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- We emphatically oppose totalitarianism and its apologists.

- We believe that it is important for the University community to view the world realistically, intelligently, and above all, rationally.

- We believe that any attempt to establish utopia is bound to meet with failure and, more often than not, disaster.

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- We believe that a code of honor, integrity, pride and rationality are the fundamental characteristics for individual success.

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**“Always remember that I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.”**

**THE OREGON COMMENTATOR**  
**NOW WITH MORE CHURCHILLIAN WITTICISMS!**

# CON COURT CAN LICK OUR COLLECTIVE NUTS

We apologize for the crude headline. We don't literally want the justices to lick our collective nuts, so we hope they don't take it seriously. Likewise, we won't take what they say seriously.

Con Court recently made a ruling and denied a motion for reconsideration that sets the precedent that ASUO candidates cannot advertise with the Oregon Daily Emerald, and by default, the Oregon Commentator.

Election Rule 6-12 states that no candidate "shall employ, for any purpose relating to such election or ballot measure, any University facility or resource to which other electors do not have equal access."

Con Court's tragicomical interpretation of the rule in this case is that since the Emerald, a contracted service independent from the University, could potentially deny a candidate ad space, candidates do not have equal access to it and thus breaks the election rules. A footnote in the court's opinion says, "This is just an interpretation of the Election Rule 6.12, not a determination of the validity of said rule."

Sam Dotters-Katz and Johnny Delashaw, Exec candidates with the Oregon Action Team slate, signed a contract with the Emerald for 10 half-page color ads and several smaller ads. After the ruling came out, a grievance was filed to the Elections Board about the ads. The Hearings Committee admitted it cannot "invalidate contracts between candidates and the Emerald," but said it "must balance the electoral advantage provided by advertisements in the Emerald with the disadvantage suffered by all other candidates." The solution that was pulled out of someone's ass is that if a candidate or slate runs an advertisement in the Emerald, they "may not appear on campus wearing or carrying clothing or accessories that endorse or refer to the advertised campaign."

If anyone breaks this rule, the Hearings Committee can remove them from the ballot.

By the Con Courts theoretical reasoning, candidates should also not be allowed to ride the bus on route to any election event or meeting. The Lane Transit District, which contracts with the ASUO to provide transportation services for students, is its own company, and has the right to exclude people from LTD buses and facilities. Of course, the LTD would never deny someone service because of a political affiliation in an ASUO election. In the same way, the Emerald and the Oregon Commentator would never deny someone advertising for any political reason,

only if said advertisement is deemed offensive. (Actually, in the OC, pretty much anything goes as long as we get our dough). Both publications have run several candidate advertisements in the past. This ruling not only infringes upon free speech rights – Con Court can't tell us what to print [boobs, penis, Jesus-titty-fucking-Christ] – it also takes much needed revenue away from both publications. The Commentator was negotiating with Dotters-Katz and Delashaw to run a paid back page ad for their campaign. In protest, the Commentator has decided to donate space for their advertisement. In good sporting nature, we have also donated an ad to their opponents.

As OC Editor Emeritus Ted Niedermeyer said, this is "just more proof that Con Court badly needs to be gutted and replaced with people who are not connected with the good old ASUO interests. I have literally never read an opinion by those clowns that has made a tiny bit of sense, and yet they basically have absolute power over the ASUO."

But what has become clear in all of this is that the Con Court is composed of illiterate pudding heads. If any of the candidates actually sued the Con Court over their ruling a real judge would laugh in the Court's face. Not only is it unconstitutional for a government to try to regulate what a newspaper can print, but what the Con Court did is also silly and irrational. "Well we say you can't run ads, but if you do, you aren't allowed to wear your T-shirts." That last sentence just about sums up the ASUO's actual influence on campus. They try to make these grandiose statements about government, diversity and making a change, but in the end they come off as petty gnats arguing about who can wear what T-shirt.

The real losers in all this are the students. Once again we have the body that's supposed to be looking out for the students' best interests looking out for themselves. During election season we hear a lot of promises: more transparency, lower costs, sustainability. But it's all noise. The real ASUO doesn't care about any of those things. All the ASUO cares about is the preservation of the status quo. Since the inception of the Commentator 25 years ago we have been railing against the same shit: the incompetent self-serving circus that is and always will be the ASUO. Maybe we're wrong. Maybe we're pissed off and drunk. But the thing is—so should you.

## ***ASUO should not sponsor presidential campaign rallies***

When I opened up my Facebook today, the first thing I noticed was an event invitation to an Obama rally this Friday. An even bigger surprise was that Obama himself was coming. To be honest, I was glad to see that he was coming because I saw it as an opportunity to protest and show him that not all young students are naive enough to fall for his charismatic speeches. But that enthusiasm didn't last for too long when I found out that the ASUO was sponsoring this event. Now quite frankly, I was unbelievably pissed off. Not because of the fact that the man who is the center of my anti-Obama Facebook group (the largest one in terms of members) was going to come to my home state and sway our youth with his fascist-type speech skills, but because of the fact that my incidental fees were going to a partisan cause, especially a man with costly political agendas.

Seeing all the flyers around campus that encourage students to report biased actions that take place, it's safe

to say that we go to a school that emphasizes on fairness. Even our own IRS (as much as we hate them) won't give tax deductions to donors of partisanship for the sake of fairness. I can even say that the majority of our liberal youth supports the broken program of affirmative action. But using the (already) over-priced incidental fees to bring a candidate that almost 1,470 (7% of students identify as conservative) U of O students don't support is completely biased and undermines our ability to attain a fair campus by giving everyone a voice. It's hard enough to know that these expensive incidental fees are the reason why some people can't even afford to go to college.

And if anyone were to ask me, "would you be writing this if John McCain were to be sponsored by the ASUO instead?" Why yes, despite my strong support for the man, I would be against it unless Obama were to be sponsored as well. I believe in this, all for the sake of fairness and that every student deserves a voice.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Polk

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# Student Apathy

*Many students at the University are apathetic toward the ASUO. No matter how hard student leaders try, the majority of students will always focus on classes and non school-affiliated social gatherings. They would rather pay their incidental fee and not be forced to get involved with student politics. It's a fundamental flaw in the system.*

Jake Speicher



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*In true form, Oregon Commentator Managing Editor Jake Speicher was too apathetic to write this piece.*

# HOW TO SHOTGUN A BEER

BY CARLY TRICKSON

STEP 1: CHOOSE your favorite CANNED BREW



STEP 2: GRAB a set of keys & CHOOSE the least IMPORTANT KEY



(usage of KNIVES NOT recommended for INEBRIATED persons)

STEP 3: tip the BEER & feel around near the base for the AIR BUBBLE. ONCE located, STAB key INTO bubble & cut to preferred size.



STEP 4: FINALLY, put Beer to Mouth covering opening, throw your head BACK, CRACK the TOP, AND ENJOY.

AMMM...!

## Sudsy Says:



"I'm not a professional, I'm just drunk."



### Haiku O' Rama

By Ryan Manfrin

Letters and numbers.  
Poems of words Haiku me please.  
Thank you, good day sir.

Trees are sunny good.  
April Fool rode a blind mule.  
Sun and beer hooray!

Monkey bone fish soup.  
Hippo and Lion eat meat.  
Barbecue beef ribs.

Golf is green and fun.  
A big hitter that lama.  
John Daly goes big.

Football should be fun.  
Short passes will get you yards.  
Score and win the game.

Ostentatious oafs.  
Ballyhoo Barnacle Bill.  
Wild Bills Hot Dills please.

Politics and noise.  
He said, she said, please shut up.  
Vote Commentator.

## Signs You May Be An Alcoholic

- \* All the pens in your pocket have bar names on them
- \* Your bar tab is listed on the computer as "Timmy's College Fund."
- \* You're on an FBI list for transferring large amounts of money to a foreigner named Jose Cuervo
- \* You watch "Leaving Las Vegas" and call Nick Cage's character a pussy.
- \* You work for the Oregon Commentator

### Corrections in Feb. 22 OC Issue

~ Due to an editor's error, Oscar Guerra's name was misspelled "Guerro" twice. The OC regrets the error.  
~ Due to an editor's error Mike Bellotti's name was misspelled. We actually do regret this error.



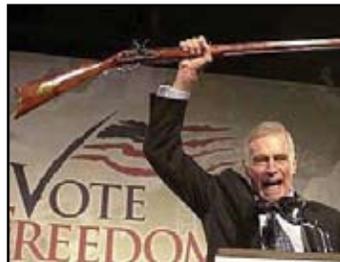
*asks ...*

### What do you want on your tombstone?



**Marlon Brando:**  
I can't believe I ate the whole thing.

**Sam Dotters-Katz:**  
The shit drove me crazy



**Charlton Heston:**  
No, you still can't have my gun

**Harry Caray:**  
If the moon were made of ribs would you eat it? I know I would, and then I'd wash it down with a cool Budweiser.



**William F. Buckley:**  
History stands athwart Buckley, yells "stop!"

**Emily McLain:**  
Italkreallyfastlikereallyreallyfast-  
likeyoucanbarelyunderstand-  
whatlamsayingfast...



**Drew "Thunderlove" Cattermole:**  
Make the thunder, feel the love

# Departing words from a 6th year senior

*The OC's token scumbag, Matt Walsh, forgot to do the new online course evaluations last term and had his grades withheld because of it. He has a few choice words for the people responsible for this.*

Matthew Walsh

As I write my final article for the Oregon Commentator, on my way outside the borders of the great United States of America, I wanted to make sure that I truly commented on what I see happening to the University of Oregon. I have been attending the U of O since the fall of 2002 and have just now graduated. Yeah, it took me a long god damn time, and there were times that I didn't see it happening. However, those six years gave me an opportunity to witness first hand many policy changes. Some of these changes have been good, while others couldn't be explained by any discursive logic or bullshit policy formation that would leave the reader with any concrete vindication.

