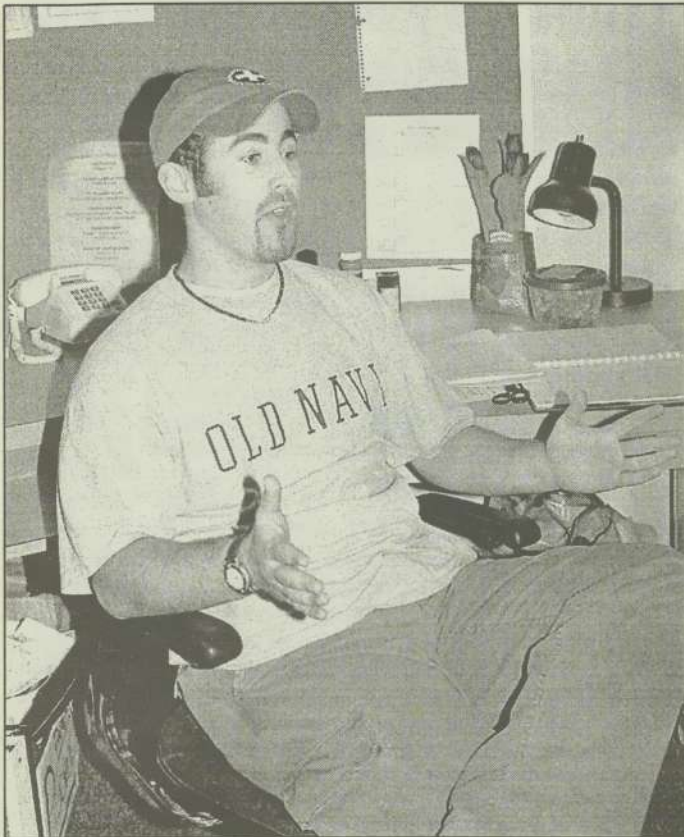


# Creighton announced as new vice-president



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Paul Creighton enthusiastically talks about his plans and goals as the newly-elected ASG vice-president.

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Paul Creighton, new vice president for the Associated Student Government (ASG), is a well-rounded individual and leader with goals for the college and dreams for his life.

Although Creighton has not yet made a list of his top priorities for ASG, he does have the big picture.

"I want to be someone that everyone, even the president, can talk to if they need help with anything," said Creighton. "I want them [other officers] to learn from me and I want to, in turn, learn from them."

Creighton is not a stranger to leadership. He has been involved with the ASG since

1998, when he came to Clackamas from Milwaukie High School.

"I went right in my first term of college and I did ASG, student ambassador and Mainstream, the vocal Jazz group. I was kind of worried at first, but it's feasible," stated Creighton. "Everyone in this school is so easy to work with, all the administration, they made it possible."

At Clackamas, Creighton assumed the position of student access senator; he moved to legislative senator, then to elections officer.

This school year he has served as campus activities officer and now is the vice-president.

"I've been in more positions than people who have been

here five years," Creighton commented.

Creighton sees the multiple positions in ASG as a huge advantage in his new leadership role.

"I have been all over the place, and it's nice. In doing that I have been able to obtain an idea about what each office is about, at least several of the offices," said Creighton.

"I think that is important, especially if you are in a leadership role. The more you understand about each of the offices the more you understand about ASG. Because ASG is a collective organization, it is comprised of a bunch of small groups that come together to make a really big effective group."

As Creighton sings in Mainstream, he also gets a sense of a group working together. Singing is one of the things Creighton most enjoys. "My dream job would definitely be to perform for a living," he explained.

Not only is Creighton a member of the ASG and Mainstream, he also is a student ambassador for the college.

"I represent the school at fairs, businesses and high schools. I also give campus tours," he stated.

"What is neat is that we give tours to groups, and a lot of times they're groups like YPOP (Young Parent Opportunity Program), or kids from alternative schools, kids that may not be sure they want to further their education or even complete high school.

"We play the role of telling them anything's possible. It's possible to still be successful [even though] you have made

some mistakes. There is a huge future ahead of you and there is no reason for you to throw in the towel," commented Creighton.

"You could be a very big factor in these kids' lives and not even know it, and that is probably the most fulfilling role of being a student ambassador."

Creighton's role of telling others how important education is stems from the fact that his education is a priority for him.

"In general, first [priority] is my education," Creighton said. "I think that is really important, especially if I want to be an educator."

Creighton recently decided that being a teacher was what he wanted to do as a career. "I was going to go into the FBI, but now I am planning on teaching," Creighton said. "I want to

teach AP (advanced placement) classes in high schools.

"I want to focus on the positive part (of this country) and you find that in schools, you have people who want to learn. I think that the most important part of society is the education part, because it raises the generations.

"The second reason I changed my goal [from the FBI] is because I said my dream was to perform, but second to that it would be to educate, to go to school my whole life, to be educated my whole life. The closest thing to do that is teaching, because you learn so much, I believe, from your students and you continue to

educate yourself. It is important to know what you're talking about."

Another priority for Creighton is "keeping the commitments I make to others," he noted.

"I've committed to serving as vice-president, and I am going to keep that commitment. I've committed to be a student ambassador and I'm going to keep that commitment," Creighton said.

"I think it is really important [to keep commitments], because when you involve other people that is when you should try your hardest," he said. "You can bring other people down if you choose to step out of something, it's not fair."

When asked what he would do if he could do anything and money was no factor, Creighton replied, "I think I would go to Europe, and travel all over Europe and learn about people and learn about the core of my heritage, which is Western civilization.

"The nice thing about getting out of this country would be to sensitize yourself again and be able to look objectively at the society that you were raised in," Creighton said.

"In living in all these different civilizations, you learn so much about people, because as different and unique as each individual is, I believe that when it comes down to it we're very much the same. And I am just fascinated with that, and that's why I'd really like to hike around Europe."

Creighton believes he has gotten where he is today because of his supportive parents. "My parents are absolutely amazing. My dad is perhaps the smartest guy I know and my mom is one of the smartest women I know, in so many ways. They always inspire me to work my hardest."

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