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Editors,

I applaud you for your recent article regarding the drinking of some of the members of our student government. As a student of political science, I believe it is important that the student body be aware of the activities of their representatives whether they are legal or not. The fact that people are not outraged, and the students are not being punished, says more about our society than a higher level than people realize. Why are these students not held accountable for their illegal actions?

The fact that they were off campus, and not engaging in activities that represent the college, does not excuse the fact that they were illegal by Oregon state law. If they can't abide by the law, can they be trusted to represent us? This goes for all people in all forms of government.

Why is it that we allow them to break the law, and make it easier for them when they do? Are we then just encouraging someone else to do the same? We are supposed to prevent? That is, the creation of an elite group of people who have special privileges because of their rank and authority. Why should they not face the same consequences as everyone else? I've heard that people believe that *The Print* has a vested interest in the student government, but maybe that is a sign that the student government should watch itself more closely, since they are under the scrutiny of the public eye. Thank you very much for printing this article.

Kasondra Karr

Dear Editors,

Our concern lies not with the irresponsible acts of our immature and undisciplined "leaders," but rather, with a disturbing pattern which seems to be prevalent among our leaders in general. Corruption and illegitimate activity permeates our leadership from top to bottom. Whether it is the governor, a senator, or a mayor, it seems that no one is capable of maintaining a higher standard these days. We believe the only way to stop this vicious cycle is to make examples of the leadership who are found guilty of any act not commensurate with their position. As (Political Science Instructor) Dean Darris has said in one of our classes with him, "You can delegate authority but never responsibility." Our leaders should be held accountable for their actions. Because they are examples to their subordinates, they ought to be severely punished for their reprehensible actions.

Loren Brown
Isaiah Ferrer
Students

Dear Editor,

I think it is wrong for the underage ASG members to be drinking. Also, I think they should be punished or something because that is unfair. I am certain any other underage student caught doing that would be expelled or suspended.

Moe L. Mann

Dear Editor,

I know a few of the students involved in this situation, and it's disappointing to know these leaders were involved in underage drinking. It's sad to know that our leaders got caught up in the way of the world, because they are supposed to be the leaders - the ones we as students look up to.

The reality of the situation is that it happens; no matter how much we deny underage drinking, it happens. I do feel bad for these students, but it's an eye opener to everyone that underage drinking does happen. I don't think the administration should punish the students involved. I think these kids will get enough heat from the staff and fellow classmates. They don't need to be punished, but they do need to realize they shouldn't be posting pictures of their underage drinking parties. That's not something a so-called leader should do.

Amy Kuper
Student

The ASG needs to be held responsible for their actions. When they are backing up their illegal actions by saying they were in a private residence, and the event had no associations with the ASG, they are underage. When you take a public office, and are supposed to represent a body of people, you are held to high standards, and need to act as such.

Especially with their "Alcohol Awareness" coming up, do you think it's a tad ridiculous? I find it hypocritical that they would be doing this. Does it become okay to do anything illegal as long as the act is done in a private residence? I'm tired of the student government (at any level) getting away with doing illegal activities. While I don't think they should step down, I do think they should be held accountable, and at least issue apologies instead of excuses.

Kris Fitz

Editors,

I am writing to you about the story "Student leader's underage drinking causes campus buzz." After reading the story I don't think it should have been published because they were not on campus and this was on their own time. The school and students don't have to know the details of the "ASG" members' lives.

David Kilyukk
Student

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