Being that I will no longer be needing to deal with the bureaucracy that plagues all social, economic and political institutions in the context of the University, I feel as though I must comment on a recent change that I feel violates students rights. That is the recent change in course evaluations to an online-only format with the threat of having your grades withheld for an entire week if you fail to complete them before finals week begins. This is just plain asinine. We as students pay good money, or in many cases our parents, to attend the University of Oregon. We also spend countless hours in between drinking, casual sex and experimenting with drugs studying our asses off to earn those grades. We deserve to know our grades when they become available.

I understand the University wanting to obtain a higher response rate in their course evaluations, and that is all fine and good. I think course evaluations have their place and serve an important purpose, particularly when it comes to the education we are paying

for and receiving. The new system also saves a lot of paper, which is also great. However, withholding grades for failure to complete evaluations before finals begin is basically treating us like the crying baby sitting behind me on the airplane right now. There should never be a circumstance in which grades that have been paid for and earned be withheld for simply forgetting to log onto DuckWeb and complete a couple of evaluations.

The bullshit level of this change is compounded by the fact that the option to complete the course evaluations becomes unavailable once finals week begins. Forgive me if I'm wrong, but nearly all of the classes that I have taken — all 5 ½ years worth — had a final that counted for ¼ of the grade or more. So that means that you must evaluate a class that technically is only ¾ of the way finished, with no idea what your grade will eventually turn out to be, without the option of completing the evaluation after you have taken your final. I haven't smelled so much bullshit since the last time I drove by Corvallis.

The only solution that I can see for all you current Ducks out there is to annoy the hell out of the people who decided this was a good idea in the first place. I did, and I got my hold removed after delivering a few verbal lashings over the telephone. The decision was made by the University Senate. The names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the President and Vice-President are available simply by searching for the University Senate at uoregon.edu. I suggest to all of you, who like myself, got really pissed when they couldn't access their grades when they forgot to do course evaluations because they were busy to: call, email, and shake your collective fists in anger

towards these morons. I feel like it is the only response for such an authoritative parental decision made by the University Senate. If they are going to treat us like children, they don't deserve courteous phone calls and e-mails inquiring for a good explanation to the decision, because it isn't a good decision. It was terrible. Therefore, flooding their lines with the same contempt and vigor as those pro-life nutcases that show up on campus every now-and-then with pictures of dead babies is the only choice other than bending over, grabbing your collective ankles and letting yourselves continue to get fucked by those who did not think this decision through.

Finally, I find it quite ironic that during a class I took this last term, a professor named Chuck Hunt stated that part of the reasoning for the move towards electronic evaluations was because in the past, rouge members of the Oregon Commentator would infiltrate classes and give faulty, negative evaluations to professors they disliked or disagreed. This has resulted in me writing this tangent filled manifesto and therefore continues the Oregon Commentator's history of messing with the course evaluation process.

*[Editor's note: the OC alumni say the claim made by the professor is false, therefore the OC does not have a tradition of messing with course evaluations. Well, until now.]*



*Matt Walsh, a former contributor for the Oregon Commentator, wrote this on his way to Greece. Here's to hoping he doesn't come back.*

# Young Blood:

## OSU student Rockne Roll is gunning for a spot in the Oregon Legislature

CJ Ciaramella

By all outward appearances, Rockne Roll, a candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives District 16, picked an uphill battle.

The 21 year-old OSU student has no experience in state politics, not to mention he's running as a Republican in a district with a 30 percent Democrat majority. Not to mention that Oregon Republicans statewide have been in the doghouse for the past two years.

However, Roll doesn't like to think of these as disadvantages but strengths.

"Age and experience hasn't been doing us a lot of good in Salem right now. Our tax system is broken. Our appropriations process takes too long and costs too much. Fresh perspectives can only do good."

Roll is currently a junior at OSU, where he is majoring in Political Science. He is also the Executive Editor of *The Liberty*, a conservative student publication, and he is heavily involved with the OSU College Republicans.

Roll's opponent in District 16, which covers Corvallis and Philomath, is Democratic incumbent Sara Gelser. As previously mentioned, District 16 has a 30 percent Democrat majority – an impressive hurdle for any would-be Republican challengers. In fact, the lack of opposing candidates is what spurred Roll to run.

"I decided [to run] a few days before the filing deadline," Roll said. "I learned that there weren't many other candidates for the office, and I thought I could do a good job and bring a few new perspectives to Salem."

Roll is one of many Oregon Republicans running this election season, trying to pump new blood into a stagnating state GOP and reverse the Democratic tide that began two years ago.

"I think the best thing [Republicans] can do is get back to fiscal responsibility, which to a degree we've lost on a national level and to a lesser degree on a state level," he said.

It's an opinion that is being echoed more



Rockne Roll writes stuff

and more frequently as the Oregon GOP tries to shore itself up and, more importantly, gain ground in state politics. Take, for example, the Conservative Majority Project, a new grassroots organization dedicated to getting core conservative values back into Oregon politics. The opening lines of its website read:

"The Oregon Republican Party desperately needs new blood and new leadership. [...] The Party needs people who believe in conservative principles, can articulate them, and defend them. People who believe in the principles of Individual Responsibility, Limited Government, Constitutional Democracy, Property Rights, and The Free Market. The Republican Party desperately needs skilled and courageous people to step into the arena of ideas and challenge both the "Certified Smart People" and the establishment class who are running this state."

However, Roll and the Oregon GOP still have a long way to go. Democrats control every statewide office, both houses of the legislature and five out of seven seats in Congress. It makes

sense, then, that Roll hopes to chip away at Gelser's lead with good old fashioned footwork and ideas, rather than party politics.

"I'm just going to present myself as the best candidate for the job regardless of party," Roll said. "I hope the voters of my district can look beyond partisan labels and pick the best person for the job. That's me at this point."

Roll does have some platforms, though, which should resonate well with a certain demographic in Corvallis.

"I want to make higher education a bigger priority in Salem because it's really not right now," Roll said. "Higher education is something that doesn't get a lot of attention; most of the attention goes to K-12. Our universities are one of our state's biggest resources."

However, Roll says he is interested in "not just funding for specific things but [reworking] the appropriations process in general."

"We need to fund the important stuff first, like higher education, K-12 education, public safety," he said. "After we can fund those things, then we can worry about the little stuff. Right now we do it the other way around."

Roll can talk at length about state issues like the appropriations process, speaking with a clarity and knowledge that belies his age. It's probably one of the reasons the state Republicans are happy to have him on board.

"I've gotten a lot of support from the House Republican Caucus," Roll said. "I've also talked to the party chairman, and he's really excited about my campaign."

It's well that the Oregon GOP is cultivating young candidates because if they continue to infuse themselves with fresh faces and ideas, there might be hope yet for them and, by extension, Roll.



*CJ Ciaramella is still not a very good rugby player and is Associate Editor of the Oregon Commentator*

# Shrillary Clinton Leaves Large Carbon Footprint at South Eugene High School

Whitney Seven

On Saturday April 5, 2008, Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton appeared at South Eugene High School for a crowd of roughly 2,500 supporters in an effort to win over Eugene voters. I am not in agreement with her radical leftist policies, however I must say that she is a good speaker and maintains a powerful presence among her minions.

Hillary made her entrance to the Rocky theme song, accompanied by Congresswoman Darlene Hooley and Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski. The first to speak was Congresswoman Hooley who welcomed Senator Clinton as “the next President of the United States,” and remarked that Hillary can “change the disaster that the Bush presidency has been.” She then introduced Governor Kulongoski who proclaimed his support for Senator Clinton and asked the crowd to “give the senator a warm welcome from Duckland.” Kulongoski expressed that “Hillary has the life experience that serves the working people of this country,” and that “she is the most experienced candidate in either party.” He then turned the microphone over to Senator Clinton.

Hillary spoke for about a half an hour, outlining her agenda. She began her speech by saying, “At a time like this we need a president who will summon us to greatness and make it clear there is not a problem we face or a challenge we have that we cannot overcome.” She then went on to say that she wants to be held accountable and noted that President Bush could not be held accountable for what he had promised in his campaign for being a “compassionate conservative.” Referring to President Bush, she said, “he was uncompassionate and radical, and we have paid a big price ever since.”

Senator Clinton promised to create jobs with rising income, strip tax benefits from companies that send jobs overseas, to create a new trade policy increasing exports of American goods and to work towards a balanced budget and surplus. “Bush

inherited (the surplus) from my husband and squandered it,” she said. “We borrow money from the Chinese and buy oil from the Saudis [...] that is George Bush’s idea of economic policy.” She then proclaimed, “It’s not rich people who built America. It is the hard working middle and working class who built America.” She then went on to say, “I have nothing against rich people.... God bless ‘em!” Of course, she has to say that because Bill and she reported a joint income for the past seven years in excess of \$109 million.

Senator Clinton then went on to discuss her main objectives, which all involve an increase in the size of government and increase in government spending. First she announced she’d like to have a declaration of energy independence in America. She wants an actual document “like the declaration of independence” to be written out for every American to sign.

She wants to give car companies incentives to build more fuel efficient automobiles. She plans to take subsidies away from oil companies and “put them to work on clean, renewable energy.” Conspicuously absent were any reference to any increase in production from America’s own untapped oil reserves, increasing refinery capacity or increased nuclear power production (even the French have figured that one out.)

She compared the battle against global warming to the Space Race. She vowed to end Bush’s war on science, stating that she will sign the bill twice vetoed by Bush to federally fund stem cell research to regain global advantage. She promises “quality, affordable healthcare for every American,” by opening up the congressional health plan so the public has the same benefits as federal employees. She compared the health plan to other socialist, I mean social programs, such as social security, stating, “Everyone will be required to be in it and everyone has to pay something. We want a system of shared responsibility.” Yikes.

She intends to end the “unfunded

mandate” (because why would the government have a mandate if they couldn’t use it as a vehicle to redistribute wealth) of No Child Left Behind and make college affordable for the working class, by doubling the Hope tax credit to \$3,500 per year and increasing the number of Pell Grants. She vowed to do away with the FAFSA form, calling it a “cruel joke.” She plans on doling out financial aid on a sliding scale and allowing direct lending by the government at a low interest rate so that people can more easily receive education funds. She also wants to, over time, forgive the college debts of the people working in the public service sector.

