

# The once and future Presidents

## Crosby reflects on 81-82 ASG

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"I've really been happy with this year: The knowledge gained, the friendships gained, and the chance to represent this school." This is how Sam Crosby looks back at the school year.

Crosby has been the Associated Student Government President, a job he has just handed over to the President-elect, Paul Nastari. However, not all of Crosby's memories are positive.

"I was disillusioned with a couple of my choices in the executive cabinet, and I was disillusioned with some of the people who became senators," Crosby said. "Mostly, I was bothered by the lack of interest and motivation in some of the people."

The 40-year-old business administration major also remembers some good that came from the year. "Over all, what we did accomplish was probably two-thirds of the goals and objectives that we'd planned on at the beginning of the year."

Crosby is not, by nature, a politician; he held no office prior to that of ASG President, and plans to continue in the business world. However, he has been elected President of the State Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a business-oriented organization similar to a fraternity. "I'm really not a politician, though," Crosby said, "PBL is more of a business than a club."

Next year, besides presiding over the Oregon Chapter of PBL, Crosby plans to attend Portland State University, and eventually enter Willamette Law School. "I've always been interested in law, even though a law school dean once told me I'd never make it," Crosby said jokingly.

When asked what were the highlights of the 1981-82 year, Crosby pointed to the College's involvement in the Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions (CCOSAC). Four students from the College held office in CCOSAC this year.

Another high point in the year was the student rally on the steps of the state capitol on Jan. 4. "I think that was the highlight of the year. We portrayed community college students as very serious people. It was highly successful," Crosby said. The rally was held to protest proposed budget cuts.

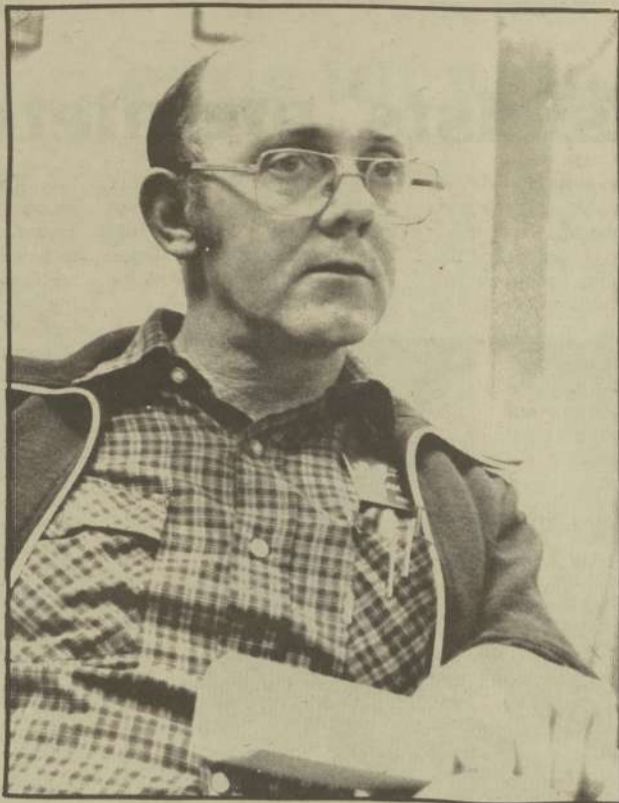
The other side of the coin is the low points of the year. Here, Crosby points to the lack of participation in student activities, and the students' apparent disregard of Oregon's political situation. Last month, the ASG hosted a Candidates' Fair for everyone running for the Fifth Congressional District. "I was very disappointed in the student turnout for the Fair," Crosby said. "We expected lots of people there, and it just didn't happen."

Another sore spot was the resignation of 10 senators throughout the year. The ASG ideally has 20 senators.

When asked what, if given the chance, he would do differently as President, Crosby said, "I'd be more conservative on monetary expenditures. Also, I would delegate a lot more than I did, and I wouldn't always try to be the 'good guy.' I let a lot of people talk me into things that I shouldn't have," he said.

One positive note in the year was Crosby's relationship with the administration and Board of Directors. "I can't remember anything that I ever requested that was denied. The administration was very interested in the ASG, and tried to help."

But perhaps the thing that most stands out in Crosby's memory is the faculty members with whom he dealt most closely. "One of the greatest honors I've had this year was working along with Debbie Baker and her staff, Dave Buckley and Kelly Sullivan," he said. "I per-



**SAM CROSBY, top, has been this year's ASG President. Paul Nastari is next year's. Both men are Business majors.**



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sonally feel that they do a tremendous job for all the students, and a lot of that work is unknown by most of us. I wish I had half of Debbie's patience and energy, and a third of her concern. That'd make me a great guy."

When asked if he felt that community college's are a viable source of education, Crosby said, "Yes! I feel that the community college educational system is the only way to go in starting your post-graduate education. It's cheaper, it gives a person an opportunity to determine what career that person wishes to pursue, and it's a good education as well."

Finally, Crosby said, "I'm glad I've been president. I've learned a lot from the younger students and from the administration. I've learned how things work, I've traveled, met many nice people, and had good experiences. I wouldn't trade the last year for anything in the world."

## Nastari plans for next year

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Paul Nastari, a 21-year-old Business major, was handed the gavel by his predecessor, Sam Crosby, at the May 6 ASG meeting. This has shifted the duties of ASG president onto Nastari, who will continue his term until spring of next year.

In the brief time Nastari has been in office he has already started his executive cabinet on achieving goals. Administrative Assistant Emma Nelson has begun working on the goal of being able to post signs anywhere on campus, lifting the restrictions that are on sign posting now.

Nastari has changed the goal setting procedure for the ASG. Instead of making goals for the entire year, his administration will be setting goals month by month. "I looked at last year's cabinet, and they never accomplished many of the goals that were set," Nastari said, posing the question, "Why set goals, and never carry them out? I was never even aware of most of last year's goals."

The new ASG president is fairly pleased with the selection of his executive cabinet. "I feel all of them are extremely qualified—they're all experienced," Nastari said.

Commenting on the fact that all his cabinet members were unopposed in gaining their offices, Nastari said, "I would have liked to have seen others apply. There were some people who might have been better, but I doubt it."

Nastari also commented on his running unopposed for the presidency. "I feel pretty good about being able to beat such a national celebrity as Mickey Mouse," Nastari said. Mouse received two write-in votes for the presidency.

More seriously, Nastari was rather disappointed that he ran unopposed. There were two other presidential candidates, but both dropped out of the race before the elections. "I was really discouraged when they both dropped," Nastari said.

Originally Nastari was in the running for the position of vice-president before eventually deciding to run for the top position. Nastari said there were people telling him that he should run for president. "Finally I decided that I could handle the presidency," Nastari said. A problem that ASG has had in the past few years has been student involvement. As for getting people to become members of the ASG, Nastari said, "Recruitment will be a big part of next year's ASG. I don't feel I needed to promise this in my campaigning because it is something a president should do automatically—it's part of his job."

But Nastari will not worry about voter turnout in elections. "You can't force students if they don't care," Nastari said. "We'll put on great programs instead of pushing ASG. Once they (students) know that (the events are fun) they'll want to find out who's doing it."

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