

Progressives should unite to beat Bush

The editorial on April 6th titled "Nader's bid means new possibilities for country" leaves unanswered: what new possibilities? Instead of stepping down in the 2000 campaign, Nader stayed in the race. This decision greatly impacted the election. It is almost impossible to argue that his 97,000 votes in Florida didn't sway the results in Bush's favor. The conservatives understood this reality very well, paying for Nader commercials in key states. The

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for Nader meant more than just simply voting symbolically for one's conscience by stressing subtle differences in policy; it meant helping elect a President that is completely antithetical to this conscience. Under Bush, issues of the utmost importance to Nader

closeness of the 2000 election meant that the choice of sympathizers and progressive minded people have been trampled on. The editorial article stated that Ralph Nader is "...more an issue for debate than an actual presidential candidate". I completely agree. We can debate Nader all we want, but if you want to change the direction of our country, instead of voting symbolically, please vote for an "actual presidential candidate." The only possibility that Ralph Nader brings is an old one and we saw that in the

election of 2000. This is the possibility of division among liberals leading to another four years of Bush. It is time for progressive-minded people to join together in the common cause of beating George Bush. If you want to see new possibilities for our country actually realized, please support John Kerry for President.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adam and Mena will stop "sketchy scheduling fee"

I am writing to offer my support to Adam and Mena for ASUO Executive. I decided to do so not long after dropping a class during the first week of spring term. This course, which didn't change my course load because I added another class at the same time, will cost me 15 percent of the cost of the course.

This policy is a blatant attempt by the University to get even more money from students who are already paying too much tuition. Adam and Mena know this. They are the only ones who are working to stop this sketchy scheduling fee. To help preserve academic freedom,

vote for Adam and Mena.

Hayley Harris
junior
journalism

Strawn and Aguilar committed to change

We need an ASUO Executive that is dedicated to creating changes right here on campus. I give my endorsement to Ben Strawn and Diana Aguilar for ASUO Executive because they are committed to this principle.

General apathy on campus for student government has been driven by previous ASUO Executive administrations that have focused too much on off-campus issues. It is time for a change! Ben and Diana will bring tangible results to students by increasing the availability of campus resources, improving community relations with

students and demanding not only affordable but also quality education.

Good intentions are not enough — the Executive must truly understand and represent the interests of their fellow students. Ben and Diana will use their experience to do this for you. I urge you to vote for Ben and Diana.

Mike Sherman
junior
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Strawn and Aguilar deserve students' votes

I beseech all University students to make a wise choice and vote for Ben Strawn and Diana Aguilar in the ASUO general elections this Friday through Monday. Ben and Diana are two exceptional individuals with a strong vision and plan to create

tangible change on the University campus. Their ideas and vigor present them to be an exciting opportunity for students today.

Ben and Diana will work toward goals that are important for all students. Issues such as housing standards, tuition, student fees, library, and rec center hours and increased community are central to the Ben and Diana campaign.

Not only do Ben and Diana have brilliant ideas for the improvement of campus life, they have the drive, ability and support from administration and students to be successful in our endeavors. With enthusiasm, I urge you to vote for Ben and Diana in this general election.

Anthony Cain
pre-business administration

ONLINE POLL

Each week, the Emerald runs an online poll and publishes the results, along with next week's question, in this space. Visit <http://www.dailyemerald.com> to vote.

Due to technical difficulties, the most recent poll, as well as its results, were unavailable for most of the past week. The Emerald is running the poll again this week.

This week's question: What should the U.S. military's next steps in Iraq be?

Choices: Negotiate with insurgents; Send more troops and continue with current strategies; Pull out ground troops and use long-range tactics such as bombing from the air; Ask for more assistance from the United Nations; Surrender.

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