Her final objective is to end the war in Iraq and bring troops home at a rate of one to two brigades per month stating, “It is time for the Iraqis to take responsibility for their own future.”

Senator Clinton then segued into a question and answer session by saying, “It took a Clinton to clean up after the first Bush and it is gonna take a Clinton to clean up after the second Bush!” It is easy to see why she prefers that slogan to the one some Bush supporters used to describe the Clinton presidency, “sex between two Bushes.”

During the question and answer portion of the rally, she further addressed healthcare and regurgitated much of the latter portion of her speech. The highlight of the rally was when an Obama supporter took the microphone and asked Hillary (in more words than this article—reminiscent of a Ty Schwoefferman rant) if there was anything she or any of her affiliates have said to “hurt” Obama. Clinton replied, “That’s what happens in politics. If you can’t stand the heat, don’t run for President. It is a really hot kitchen in the White House!”



*Whitney Seven is a contributing writer to the Oregon Commentator and finally wrote something. Yea.*

# THE COMMENTATOR'S 2008 ASUO ELECTIONS VOTER'S GUIDE

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ASUO ELECTIONS '08

4/8/2008

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SAM DOTTERS-KATZ/JOHNNY DELASHAW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KARI HERINCKX/JESSE HOUGH	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ROCK THE YELLOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
APATHY	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Dr. Drew "Thunderlove" Cattermole



OC: So Drew, many people have the love, some of them have the thunder, you seem to have them both. How?

Drew: Its just all about joining groups and getting the benefit out of them. See, the campaign is "Thunderlove." [makes hand signal]. What I'm trying to get people to do is make the thunder, and then feel the love. Make the thunder is joining the ASUO groups and being a part of them, being a part of Oregon. There is plenty of groups to join; they give out food. [pause] Join them.

You can meet a lot of good people. You can have fun. And then once you make that thunder, you feel the love. Thunderlove.

OC: Drew there is a lot of bad things happening at the University and the ASUO in particular. When you look at it, it's kind of a part of life. I can't ask you to try and cure those bad things, but how do you deal with those things?

Drew: I have a lot of leisure time, I have some Drew time, which involves a lot of aspects

in life. [long pause] I smoke a lot of weed, too.

OC: What is the first thing you are gunna do if you become president?

Drew: That's easy, I'm going to raise presidential stipends. Probably times 600.

OC: Why do you feel that the ASUO president deserves that much money?

Drew: The benchmark keeps going up and if it goes up next year it should all be in my stipends. I have to work like, what, five hours a week.

OC: So inflation keeps going up and the incidental fee keeps going up. You are all for it?

Drew: Yea. If I get paid more, if I win this, I'm all for it.

OC: So would you call yourself a self-serving individual?

Drew: I would call myself God.

OC: How so?

Drew: God spoke to me and said, 'you're God.' That was right before I took this interview, too.

OC: Did he say anything else to you?

Drew: That you are beautiful.

OC: How do you feel about the upcoming elections, about not only your chances, but about the experience in general?

Drew: I don't think I'll win. It would be cool if I won. But if I don't, who really cares?

OC: Why don't you think people care?

Drew: I'm pretty sure I've got five votes solid, that includes my grandmas, my mom and my sister. And me. I'm voting for myself. I vote for myself in every election that I can. I've gotten 10 All-Star votes for the MLB All-Star game for shortstop, vote for me this year. I got a vote in the U.S. Presidential election

and someone wants me to be the governor of Oregon.

OC: You're a sophomore right?

Drew: Last time I checked.

OC: So you have two, maybe four years left at the University of Oregon.

Drew: Most likely four.

OC: Do you have any aspirations in the next four years?

Drew: I would like to rule the world, go to the moon and bang Jessica Alba (after she loses the baby weight). I'll probably get a tattoo, on my ass. And win the presidential election, and get paid way too much to do it.

[sigh]

I actually don't have any aspirations, just put that. Put a lot of mumbling and then 'no not really.'

OC: You know you are being recorded verbatim?

Drew: Fuck it.

OC: That sounds like a lot of aspirations.

Drew: Shoot for the heavens, because even if you miss you'll hit the stars.

OC: I have one more question to ask you: boxers or briefs?

Drew: Thongs.

OC: What do you hope that every one sticks too, deep down, in the ASUO or not in the ASUO, that they stick to in this part of their life, going through higher education in the early 20s, blah, blah, blah, in this time of life. [mumble] In this time of life, what do you think that kids need to trust?

Drew: Themselves. There is a lot of shit going on. And if you pay attention to the ASUO, you realize that there are a lot of lies. So just trust the group, trust yourself, have some fun in this. That's what I've been doing, and fuck it. If you don't care about it, fuck it.

I don't know if that will print.

# Kari Herinckx and Jesse Hough



OC: So you guys come in as the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates with the most experience in the ASUO. Do you want to talk a little about your experience has been so far in the ASUO?

Kari Hernickx: Well, my ASUO executive experience is very limited with the exception of this year. I've been more involved with student programs starting off with the Black Student Union and the Black Women of Achievement, just doing general membership stuff and helping out with events, Kwanza, High Learning, that sort of thing. Then last year is when I got involved with the Multi-Cultural center being one of the co-directors. It was sort of a shift, but that's where I got a lot of my experience doing a different kind of leadership doing different programs things bringing different speakers, organizing concerts, freedom schools what have you. I actually didn't want to touch the ASUO at all. That was something I had no desire to do, and if you're a part of unions specifically, you don't eff with that. But I realized that was kind of silly. There

were some changes that I wanted to seek because it was a really good space in my opinion, and it still has a lot of work to do. So, wouldn't you know, I applied for the multicultural advocate position, and historically that position has been really respected within ASUO. So, I'll do what I need to do to get my communities on board, and make sure those folks have a voice. So far it's gone well, but I think priorities have kind of shifted around too, which has been a good change, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

There are different committees too. I've been on the President's Advisory Committee for the past two years, and I have worked on intercollegiate athletics with a bunch of the athletic department heads. So that's been really interesting with all the new arenas. UO athletics is just a machine here.

Jesse Hough: I don't really have any experience with the ASUO directly, but I have worked with groups on campus. It started with Get Out the Vote, and after that I got a call from the Survival Center and OSPIRG doing campus challenge and working on campaigns. I did a lot of events just to raise awareness about global warming, and eventually I worked my way into being co-director of the Survival Center. I put on a rally earlier this year and a conference for students from all over the Northwest to come to and learn about the issue of climate change and where students can take part and take action. Then, also, the big thing that I am working on now is the Sustainability Coalition, which is a group of 20 sustainability minded student groups that are trying to work together to make each other stronger and start getting the voices of the students out to the administration.

OC: So when you guys were setting up your platform, were there any points or agenda items that jumped out, that right away you really wanted to do or work on?

Hernickx: Yeah, for sure. I think that the student voice piece is a huge one. Jesse and I are really on the same page as far as the power of the people or in this case the power of the student. So, having a voice for the students specifically on the big decisions on campus, whether it is the arena, Mac Court or whatever else is going on, the administration is functioning autonomously. We really need to gain back control.

Hough: Personally, I'm really passionate about sustainability. There are a lot of things I want to do for sustainability through the ASUO that have never really been done on campus. Coordinating groups and awareness about sustainability.

Hernickx: Also, pushing diversity initiatives and getting folks who felt marginalized or underrepresented on campus, making sure that they're not excluded.

OC: Your guys' slate is very diverse from position to position. Talk a little bit about the necessity for representation of minorities and non-traditional students at the UO.

Hernickx: Specifically, you can take it from two different angles. First, the aspect of underrepresented students whether that is folks from a low income, rural background coming to college, or students of color or non-traditional students. Those kind of experiences tend to not be on the major radar, and I think accessing college and resources can be really difficult with those specific communities. So getting those voices in with people who have had actual experience with that, whether that be with senate or PFC or whatever, is important because I think students should have a well-rounded experience with what our peers are going through if they are seeking leadership positions.

Because if you are solely operating on your own agenda it may be difficult to relate to other folks. So that was the motivation to pull from all sorts of facets. We didn't want people who were necessarily just like Kari and Jesse.

Hough: Yeah, definitely. We're all connected by the same idea. We need to start engaging students more, the more decisions are made on campus. We do have a lot of diverse ideas and backgrounds, but we are unified by that same idea of getting students involved more whether it be in unions or other student groups or whatever we just want to get students involved.

OC: With Turn Out the Vote, what are some of things you found that worked in getting students involved?

Hough: Well, to start talking and start a dialogue. To get your face out there. That's what we really want to do if we get in there. Be like, "Hey, we're here to serve." So that's one thing we want to do. There's a long list of things we can do to carry that out like class raps and say, "Hey, come get involved. Come talk to us." We're thinking maybe having an advocate for student outreach on campus, maybe calling him the free speech advocate. But also making sure people know who we are and that it's our job to represent them, and all the things people can do because of student government and student groups. I don't even think a lot of people know the student groups exist. Like I know when I lived in the dorms, I didn't know that all these things were available to me.

Hernickx: Also, setting up a method to get feedback or suggestions. I can't remember if it was done here, but someone set up a suggestion box where they put things they wanted to see or issues they were concerned with. Its sounds pretty juvenile but it could be pretty simple because the Exec actually took time to call them and hear what was going on. Really, if we're not outreaching to students then we're really not doing our jobs. Jesse and I are really committed for efficient ways for that to be done. More forums that

are actually like forums, and not have a set agenda.

OC: Talk a little bit about how you the student's voice as far in the administration or the athletic department, and how to boost the negotiating power of students.

