

opinion

Let your voice be heard

Are you tired of not being heard? Are you upset over not being able to make decisions? Do you know exactly what you want? Better yet, do you know exactly what we all want? If you do, then run over to the Student Activities Office and grab an election petition.

That's right, election time is near and offices are up for grabs so get out there and do some handshaking. Let's have a student government next year that we can all be proud of. If you have good ideas on how we can get the most out of our time and money, then you may be just what the rest of us are looking for.

Let us not see apathy but rather tremendous participation this year. If you find yourself dissatisfied with this year's ASG, then get out there and show us what you want. Voice your ideas and get support. Get campaigning and push to the top. If you have the students' best interest in mind, you've got it made.

If this sounds like a pep talk, it is. Let's get out there and fight and win the game, let's put you in office, you who are willing to listen to what the students want.

And for those of us who do not care to run for an office, let's really look the candidates over and hear what they have to say. When voting time arrives and we find a candidate we think will benefit us, then we will mark our ballot. This is no time for "I don't really care who wins." This is a time for, "Well, I want a candidate who is willing to listen to me and do what is right for the school." If you don't vote, you really have no grounds to gripe if you find your representative not listening.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

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feedback

Hasty vote

To The Editor:

Your editorial of 5 March, 1980 ("ASG Deals in Buffoonery") points up some of the problems involved in trying to understand how things happen the way they do. You seem to see things one way and react and report, and the real way it is escapes you.

What we had was a case of heavy lobbying to use the student government as a forum for protesting world events. This is a situation that can come about easily when you have a group of people assembled who are not prepared for what is presented or the way in which it is presented. This is an old pitch in polemics (argument for argument's sake). These people were persuaded to vote on an issue that none of them had time to seriously consider.

My stance is that student governments are set up to look into and serve the needs of students on campus. We have to solve our problems in our own backyards before we can solve the lofty problems of state.

I also think that it is foolish and trite to assume that the of-

ficers and senators of ASG are going to perform like their overpaid counterparts in the real political world. For the most part, these people are not paid. Even those that are get very little out for the effort extended. At least these people are taking the time to gain a little insight as to the goings on around the campus and country.

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Not too harsh

To the Editor:

This is my first letter to The Print. I don't want to be too harsh. I am very concerned with the editorial on Page 2 of the March 5th issue ("ASG Deals in Buffoonery"). The article was out-of-order. It was poorly researched, biased and directly reflects the bigotry of its author, whoever that may be.

I fail to see the attempted comparison between charades and an open forum designed for students to state their views. I don't appreciate my political views described as wishy-washy. I stand by my opinions,

granted not all of us in ASG do.

I made the motion at the historical ASG meeting February 28th to remove the flags. I doubted that the flag projected the same level of protest as when they were originally raised. Wouldn't the gesture show our continuing concern for the hostages? In light of the administration's foreign policy and new far reaching the current situation the hostages' safety is still a question and still warrants concern.

The refusal of credit for the article directly reflects the very principles that it assaulted. The public forum enabled the student body to vocalize their beliefs. Those attending CCC can get their education money's worth by such activities. By the way, Phil B. nott is a concerned student, not an ASG Senator. Ticonderoga Lipshits is U of O's speed team's mascot, not OSU. You know, if it's not one thing it's another.

Respectfully,
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