

## ASG president recalls glories, failures

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Upon walking into ASG President Eric Etzel's office, one immediately notices a four-foot tall bunny with glasses sitting in one of his chairs. On Etzel's desk sits a small, brown triangular nameplate that reads "Sam Crosby." What is this? Has President Etzel decided to change his name to something less autoesque, or has there been a military boup led by Vietnam Vet. Sam Crosby, who will be taking charge next year? Fear not, for it is the end of the year for Eric Etzel and he is preparing to pass the ex-calibur to Crosby.

Etzel looks upon the past year with both pride and regret as his accomplishments and disappointments dot his memory. "It's been a real rewarding year," the outgoing president said, "an educational year."

Elaborating on his point, Etzel proudly admits that the goals set by the government last year were at least touched on this year. "All the goals set by the executive cabinet, which I feel is my largest responsibility other than to the senate, we have made strong effort to meet all of them." These goals included a professional image for the College and getting the entire student government working toward a goal.

"I've only been here for two years, and this year is one of the first that we actually had students on every committee working, functioning and accomplishing things," Etzel said. "We didn't when I was a senator."

Among his other base hits, Etzel lists making sure that other student government members are working. "I feel



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that the most rewarding has been to make sure all the student government people are involved in a project, be it follow up on the suggestion box," he said. "We always get suggestions on the food service, such as 'The food stinks, the prices are too high, and why did they do all the construction?' With that many suggestions, we've tried to work closer with Norm (Grambusch, food services manager), to try to improve it."

Etzel and Company are currently attempting to get in-house phones set up around

the campus so students can communicate with instructors and others on campus. "The student in the Community Center can correspond with a teacher in the Art Center or a teacher over in Clairmont or visa versa," he explained. "The College board is currently discussing it."

Joe Schweizer, assistant to the president, is currently working on another goal the ASG previously set, which is a no-smoking area in both the cafeteria and the lounge. "A lot of complaints have come in about smoking," he said, "You

can't get people to stop smoking, but you can put up signs saying 'Thank you for not smoking' that kind of thing."

One of the last things the ASG has looked into is the possibility of getting a set of guidelines adopted that someone could follow so they could serve alcohol at on-campus events. "If any group, such as the theater department, wanted to serve wine at their plays, they would have a guideline to follow, and it would be the same guidelines as an off-campus group such as the Territorial Days has." Unfortunately for Etzel, the board nixed the proposal.

That seems to be the responsibility of ASG, according to Etzel. "The role of ASG is to work with the Student Activities Office in providing activities for students of all ages, be it the Big Band Ball, a coffeehouse or a speaker," he explained. Etzel also sees ASG as the liaison between students, to explain to them why something can or cannot be changed. It must also provide an educational experience for those involved. "I've gained quite an education from it," he said. "It's natural that I would want that for everyone else, like all the other people, to develop leadership qualities and to develop yourself."

Einstein once said, "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." So, with student government, dark times are incorporated with the good. "We really didn't have any problems with personal attacks from the paper," Etzel said, commenting on this year's dealing with "THE PRINT." "I'm biased, like any department that would like to see more of what they're doing,

and portray a better image. A few articles hurt and sting, but that keeps you on your toes," he said.

One of his main problems, according to Etzel, is that he is now ready to spring into action as ASG President. "I finally got all my files fixed perfect, I'm finally ready to really go, and now it's all finished." A few things haven't been accomplished will be sent to next year's ASG with heavy recommendation from this year's.

To cap his year on a pleasant note for the 20-year-old Agribusiness major, Etzel was one of the four Oregon winners for the Cenex Foundation Scholarship, worth \$600. It will be used to offset educational costs. Etzel is attempting to obtain a degree in agrimarketing and economics. He will be attending OSU next fall. "The money will come in handy, there," Etzel commented.

Etzel has been interested in agriculture since he lived on a farm. "I was born and raised on a farm and I live and farm with my grandfather when I'm not going to school." Included in Etzel's possession is some barnyard fowl. "I have my own cattle and sheep, as well as some crops."

What will Eric Etzel, the man with the rabbit in his office, be doing five years from now? "My hope is to get a job with an agriculture firm," he said, "in public relations or sales." His plans for a student government office—at OSU—are light. "I'd like to get involved lightly next year, but I'd certainly like to check it out," he said.

"Oh, by the way, I wanted to see if you might be able to put something in this week's paper regarding....." Well, there he goes being president again.

## Epstein to teach course on state minorities

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Dr. Donald Epstein will offer a course this summer entitled "Racial and Religious Minorities in Oregon." The one-week course (June 22-26) will focus on Black, Indian, Jewish and Mennonite communities throughout the state.

"Each of these four groups was a pioneer," said Dr. Epstein, "As early as 1952, established communities for these groups were here."

The class is only one week long, but will run all day, complete with lectures from guest speakers. "The only requirement is attendance. If a student misses even one day, he won't

get any credit," said Epstein.

This is the first time he has offered the minorities class. Last year's special summer course "was straight Oregon History. We discussed Indians then, and the class said they were interested in more minorities," said Epstein.

This year, the class will be held in CC 117. Last year, however, it was held in the McLoughlin Theater, and the class "sold out." "We should draw fairly well," said Epstein.

"The class is primarily for teachers, but students and the public are encouraged to take the course, he added. Oregon History is a required course for 4th graders, 8th graders, and

one year of high school. Teachers from the greater Portland area take Dr. Epstein's course during the summer to refresh their own knowledge.

Said Epstein, "Regular Oregon history and literature are regular, permanent courses here at the school. My class just adds a little to that."

This summer's class will include:

Monday: Native Americans, a look into the history, culture and contemporary problems of the American Indians. Guest lecturer will be Professor Stephen D. Beckham. Said Epstein, "Dr. Beckham is an acknowledged expert on In-

dians in any court of law. The day after his lecture, he'll be off to Washington to speak before Congress."

Tuesday: Blacks. Epstein will focus on their culture and history, and their conflicts with whites. The lecturer will be author Elizabeth McLagan.

Wednesday: Jews. Dr. Epstein will be the lecturer. "Last year, I applied for a grant from the Oregon Committee for Humanities and was able to spend a lot of money on lectures. This year, I didn't ask for the grant, and I've much less money," Epstein said.

Thursday: Christian Religious Minorities and Sects, which will look at Amish, Hut-

terites and Mennonites in Oregon. Alan Epp will lecture on the Aurora Colony.

"A lot of people don't realize that there was a Mennonite community in Oregon, or that there was a Zionist pioneer settlement in Oregon, called New Odessa. That's why I'm offering this class."

Friday: The entire class will partake of a field trip to Aurora. It will include a visit to the Ox Barn Museum, an optional luncheon at the Aurora Colony Inn ("Amish food is marvelous," according to Dr. Epstein), and a discussion and evaluation of entire course.

"I'm very excited about the course," said Epstein.