Hernickx: I think it starts with the bigger picture and getting as much information as possible. I think it's really easy for us to just go day by day and not be informed of the larger happenings of the University and what the administration is doing. Like being on the Presidential Advisory Committee, even though that body just sits there, we don't have votes so that's an issue, but at least we're getting first hand information from President Frohnmayer and his cabinet. Same with the athletic department, things they're talking about in terms of bonds and business pieces, I'm not necessarily familiar with, but at least I have enough collected information that I can share it with a larger group and actually begin those negotiations. Also, asking questions of our leadership. I think we just assume the administration is doing their job because they have law degrees or PhDs, but at the same time there needs to be accountability. I've had really awkward conversations with people I don't necessarily think to fondly of over in Johnson Hall, but that's where things have gotten done and the dialogue has occurred. One of the ways you can do that is to start showing up to Johnson Hall, or getting on as many boards as possible, or I think the ODE (Daily Emerald) is huge for getting the word out and asking questions of the administration. I can't tell you how many times we've discussed the Emerald or feedback students have given in certain publications. They're paying attention to it and getting nervous so I think that we push their buttons in those kinds of ways, and we encourage students to do that.

Hough: Yeah, to just echo the student involvement. There's this idea that our administrators are up on this pedestal doing their jobs, and that we can't go talk to them. I've talked to

David Hubin. They have an open door policy and we need to start engaging them in what we want.

OC: Earlier you were talking about sustainability, would you like to define that a little bit. What you mean by sustainability?

Hough: Sustainability to me is acting in a way that allows you to act longer. Now, that's kind of vague, but if it's not sustainable then there is an end to it. I know this sounds a little wonky, but the way we are acting right now if we don't act sustainably, it will put an end to it. We need to start being more conscious of what we have because there is not an infinite amount of resources.

OC: Are there any specific projects you have in mind to help the campus become more sustainable?

Hough: Sure, over this past year I have been working with the outdoor program for a rent a bike program. I know Kari's been wanting to get a bike, but she hasn't been able to get one. But with this program she could just go check one out. With the Sustainability Collation, we are going to start an online newsletter and an online publication about sustainability and all the events that are going on because there are a ton going on, but people don't even know it. Also, I'm working on the environmental issues committee that's carrying out the president's climate commitment that Frohnmayer signed last year to reduce our carbon footprint by 80 percent. That's in the molding phase right now, but we're working on that. Also, there are a lot of groups on campus that are putting on workshops on how to live more sustainable lifestyles, and I was thinking maybe we could put something together through the craft center or maybe a one credit class where students could learn how to live more sustainably. But we need the administration to help us out. Without the funding we're just a bunch of kids running around trying to ask people to re-use their cups.

# Sam Dotters-Katz and Johnny Delashaw



OC: Talk a little bit about why you two decided to run for ASUO President and Vice President.

Johnny Delashaw: What basically happened was I broke my hip over break and I was having a lot of trouble getting about to my classes. I had a class in the LLC and then had to go all the way over to McKenzie. I tried to crutch it and it was just ridiculous, there is no way you can do that every day. So I went to the disability services, actually called them on the phone, and all they could do was give me a parking pass that I already had – a disabled parking pass. I started doing research on where they get their funding – they get about \$10,000 total.

Then I got Sam involved in on this. Since I was basically laying in a bed all day, I was reading through Commentator and ODE articles and finding out a lot of junk about the ASUO that was just really frustrating.

So I got in contact with Sam and we started talking about it and decided that the only thing we could really do to change it – you can go in their and say whatever you want to the ASUO and their not going to change – the only way to change it is to run for office and win.

Sam Dotters-Katz: So Johnny gave me a call and this was maybe a month-and-a-half, two months before filing. We starting talking to people and thinking about the issues, reading a lot of old ODE stuff and talking about the issues. Overwhelmingly, the common thread or theme we saw was not just the apathetic nature of the student body, but the direct cause of that. It almost seems deliberate in a sense that if students really understood how much of a circus the ASUO really is they would be

up in arms. But the fact of the matter is that by keeping the students uninformed, by being very vague in their policies, by claiming they want outreach but really not doing anything, they are keeping students uninformed about what is really going on.

Based on that theme we saw a lot of issues, a lot of specific points that we thought could really get fixed with someone who actually wanted to do something and take a strong stance of allocating for students, instead of allocating for personal political careers, which we feel like is what the priority is for a lot of people in the ASUO.

OC: What are those specific points and what are the initial steps to begin reaching out more to the students?

Dotters-Katz: Specifically dealing with outreach and getting the students more involved with student government, we want to have a monthly e-mail telling you what exactly the money is being spent on. We want to have a weekly executive radio show every Saturday on the campus radio station, a show where anyone can call and ask us questions. We'll talk about what kind of projects are going on. We can allow student groups and programs come in and plug whatever they have going on.

We feel like the ASUO student leaders blame the students for not caring, but that's not the fact at all. The truth is that we as student leaders have failed to do effective outreach through different mediums and deliver a message to students that we really care what they are saying. Not only doing things in the specific realm of outreach, but by truly advocated for the students, we think they will be much more participatory.

Delashaw: Another thing is that the current executive says that she's transparent, that she has an open-door policy. When you go into the ASUO office, you walk into the door and where do you go? It looks like a jail in there. You don't know who to ask questions to. We have a person who is actually an advisor on our campaign – a

transportation advisor – who went in their to talk to a senator and just clearly got blown off. Just, 'yea, yea, I'll send you an email, here you go, here you go.' So the reality is the ASUO needs to do more to reach out to students than just having an open-door policy.

OC: You guys started the campaign on your own and later joined up with the Oregon Action Team slate. Talk a little about what you two were hoping to bring to the slate and how its melded with the slate's goals.

Dotters-Katz: When we first got in contact and started talking about the Oregon Action Team, the idea in theory of a slate was problematic to Johnny and I because we didn't want to compromise our values. But we were so fortunate with the Oregon Action Team. We met individually with every single member of that slate. We want to be very respectful but also very responsible to let people know what we stand for, and that we're not prepared to compromise our values for what's politically convenient. The great thing about what happened with the Oregon Action Team was that these were people that were on message with us. They reason that it's meshed so well into such a cohesive team because it's not just individuals working for their own benefits, we all really believe in what we are saying. We've been really, really fortunate that that is the case.

OC: You have laid out a plan to negotiate with the Lane Transit District, what is the initial idea of this?

Delashaw: What's been going on recently within the Programs Finance Committee is that basically contracts come in, they ask for a certain amount of money and they get it every time. As far as LTD is concerned, they've asked for more and more, year after year. We're giving them somewhere around \$850,000 this year. And the reality is that there is no business negotiation in that. We don't try to expand our services. So what we would do as executives is we would have a business negotiation.

As far as the American Association of Universities is concerned, we're just embarrassing as far as transportation. There are students that are over at Chase that have to walk back home or use the DDS service, which is not equipped to transport students from the

campus to Chase. We can negotiate with LTD for a late night bus service. But even if that isn't the case, there are other options to make sure that we can have this service. There are other places across the country that use a form of DDS, but it's a bus DDS, so we can use certain funds, possibly over realized funds to be able to buy our own bus and then hire a driver so that we can continue the route later into the night, even if LTD won't.

But we're going to try our hardest to negotiate with them. We're not just going to go in there one time and just say, 'well it didn't work out.' We'll keep going back in there at them.

OC: That's one thing in negotiating with a big company like LTD, it's easy for them to brush off a bunch of students.

Delashaw: The problem with that is that we are their largest contract. So it would be a little bit ridiculous for them not to consider it, concerning how much money we give them year after year. It's going to be a million dollars here pretty soon. Every year it becomes more and more. So if they're not willing to negotiate with us, then that's pretty unacceptable.

OC: Have you thought much about the overall incidental fee benchmark and what you'd like it to be next year? Last year there was a 2.5 percent increase and all hell broke loose. This year it was more than doubled to 5.5.

Dotters-Kats: To be honest, it's a very complicated issue because it is hard to foresee the future and the needs of the student body in the upcoming year, especially when you're predicting a budget that is so important and it affects so many important student groups. It's hard to just put a number out there, serendipitously, that says this is what we want to do, without really getting involved and talking to every single group and every single program. We think that these are some of the most valuable institutions on campus.

We're going to really try to reign in on careless spending on campus and use that money to benefit programs on campus. We do not want in any way to cut programs, to reduce funding of any programs. What we want to do is make sure the funding that we give out is used responsibly on campus, and is used by responsible organizations in a responsible manner.

OC: One of the first things you guys came out with was to cut Oregon Students Public Interest Group. Is this still part of your platform?

Delashaw: We're not planning on cutting them; we're talking about reducing their funding. The reality is in the PFC there is a maximum benchmark of 10 percent that a group's funding can be reduced.

It's a very frustrating situation with OSPIRG because what they have done, as I'm sure your guys are aware of, in 1998, students at the University of Oregon voted them off campus, and they kind of went around back door in 1999 and were reinstated as a contract.

So that is our plan and our goal [to reduce the group's funding], but only because the way they use money that is taken off campus and pay for the salaries of activists up in Portland.

Dotters-Katz: The issue of OSPIRG has come up so much during this campaign. We want to move away from just OSPIRG in specific. It's process and not a content issue. Groups that take money off campus and spend it in ways that do not empower specifically students and aren't beneficial to the student body are using our money irresponsibly. And specifically to OSPIRG, besides talking about cutting the funding, one of our definite goals is to reclassify them as a student group because as a students' group, not only would they be required to keep their student money on campus, but they would also have to give us line-item budgets and tell us exactly what they do with the money. The fact is that there is two OSPIRGs that share resources but only one of them reports to us. The fact of the matter is OSPIRG just got kicked off of the Portland State campus. The \$125,000 up there was cut because they found a malfeasance in the way that they were breaking the student constitution up there. OSPIRG was told it had two weeks to get off campus; they were labeled a corporation.

When you have these kind of special interest group, no matter what, they are going to have an interest in self perpetuation. End of story. Student funds should only go to organizations that 100 percent have an aim of helping out and being advocates of the students.

OC: Many people in the ASUO say that you can't say bad things about it until you've worked in it. How do you believe in yourselves to go on quickly to the system and be able to make a positive change?

