February 20-22, vote Bailey/Nisser for Exec!

Questions? Check out www.geocities.com/baileynisser or e-mail us at baileynisser@hotmail.com



Jesse Harding and Todd Brink

THE STATUS QUO HAS TO GO! All candidates will talk about the need for change, but few have the experience and capability to create it. We need someone to step up. State budget cuts loom on the horizon, student/faculty relations are poor and the senate/ASUO executive relationship isn't seeing eye-to-eye.

Many executive candidates line up for the wrong reasons with a narrow focus and perspective. Students narrow the candidates down to the ASUO breed and the 'outsiders' and are left with little choice. Todd and I incorporate the positives from both of these sides. We have a lot leadership experience and we have definitely not lost touch with touch with the greater student population.

Our goal making the ASUO more efficient and effective at carrying out its responsibilities. Here are a few of the plans we have:

- Anti-university funding cuts rallies
- A university housing advocate
- Eliminating the energy tax to students
- Promoting more efficient use of campus energy
- Creating an honorary "Professors Day"
- Working with Senate to improve relations
- Lending support in expanding our student groups
- Developing better parking/transportation for commuting students
- Enhancing university community service programs

This is honestly just scratching the surface on what can be accomplished by voting for Todd and I for ASUO executive. We have the student's and the university's interest at mind and we just want the opportunity to put our past experience to work on the ASUO.

Jesse & Todd for ASUO!!!

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