

NEWS BRIEF

ASUO Senate welcomes new members, approves requests

The ASUO Student Senate emerged from the EMU Board Room in impressive time on Wednesday night. The senators welcomed two new members to the senate and dispatched with several minor requests

in less than thirty minutes.

History and art history major Steven Lockfield gained confirmation to Senate Seat 12 by a unanimous vote. No one ran for that seat during last year's elections.

The senate confirmed law student Joseph Jenkins to Senate Seat 18 after the elected representative for that seat, James Jensen, quit.

"I feel lucky and grateful that this po-

sition came open," Jenkins said. Jenkins lost an election battle with Mena Ravasipour last year for a Student Senate seat.

When Student Senate positions open, the ASUO Executive forms a hiring committee.

Senate President Ben Strawn was on the committee that hired Lockfield and Jenkins.

"It's sort of like an application for any other job," Strawn said.

The senate approved a \$459 request by Land Air Water, an environmental law group, for telecommunications costs related to that group's conference last year. Chairman Michael Gustafson, who represented the group at the meeting, said University Telecommunications Services didn't bill the group until September. Land Air Water hosts the largest environmental law conference in the country, Gustafson said.

"This is money that they rolled over

into surplus, so they are, in some way, entitled to it," Strawn said.

The senate approved a \$75 transfer request between food accounts of the Sustainable Business Symposium and a similar request for \$400 from the Asian Pacific American Student Union.

No one from the Native American Student Union was in attendance to represent that group's request.

— Chuck Slothower

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edge right now, and it could go great."

Also elected to the board were Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly, Sarah Donelson, Steve Jarvis, Ron Lewis and Caroline O'Leary. Deborah Healy was elected board secretary.

O'Leary, a University senior majoring in architecture and political science,

said she decided to get involved after learning about the old neighborhood association and then receiving a postcard notifying her about the newly started meetings.

"I was kind of hoping that (the neighborhood association) would come back," O'Leary said. "What I want to do is listen to what the neighborhood wants and see what the association can do about its needs."

Lewis, who has been living in the

neighborhood for 10 years, said he wanted to make sure that important neighborhood matters could be discussed through the association.

"I want to keep this organization alive and make sure that there is a forum for issues," Lewis said.

The issues that face the neighborhood are numerous. The area is mostly populated by students who usually live there during the school year and leave for the summer. This leaves very

few residents who have a long-term investment in the neighborhood. The area has been the scene of several alcohol-fueled riots over the past six years and is also home to several transients. Residents frequently complain about loud parties and noises to the Eugene Police Department. Many alleys are unpaved and dimly lit.

The neighborhood association aims to improve conditions in the area, which stretches east to west from Kin-

caid to Willamette Street and north to south from Franklin Boulevard to 19th Avenue.

"We're going to have fun and make friends," Rixman said. "Instead of butting heads with students, we're going to try to create a flexible relationship and make students feel welcomed."

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have noticed parties growing steadily in both size and volume.

"I don't know if it's a trend," Delf said. "But it definitely looks like some jumps."

Hicks said the best advice he has for students is to accept responsi-

bility for drinking on campus.

"Be responsible when it comes to alcohol and drug use," he said. "Accept the consequences if you engage in something unlawful or against student conduct code."

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CAMPUS BUZZ

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Candidate reception, 4 p.m.-5 p.m., Heritage Hall in the Bowerman Family Building. Campus and community members can meet Gregory J. Vincent, a finalist for the new University vice provost for institutional equity and diversity position.

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"The symposium is meant to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the military coup in Chile that happened on September 11," History Professor Carlos Aguirre said.

Aguirre said the symposium was also an opportunity to discuss current issues on terrorism, human rights and democracy in Latin America.

In the present day, millions of people live in Latin America under poverty and are treated as second class citizens, Aguirre said.

"That is one of the main challenges of democracy," he said. "Even if today most of Latin American countries have

democratically elected governments, we still feel democracy is a project we need to work on and realize."

He added that human rights are an integral part of the democratic process and that the mainstream media is not paying enough attention to issues in Latin America.

"We thought it was an opportunity to bring these issues to the forefront," Aguirre said. He said the conference would also deal with the human rights of immigrants in the United States.

Spanish Instructor Bryan Moore, who helped organize the art exhibit, said the symposium is an opportunity to reflect on the U.S. role in Latin America. Moore said U.S. foreign policy in the area had often been "militaristic, interventionist and sometimes of great abuse to human rights." Moore said hundreds of people were tortured or

killed in different Latin American countries for various political reasons.

"Our foreign policy was a great part of that tragedy," he said. "We must reflect on that."

He added that he hopes the reflection on the last thirty years since Sept. 11, 1973, would help teach lessons on how people can work for human rights.

Director Caroline Forell — the director of the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, one of the event's sponsors — said she liked the conference because of its interdisciplinary scope that uses everything from art to poetry to comment on relevant issues.

"There has been so much focus on the Middle East and terrorism that other things get ignored here in this hemisphere," she said.

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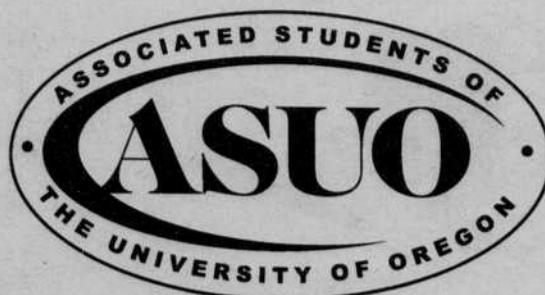
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