Dotters-Katz: I think what you're asking us about when we are attacked on experience. I think what you really have to do then is, you have to directly say what the experience necessary is. The people that have been working

in the ASUO, the experience they have gotten is becoming part of political machines; they have gotten into the pocket of special interest; they are lost in the fact of what they originally got into student government for, which is to advocate purely for students. The experience that we think is most important for student government is having a good idea of the issues, a good understanding of how the student body feels about those issues and being purely advocacy for the student body. The fact of the matter is student politicians that have been involved in the issues, over time, have developed relationships with certain groups and they lose their power to advocate solely for the student body. The experience that that has given them, in a wide sense, has been detrimental to the service that they can provide to the students.

We feel, therefore, that as concerned students, who have been talking about the issues, who have an actual substance platform, that we're letting people criticize or applaud, who actually know that we are going to do, instead of talking in vague terms. We are truly going to do what we say, as well as we can, as well as is allowed to our ability. That is the most experience that anyone can bring to the table.

OC: We've heard that you two will not be accepting stipends. Is this true?

Delashaw: We don't feel that it is necessary for the executive to take their \$1100 stipend. We think that this money can be better used putting it back into the students hands. Our plan is to create an executive grant that can be used for projects throughout the campus, be it cultural, environmental, philanthropy, etcetera. The way that we're going to do this is to have applications for student groups and organizations, anyone in the community can come fill out an application and Sam and I will select what we think is the best projects, be it two or three projects or one sole project, that we are going to give money to so that students have more resources.

Dotters-Katz: This is one thing we think is going to be cool, especially when we're talking about getting the student body involved. You don't have to be a student group, you can be one individual with a great idea, come to us with your idea, and we could make it happen. You don't just have to have connections, you don't have to be a part of a political machine. Anybody can come to us with an idea, and if it's good, we're going to approve it.



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- 1 drink for writing this in Comic Sans MS font
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  - 1 drink for every claim of "racism"
- 2 drinks for every claim of "institutionalized racism"
- 3 drinks for every claim of "white, male privilege"
- 1 shot when Con Court does something illogical and infuriating
- 1 drink when Nate Gulley opens his huge, gaping pie hole
  - 2 drinks when Nate Gulley cries
  - 1 drink for every conspiracy theory heard
- 2 drinks for every mention of a "fight club" conspiracy
  - 1 shot when someone says "How is that legal?"
  - 1 drink when you get handed a flyer
  - 1 drink when Sara Hamilton appears
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- Shotgun a beer when Emily McLain smokes a cigarette
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- 2 drinks when someone propositions Drew "Thunderlove" Cattermole
- 1 drink when the Commentator says something unnecessarily bitter and vitriolic
  - 1 drink when a candidate says "sustainability"
  - 2 drinks when they don't know what sustainability means
  - 1 drink when a candidate says "transparency"
  - 2 drinks if followed by a call for a suggestion box
- Automatic Commentator kegger if Cattermole wins

# Voters' Guide

## Senate Seat 1 - PFC

### Sean Jin - OAT

*Editor's Note: Not all candidates are represented in this mass e-mail questionnaire. Also, since the Special Elections were so late, open positions changed and new candidates entered late Friday. As of our print deadline, we did not have an updated list of candidates, or the final ballot makeup.*

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Economics

**Activities:** International Student Association, Veterans and Family Student Association, Oregon Commentator

**Hobbies:** Writing, reading, photography, running.

#### **Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Absolutely. The revenue that would be gained from having an on-campus pub would be huge! Furthermore, it would improve the morale of students on campus by making it easier for them to face hard classes and study for strenuous exams. We know that drinking happens one way or another, so it is better for us not to label it as a taboo and just recognize that it happens.

#### **How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

The student government is responsible for millions of dollars of our incidental fees, and they are putting a lot of it towards special interests and selfish personal gains that do not benefit most students on campus.

Students don't know as much as they should about THEIR student government that uses THEIR money. The government is seclusive and does not do an adequate job of letting students know what they are doing, and how to get involved.

#### **Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I would be with my dad, who is the ultimate handyman and would be able to devise a way for us to get off the island. And we'd be kicking back Fat Tire Amber Ales.

#### **Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Make sure they know that they are paying the ASUO every term. And that these dollars are being used to numerous programs that they never see.

#### **In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I hate politics and I am frustrated with how student government is run. I probably shouldn't be elected, actually.

### Carinna Miller - RTY

**Year in School:** 3rd

**Major:** Ethnic Studies

**Activities:** NASU, MCC, CAER

### *OAT = Oregon Action Team slate*

Sam Dotters-Katz	Johnny Delashaw
Sean Jin	Derek Nix
Jordan Schenck	Tyler Scandalios
Ted Sebastian	Arielle Reid
Tina Snodgrass	Alex McCafferty
Erin Williams	Bryan Saxton
Nathan Perley	Matt Hoffman
Andrew Cox	Tony Mecum
Michelle Haley	Brandon Sanders
Matt Doty	Nick Berry
	Tom Bode

### *RTY - Rock The Yellow slate*

Kari Herinckx	Jesse Hough
Carina Miller	Nick Schultz
Stephanie Patricio	Grace Bounds
rachel Cushman	Emma Kallaway
Veronica Barrera	James Brannon
Kate Jones	Hailey Sheldon
Nick Gower	Adam Ryding
Lidiana Soto	Michael Latteri
	Nick Caleb

**Hobbies:** Sleeping, eating, playing dress up, guitar, Softball.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Yes, students wouldn't have to worry so much about being late when they go for a drink in between classes..

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I think the ASUO does a good job with their campaigns, but not enough students know that, or even know what campaigns are going on. More students need to get involved.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Richard Pryor, beer.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Have more coverage that relates ASUO campaigns directly to students using a language students who have no ASUO involvement can be interested in. Cut the BS and get to the point of why we should care. Make sure that students have more forums or more chances to state their opinions about issues that ASUO could potentially take a stance on.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I was an uninvolved student for two years. My third year I became very involved with programs and unions. I have both points of view.

## Senate Seat 2 - PFC

**Derek B. Nix - OAT**

**Year in School:** 1st year

**Major:** Business and Journalism: Advertising with a Political Science minor

**Activities:**

**Hobbies:** Soccer, LaCrosse, and running.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

As Senator, if there was a plan for a pub that offered options for underage patrons, I would consider a proposal. There are feasibility and viability issues with a project like that, but I think if it was a place for everyone to come together instead of a place for everyone to get trashed, it could benefit the community both financially and spirit-wise.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I'll be feeling a lot better about it when I'm on the

Senate. We need some major changes which include but are not limited to more professionalism and transparency.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Nick Schultz, who is running opposite me on Rock the Yellow. If I were to be suddenly transported to a deserted island in the middle of elections, Schultz would get a free ride into the Senate. No way would I let that happen to the ASUO. We'd be drinking cosmos.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

If the general student population were more involved in the process, there would be more interest. That has to happen first. You can't expect somebody to be interested in an institution that has disenfranchised them.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I worked as administrative assistant fall and winter term this year which opened my eyes to the flaws in student government. I feel that as an observer, I was able to see all sides of any problem and will be able to bring that knowledge into the board room next year.

**Nick Schultz - RTY**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Political Science and History

**Minor:** Business Administration (Accounting and Finance focus)

**Activities:** UO Sustainability Coalition, UO Campus Recycling, UO Students for Barack Obama, UO Students for Jeff Merkley Campaign, Eugene Family YMCA volunteer coach.

**Hobbies:** rock climbing, rafting and hiking

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

No. We need to protect local businesses and really work to incorporate the university community with the larger Eugene area. All too often, students don't really connect with the local culture. The ASUO should encourage students to visit the local breweries and pubs. Then students can truly enjoy the local culture that makes Eugene unique. Besides, an on-campus pub wouldn't be financially feasible. Sure, an on-campus pub would be fun. But honestly, if you are getting hammered between classes then you won't succeed and you will drop out of school. Then you won't have any cash to spend on beer. So, it is a nice thought but impossible.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

The ASUO is politicized beyond a reasonable extent. Simply put, students often feel apathetic because many of the same issues have gone unresolved through years of campaigns and empty promises. The recreation center

has had consistent deficits for years, yet no viable solution has been offered. In fact, the student advisory board had to fight to obtain a line item budget breakdown. So, students have no clue where the money is going or how to increase efficiency. The EMU has a deferred maintenance deficit in excess of \$50,000 that goes unresolved, in spite of an overestimation of surplus funds amounting to over \$650,000. Clearly, our priorities are out of line. These issues need to be resolved this year...once and for all. More importantly, the ASUO must begin building for the future by investing in renewable energy sources that decrease costs and time expenditures. Thus, the UO can be hailed as an example of sustainable living for years to come. After years of promises and disappointments, I seek Senate Seat 2 in order to restore a sense of common-sense to the ASUO senate. So let's stop talking about how we plan to solve our problems and actually find some solutions.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I would choose to be stranded with Senator Barack Obama on a desert island, as I drank a cold Budweiser. After all, the next president of the United States should be someone that you can enjoy a beer with.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Sure. First, the ASUO needs to get off their ass and actually connect with students. Kari and Jesse's "Rock the Yellow" slate emphasizes a need to involve students with petitioning Johnson Hall on key issues. Certainly, there are many issues that students want to be involved with, but lack a thorough understanding or the resources to get involved. A lot of passion has been aroused through the discontinuation of Holy Cow's contract with EMU Food services. Many University Housing residents would love to see meal points attributed to restaurants in the EMU. Also, much activism has arisen over the future of Mac Court. Simply put, weekly tabling and active communication between members of the ASUO and the student body will increase interaction. Secondly, transparency is required. Senate members need to remember that they work for students and not for their egos, while engaging student opinion. Lastly, professionalism must be improved. Just as in my job with Campus Recycling, I conduct myself as a team player with an important role to play. Respect for your work AND your fellow teammates in necessary to achieve your goals.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I am an ASUO outsider with the necessary experience to reform student government by increasing sustainable services and stabilizing incidental fee growth without cutting programs.

**Senate Seat 3 - PFC**

**Jordan Marie Schenck - OAT**

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Business Administration and Chinese

**Activities:** Alpha Kappa Psi

**Hobbies:** Running, Studying (I honestly feel it has become a hobby), Knitting, watching foreign films.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I think students will have a good time with or without a student pub!

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I feel that the current student government has successfully brought to the attention of the student body many important issues that those who pay the incidental fee should know. I think the most important thing that this election will bring to politics at the U of O is professionalism. I feel the ASUO has a lot of potential, but there is a lot of room for improvement and the Oregon Action Team can help!

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I would love to be stranded with Jack Sparrow! We could hang out all day; I am sure we would be drinking rum. Then when we got bored or the rum was all gone we would harness some sea turtles and rides safely back to land.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Yes! This is my first time being involved in the ASUO, and I became more interested through the passion of other students who were new to the ASUO too. I have gone out and talked with my friends who have had no knowledge of the ASUO and now they are pumped too! I think the best thing the ASUO can do is to get new people in! The passion and drive that I have seen displayed by new people running for student government is exactly what is needed to get the student body amped about ASUO. When election time comes it is important to better advertise the elections, I feel I can really help with this. I would encourage new people to run, even if it would be for my position! Seeing enthusiasm is refreshing and that is exactly what the ASUO needs.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

The qualities I have that I can bring to student senate are, professionalism, fairness, level headedness and enthusiasm.

**Senate Seat 4 - EMU**

Tyler Scandalios - OAT

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Economics with an International concentration. Spanish and Business minors.

**Activities:** A hard working student, current Vice Chair of the EMU Board, Chair of the EMU Long Range Planning Committee, EMU Budget Committee member, Co-President of Presidential Scholars Student Association, International Business and Economics Club member, Robert D. Clark Honors College student, and "Winners Within Us" Magazine campus editor.

**Hobbies:** Balancing work on the weekdays with fun on the weekends, meeting new people and hanging out with old friends, playing soccer and rugby, staying in shape (AKA avoiding a ponch), being a nice guy, wishing I owned an XBOX 360, and excessive facebooking (check the Websters, but I think that's a word now).

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

A very, very good question. When I became the Vice Chair of the EMU, one of the first things I asked was, "Can we bring back the pub and place it in the student run program, 'The Break,' of the EMU?" Back in 1996 "Clancy Thurbers Pub" opened up in the basement of the Collier house, but unfortunately it was closed in 2001 due to financial difficulties. As I explored the issue, I realized that students really just wanted a common area where students from all walks of life could all come together and interact in a unifying and relaxing atmosphere. Having lived in Spain for 5 years, where the legal drinking age is 18, I can wholly appreciate the community building powers of beer, and I believe that an on-campus pub could benefit the University community as a whole by being an excellent venue for constructive conversation regarding sometimes taboo campus and community issues. Unfortunately, a certain "21 to imbibe" law that is very popular in the US would, for the most part, restrict this pub to seniors and spring term juniors. A pub, if done incorrectly, might also bring the legal issues of fake ID's and drunken violence to campus, which could lead to an increased police presence at the U of O. Also, our campus has the benefit of two bars/pubs that are not more than twenty feet away from the edge of campus. Until the great state of Oregon decides to forgo hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal support and repeal that certain ever-popular US law, Taylor's and Renny's will have to do for the time being.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I believe that student government is no place for petty bickering, finger pointing, and unsubstantiated detrimental claims to another's person. Student government "representatives" are just that: representatives for their constituents, and it is unfair to their constituents to represent them in a childish and unprofessional manner. Unfortunately student government has come to embody this behavior. This has been true for as long as I have been

involved in the ASUO, and that dates back to my days as a Senate intern in the winter term of 2006-07. There is also lack of cross branch communication and collaboration. Don't get me wrong, three distinct branches are necessary to balance and check the others' power. However, I don't believe that the three branches should be in a constant battle to prove their superiority over one another. I believe that a certain amount of cross-branch collaboration between the Executive, Senate, and the Constitution Court would have immensely benefited the students of the University this year. Also, I would like to mention that there are some very positive aspects of our student government, and a great deal of passion to serve the student body. We should strengthen these beneficial qualities of the ASUO government and constructively reduce detrimental ones.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

It would have to be the Founding Father and Statesman Benjamin Franklin, and we'd be drinking very, very, good beer. Benjamin Franklin must have been fun to sit down and have a few beers with. He of course is the one who famously said, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to happy." And if he ever ran out of stories, we could always write up a Constitution and start our own country.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Expand the current ASUO education campaign in order to further educate more students regarding the incidental fee and the ASUO. Many students don't know that they spent over \$600 each in incidental fees in order to fund ASUO activities last year. Informing students to that fact would increase voter turn out, and increase ASUO involvement. The ASUO should also continue to bring entertainers to the U of O, and use those events as opportunities to educate the attendees about ASUO government.

And of course we could also place gray megaphones every 100 feet on campus that would spew out pro-ASUO propaganda and update the populace on the latest dictatorial decrees. That of course was a joke and my attempt at Commentator-esque humor.

*[Editor's note: good attempt]*

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

As the current EMUB Vice Chair, I am knowledgeable, experienced, passionate, and qualified. I will make sure that all students are represented in the ASUO.

**Senate Seat 5**

**Kevin J. Bonnington**

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Political Science

**Activities:** Political volunteering, working  
**Hobbies:** Politics, fast cars, live music, and tall buildings..

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I think the community is exactly what it would benefit. It would be a total detriment to the learning environment and probably cause some security concerns, but nothing builds community like a decent pub.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

Before I started researching putting my hat in the ring for this election, I found them childish and circus-like from all of the ridiculous articles I had read. Now that I've done a lot more research on student politics, I find them unacceptably childish and exceptionally circus-like. We badly need a change here so that ASUO doesn't turn out to be a well funded drama club rather than a student government organization. I don't have the visibility or backing of a big slate, but I can promise to conduct myself in a reasonable and responsible manner.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I'd have to make that one person Bear Grylls. I've seen about 15 minutes of his show, but from what I observed he'd probably keep us alive for quite a while by whipping up a of couple tall glasses of spider goo or monkey sweat. Not a pretty thought, but I'm looking to get off that island.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Yes, absolutely. The first step is to ensure that ASUO has a positive influence on every student's experience through several programs. Some students may be interested in sports tickets, but maybe nothing else. Maybe those same students only go near the EMU to get tickets, because there just isn't anything in there that they care about. I think that the work done by student government really needs to be visible and well-regarded by the students who pay for it. I went to PSU for one term and the ASPSU was highly visible on campus at the time, despite the fact that PSU has a minimal campus community and is loaded with commuters.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I want to listen to people's problems and attempt to remedy them. I want student government to visibly benefit everyone, not just take their money.

## Senate Seat 7 - ACFC

**Aaron Polk**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Business Administration and Economics (Pre-Law)

**Activities:** Playboy campus rep, American Marketing Association member, avid sports watcher, (soon-to-be) Olympic Trials volunteer

**Hobbies:** Fishing, volunteering at community events, exercising at the Rec Center, tutoring economics

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Yes with the condition that it is not funded by student-paid fees but only through sales transactions as if it were privately-ran. I believe that an on-campus pub would create a revenue stream for the University to better fund student resources, have a place to conveniently spend breaks in-between classes for students, and attract more students to come to the U of O leading to more funding for ASUO organizations.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

It is corrupt. Our incidental fees are increasing at a consistent rate every year by a larger proportion than funding for our ASUO funded programs like, to name a few: the Student Rec Center, the Black Student Union, and our Athletic Department. These are programs that the students will see the direct benefit of. And here we see a substantial amount of funding going to programs like OSPIRG, where I can guarantee you that three-quarters of the student body doesn't even know what OSPIRG is. It frustrates me so much to see that there are students and ambitious young people unable to afford an education here at the U of O because insiders and corrupt officials are taking our money and putting it into non-beneficial programs for the purposes of self-interest. We (as students) need a government that will work for our best interest, not the other way around.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I would be drinking a white russian with Dave Chappelle, because he can make any crappy situation hilarious while my white russian puts me to sleep. Time would go by faster with a good laugh and then a nap all the way till that cruise ship comes to the rescue.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Show them how the ASUO directly affects them. For example, since I am running for the ADFC, I'll tell them that these are the guys that get you the seats at games whether it would be the student section at Autzen or the Pit Crew. On top of that, tell them that they are paying for it through their incidental fees, because it's safe to say that no one likes putting money into something with nothing in return.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

With my frustration and desire to see as many Duck fans supporting our athletes to victory, It is my priority to think about the students first.

## Andrew Crampton

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Planning Public Policy and Management

**Activities:** Public Safety Advisory Group (PSAG), ASUO Intern, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity

**Hobbies:** Soccer, Tennis, Politics, Friends, School.

### **Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I think it would. A pub would be a great way to develop the social scene on campus and create more social interaction. Considering a Campus pub did not succeed financially about ten years ago, I would like to see the Pub be student run. This would provide students with on-hands business activity as well as ensure the efficiency and safety of the business.

### **How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I would like to see more student activism on this campus. The University of Oregon has the potential to be an active campus; I think more outreach needs to be done to foster a politically active environment. I would like to see more political involvement in non-election years.

### **Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I would be stranded with Barack Obama, and we would be drinking Coors Light.

### **Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

I feel like there is not enough student knowledge and involvement with the ASUO. This is student money and issues that students care about. It is up to the ASUO to increase outreach to all students in order to educate them both the importance and the process of the ASUO. If this was done more effectively you would see more students involved with the ASUO and running for ASUO positions.

### **In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

will ensure students are involved in all important decision making processes by the administration, and that all decisions serve the best interests of students.

## Senate Seat 8 - ACFC

### James Brannon - RTY

**Year in School:** Freshman

**Major:** Political Science & History

**Activities:** ASUO Senate & Multicultural Intern, Multicultural Center Intern, Public Safety Advisory Group, Black Student Union Member, & Housing Student

Assistant.

**Hobbies:** Learning, Debating, Football, Weight Lifting, Video Games, & Relaxing.

### **Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

An on-campus pub would benefit the University community, that is the community allowed to drink, they wouldn't have to travel as far ( Not that Taylor's is far anyway ). It would also increase traffic on campus at times when campus is pretty empty. More traffic may benefit the University financially if everything is set up correctly.

### **How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

Student politics at the University of Oregon seems to be in an arm wrestling match. We as students are realizing that we have more power than we could imagine and the administration has their own agenda at times. It is our job as students to make our issues known to the administration, which is what we are currently doing. Currently the University seems to want to take a path towards privatization by leaving the Oregon University System (OUS), but that could raise tuition and book rates. This issue seems to coincide with everything going on politically in some way and therefore student politicians at the University of Oregon definitely have their work set out for them.

### **Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

If I was stranded on a deserted island with anyone, it would have to be either our current president George Bush or presidential hopeful Barack Obama. Bush because I would like to discuss his political decisions and justification for those decisions. Obama because he has brought a new or lets say forgotten style of politics and I've gained a lot of respect for him, I'm sure we could have a nice intellectual conversation on politics. Either way we would be drinking water, we're trapped on a deserted island, lets be realistic.

### **Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Well we have to let the student population know that these issues affect them. I'm sure if everyone knew that there was actually a way to lower tuition and book rates effectively, they would be more interested. That is why my fellow slate members and I are trying to get the word out about issues like the incidental fee and Mac Court. There just needs to be more people out making these issues known, there are approximately 20,000 students attending this University, yet only a small percentage is involved in the ASUO. So hopefully more people jump on board our campaign and realize we're just trying to make their lives better with much more simplicity. Something else that may help is a email sent out to all students about current issues that may affect them, I'm going to look into doing something like that if at all possible.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I want to represent the students of this University, there is a lot going on we don't know about. I want to change that.

**Alex McCafferty - OAT**

**Year in School:** Freshman

**Major:** Political Science/ International Studies

**Activities:** Tennis, Snowboarding, Hiking

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

An on- campus pub would benefit the University if it is used responsibly, providing students with a comfortable and safe place to relax, socialize, and have fun.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

As with all politics there is always room for improvement.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I would be enjoying a cup of hot chocolate with a guy who has a boat.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

In addition to having an open door policy, the ASUO should actively inform students on what is going on within the government using weekly email updates and podcasts.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

As the current Executive Appointee to the ADFC, it is essential for me to bring my knowledge and experience back to the committee next year.

**Senate Seat 9 - DFC**

**Erin Williams - OAT**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Journalism, Economics

**Activities:** Allen Hall Public Relations, Chi Omega President

**Hobbies:** Reading, trying out new food

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I don't think an on-campus pub would necessarily benefit the University community. I think that Taylor's or Rennie's may already have that issue covered.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I think that student politics may be too political. Student

leadership is about making sound decisions in the best interest of the students of the University of Oregon.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

If I'm stranded on a deserted island with one person, it would be a five-star professional chef. I figure a professional chef would figure out how to make a delicious dinner with coconuts and salt water. I'd be drinking a cold lemonade.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

I think the general student population would be more interested in ASUO if they had an idea about what the ASUO does. When the students know more throughout the year about what decisions are being made in their interest, then they will have more of an investment in the election process.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I should be elected because as a well-rounded student I will make decisions based on the best interests of the general student population.

**Kate Jones - RTY**

**Year in School:** 2L

**Major:** Law

**Activities:** ASUO Senate, EMU Board, SRC Board, Peer Mentor, Research Assistant

**Hobbies:** Hiking, playing piano, leaving the EMU from time to time

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Absolutely. Our current campus-area bars are known for their slow service. A pub that served good food and good beer while maintaining good service would be an asset to campus. Plus, since there is very little parking on campus, and people live nearby, I imagine there would be less drunk driving.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

As always, I feel disappointed. The ASUO fails to make a large impact on the majority of students. Further, the ASUO seems to be a place where students who want to be politicians later in life come to try out their tactics. Unfortunately, it seems that many of these students also lack the (minimal) professionalism of politicians, so their tactics often blow up in their faces, publicly. The bad press, in turn, makes the government look like a hostile, bitter, and inefficient place to try to get anything done.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

It's going to be the Dalai Lama. (I wonder if he becomes

at all less benevolent when he drinks.) We're drinking Guinness. Incidentally, we are also dancing and singing rugby songs.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Two ways; first, more outreach needs to be done to new students. This needs to be more interactive and consist of more than tabling. All new students should have a clear understanding of the ASUO's role in our university, and we have failed to provide this information. Second, the ASUO needs to address issues that clearly involve students. Often what we do is tangential (i.e. funding) rather than at the core of what students want.

From my experience, students gravitate toward lower tuition, better living situations, and more cheap entertainment on or near campus. The ASUO should strive to create positive change for all of these basic things. I think doing so would grab students' attention and make them knowledgeable about or involved in the ASUO.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I have extensive experience that applies to DFC; I am competent; and I like concise, productive meetings where members' behavior is civil and appropriate.

**Senate Seat 12 -  
Academic; AAA, Music,  
Psychology**

**Nick Gower - RTY**

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Pre-Planning, Public Policy, and Management

**Activities:** Marching Band – color guard, Violin, Piano. Dance. PSSA

**Hobbies:** Delta Tau Delta, UO Debate and Speech

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

If done properly, yes. Other schools have on-campus pubs with little to no problems. Additionally, many of those schools credit the pub for fostering a healthy drinking environment and responsible decision making. Alcoholic distribution would most certainly increase "liability", however if managed could benefit the University community.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

It's overly dramatic and student politics are dirty, specifically elections. The grievance system for example (for the second year in a row) has been used as a political tool. In both cases there were qualified individuals in office

who didn't follow the letter of the law. The "spirit" of the grievance system isn't meant to remove officials for minor infractions, but ensure that officials are performing their broad obligations to the student body. Back on track, I feel discouraged, yet optimistic, at the current state of student politics.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Tony Blair and a B-52 (1/3 Baileys, 1/3 Grand Marnier, 1/3 Kahlua – ice optional)

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

The general student population won't get interested until student leaders actively collaborate with the student body on what the ASUO does, and what services are available outside of student groups. I support student groups; however, our obligation is to the population at large, not the small intersection of students that use the majority of the I-fee. Interest won't come until we eliminate the exclusiveness of the ASUO, actively reach out to students about what we do, and collaborate with students to improve the services the ASUO offers to the population at large.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I am an effective advocate who will be more than accessible, but actively pursue student involvement from those typically not represented within the ASUO.

**Joanna S. E. Johnson**

**Year in School:** Sophomore [senior credit standing]

**Major:** Architecture w/ minors in Landscape Architecture, Art History, and Business

**Activities:** Marching Band – color guard, Violin, Piano. Dance. PSSA

**Hobbies:** In my past time [do I have one of those?] I like to cook, bake, eat, basically anything involving food. I garden, knit, sew, draw, and clean. I love the outdoors, hiking, and camping; communing with nature in general. I also like to write, work on puzzles, make things, and analyze.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

To be completely honest, I don't see how an on-campus pub would benefit the University community. Campus to me is about taking classes and preparing for the future with a dash of social interaction. I personally feel it is easier to relax when I'm away from school, so why would I put a pub on campus?

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I feel like politics at the University of Oregon are pretty removed from the actual University Community. It's really rare to hear anything about the workings of the student

government, or even a mention of its name unless you're involved yourself or it's election season.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I'm stranded on a deserted island with Angus MacGyver and he's building me a hammock while I climb a tree and sit with a taro milk tea w/ boba in one hand and a strawberry lemonade in the other.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

I think that the ASUO should sponsor events, and at these events they can have one of those folding tables set up and hand out information about the ASUO. From my personal experience I can say that I was afraid of even approaching the ASUO offices having never participated in the highly social driven student government of high school, it took an email from the PSSA to spark the impulse. It may also help if the ASUO sent out some sort of newsletter or supplement every month or term about what's happening in the University political community.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I'm an honest, hardworking individual with open eyes, ears, heart, and mind, and I'm going to do my best to represent what matters to you.

## Jamie Rinehart

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Psychology

**Activities:** Camp Adventure

**Hobbies:** Dancing

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

An on-campus pub would greatly benefit the University because it would be a place for the students to unite and get a sense of community.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

Student politics at the University of Oregon is well organized and fair.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

If I were stranded on a deserted island, I would be kicking back on a some palm fronds drinking Capri Suns with Channing Tatum.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

To get the general student population interested in the ASUO, it must be on a subject that directly affects them. Until there is a subject that is tangible to the students, they

will continue to choose whether or not they would like to participate in the ASUO.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I should be elected to the Senate because I will bring fresh and fair ideas to the table.

## Adrian Ho

**Year in School:** 2nd

**Major:** B.Arch (Architecture)

**Activities:** ISA, APASU

**Hobbies:** Photography, Graphics Design

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

No, an on-campus pub denies a large demographic of the student body, namely those who are under 21.

This also gives more opportunities for the students that are over 21 in our studios to rub it in our face when they walk off for a drink.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

With elections here, we could star on MTV.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

My question is what am I doing here and why am I drinking?

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

To get the general student population more interested would really rely on the public relations of the ASUO. Even simple things like posters have to create a connection between the ASUO and what the student does such as their major, sports, or school related activities. As much as the ASUO is about the proper distribution of money the student body receives, students don't grasp it right away, even I don't fully grasp it right now. Host more events, have more student ambassadors to student groups to be part of the group, not advertise in the groups. Things like the Street Fair is a great start.

But really, candy will work great.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

have already devoted my life to Architecture and student groups, my social life is hanging on a thread, who could be better suited for a position like such?

## Senate Seat 14 - Academic; Social Sciences

## Matt Hoffman - OAT

**Year in School:** third year

**Major:** English and History

**Activities:** UO Sailing team, Clark Honors College Student Association, Red Cross volunteer.

**Hobbies:** billiards, blues guitar, street lugging, and building useful and useless things with power tools to name a few.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Absolutely, the athletes get a free juice bar; I don't see why the general student body shouldn't have a pub! Of course, this is as long as it is run in a responsible manner and the funds are not subtracted from academics.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

The lack of student involvement and interest in student government reflects the inaccessible, clouded nature of the ASUO, and its constant depiction as a mudslinging circus show. This image, and the lack of transparency in ASUO function, is one of the many things that Sam, Johnny, and the Oregon Action Team are striving to change.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Mark Twain and a good lager. Hey, at least I'll hear some pretty good stories.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Well, I don't know. It doesn't get much better than paying for Gunther to come to campus. Maybe Creed or Michael Bolton should be ASUO's next step. Or we could probably get Britney Spears pretty cheap.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I need a new hobby. Ok, but seriously -- it may sound naïve -- but I believe my efforts as a representative will bring about positive changes.

## Lidiana Soto - RTY

**Year in School:** Second

**Major:** Ethnic Studies, Political Science

**Activities:** UO Rugby, MEChA, Mujeres, NASU

**Hobbies:** Rugby, reading, politics, traveling

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

It would definitely benefit the 21+ community.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

It definitely gives students a taste of real world politics.

Politics is an exciting field to be in especially during the national presidential elections. Students are more engaged when exciting things are happening locally. I feel that by having presidential candidates Obama and Clinton visit Eugene, it highlights student elections here on campus.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I chose Bear Grylls, the host of Man V. Wild. We would be drinking whatever we could to survive- hopefully not urine. Worst-case scenario though, we would, and that would be unfortunate. But then again it would be unfortunate to be stuck on a deserted island period.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

It would help to make the ASUO more accessible. I didn't even know we had senators until this year. It would help to let students know first of all, that Senators exist, and second what their respective Senator can do for them.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I'm passionate, qualified, open-minded, and direct. I will work to allocate funds responsibly and objectively and will work to create positive change for all students.

## Senate Seat 16 - Academic

### Joanna S. E. Johnson

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Biology

**Activities:** Students for Global Health, Parthasarathy biophysics research group.

**Hobbies:** Rowing

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

If its better than Taylors...

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

Overall its ok, but it can get a little dirty.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Marion Cotillard. Mojitos

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

There seems to be a lot of interest already, compared to other universities. Sponsoring fun events always works.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I would focus on smaller things that would better enhance the lives of science students at the UO; like better study areas/comfy furniture in the atrium.

## **Senate Seat 17 - Academic Graduate/Law**

**Nick Caleb - RTY**

**Year in School:** Law; I majored in molecular biology as an undergrad

**Major:** 2nd year law student

**Activities:** Biology GTF, International Moot Court, Writer for theLegality.com, University of Oregon Investment Group

**Hobbies:** working out, video games, evolutionary biology, politics

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Yes, but totally depending on the quality of beer it served. I would actually prefer a German Biergarten.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

Unfortunately, it appears that student politics at Oregon is rife with the same dirty tricks and sensationalism that appear in state and federal politics. I would prefer that our politics remain civil, honest, and good intentioned.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I'd take my girlfriend. Hopefully we have a large supply of water (preferably 50 Cent's Vitamin Water) or we wouldn't make it very long. If it ran out, we'd have to consider drinking our urine as a last ditch effort to stay alive in the unlikely case we'd be rescued. Can I bring the crazy filter contraption from Waterworld?

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Getting students interested in student government faces the same problems that getting any voters involved in government does. Most people don't realize that they can make a difference or even what that difference would be. Educating people in the processes of the ASUO and how they affect the student is the first step toward generating interest. Also, generating a sense of obligation to participate would help

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

To provide students with a real voice in shaping university policy; especially graduate students who would prefer to stay far away from the undergrads :)

## **Senate Seat 19 or 20 - Academic**

**Suzie Giacomelli**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Electronic Media and Public Relations

**Activities:** Oregon for Obama Field Intern

**Hobbies:** Photography, dance, blogging, travel, art and outdoor adventure.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

No. Students are already able to drink and hang out with friends easily at places just steps away from campus. Not all University students drink or are of drinking age. Our campus features great spots to enjoy coffee and other beverages while having good conversation with peers, such as those found in the EMU, Knight Library, Lillis and more.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

It would be great to see our entire campus community become more connected and involved with student politics in ways ranging from voicing student opinions, to being aware of where student money is going. I am excited about the possibilities, and am confident that by focusing on and working toward a common goal of responsibly promoting students' best interests, ASUO can achieve positive results for the University community.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I'm there drinking coconut juice with Tom Hanks, because he knows how to survive on an island!

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Tangible relevance. Each student paying fees has a stake in how those fees are allocated; ASUO money allocation could possibly help your student group to attend a conference, produce a publication or put on an event. To maximize benefits, students must speak out and have their needs heard and advocated for by committed ASUO members.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

As a Freshman General Assembly Representative at WOU, I worked to allocate money. I'll tenaciously support opportunities that enrich student lives and resumes!

**Hailey Sheldon**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Political Science

**Activities:** University of Oregon SPEECH AND DEBATE

**Hobbies:** I live really really hard all over the place all of the time.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Benefit is perhaps the wrong word – although I would be interested in understanding your logic. Enhance?

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I don't FEEL anything about them. I THINK that there is very little communication between students and their representatives and that should be remedied to any extent possible.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

That's easy – Said from ABC's Lost and white rum. Destroying others and Crruuzan.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

People on the streets. Those of us who are involved attempting to spread our interest to the rest of the student body. All year long.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I listen and deliberate. I am wholeheartedly invested in everything I do. I love the UO. And I'm ready to battle apathy.

Peace!

## ***PFC At Large - 2 year***

**Stephanie Patricio - RTY**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Ethnic Studies and Sociology

**Activities:** MCC, MUJERES, MEChA, NASU

**Hobbies:** Photography, screen printing, (loud)music, sleeping, eating, blasting music in the car, driving fast, laughing.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Sure. Who doesn't enjoy a drink between classes?

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I feel like our voices are on mute or are barely being heard not only on campus but in the nation.

I feel like we need to turn it up! We should say goodbye

to the days of inactivity and passiveness.

The time for action is now!

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Zach De La Rocha (Rage Against the Machine) and spiked Horchata, which would probably make for some intense conversation.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Empowering ourselves by making each other aware of the politics that are embedded in everyday life and everything in general at this university. If students know that politics touch upon everything here at the university, then I feel students would be more apt to take action, or at least be more interested.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I feel I can truly represent our current student body, one that wants change and feels that many issues are central to that change, not just one.

## ***PFC At Large - 1 year***

**Mei Li Yu - OAT**

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Business Administration

**Activities:** PFC, Health Advisory Board

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

No because I don't believe academics and student life should be correlated with alcohol. All services on campus should be available to all students and a pub will exclude those who are not of legal drinking age. There are also local bars that extremely close campus; therefore, I do not see the need to have a pub on campus.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

I feel many students feel as though there may not be enough transparency in the organization because some are saying they are not always aware of what is happening in the ASUO. I think the job is really to publicize events and to make students welcome to participating.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

My previous experience on PFC can benefit the group and I will provide viewpoint neutrality and fiscal responsibility while promoting growth of programs.

**Grace Bounds - RTY**

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** No Idea  
**Activities:** KP, APASU, IMPACT  
**Hobbies:** Sleep.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Yes, I think an on-campus pub would the University community. It would be the light at the end of the tunnel, tunnel meaning a long day.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I think people are often misinformed about certain aspects of student groups on campus.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

If I was stranded on a deserted island it would be with my secret lovers, yeah, that's what we are...and we would be drinking 151 Rum, Pineapple juice and Malibu. Caribou get them all numb.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

To get the general student population more interested in the ASUO, I think the ASUO could sponsor a huge event, the when Ozomatli came, and have the ASUO staff chatting with people and inviting them to the office to get the feel of how it all works. This way the general student population can experience first hand how the ASUO personally benefits them individually.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I should be elected because I am qualified for the position and I love cold vanilla pudding!

## Student Rec Center Advisory Board

Justin Zweber

**Year in School:** Freshmen

**Major:** Business

**Activities:** ΔΤΔ fraternity, intramural sports, Chairman of the 2008 Homecoming Week Marketing Committee, ΔΤΔ Member Education Committee. National Society of Collegiate Scholars

**Hobbies:** I like to long board, play the bass guitar, go to concerts, BBQ, camping and I play all kinds of sports, my favorite being basketball.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

It could have the potential to bring in some additional cash flow however the U of O is a dry campus, one of very

few campuses throughout the US. And we've worked hard to get to that point. Adding the pub would take us back a step.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

The Students have done a good job orchestrating ASUO. However, there is always room for improvement. In specific, we need to push for accountability within the REC Center administration and work to stabilizing the REC center budget.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Jessica Alba –Pacifico with a lime.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

It's important to work towards equally representing all students within the ASUO. The chance to Run for the ASUO position, or attending meetings, should be made more readily available to all groups and clubs especially those that are underrepresented in the ASUO.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I know what's important to change, and improve on, in the Student Rec Center and will get it going in the right direction.

## Matt Doty - OAT

**Year in School:** Sophomore (Senior by credits)

**Major:** Business Administration and Economics

**Activities:** Lundquist College of Business Honors Program, Delta Sigma Phi Executive Board Member

**Hobbies:** Various Sports, playing the drums, playing the guitar,

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I don't see the benefit to the University Community of an on-campus pub. While it would certainly be a place of many social gatherings, I feel that there are numerous places just off campus that already offer this benefit. Therefore, I see no need for adding one on campus.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I feel that many of the people involved with student politics care more about their own interests or the interests of smaller on-campus groups than the interests of the entire student body. I see numerous opportunities to benefit the student body as a whole, while still administering to the needs of smaller campus groups.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

If I'm stranded on a deserted island, I'd have to bring MacGyver to help me get back home. I'd like to survive, so as much as I'd like to be drinking a more interesting beverage, I'd have to be drinking water.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

The general student population needs to be more aware of the importance of the ASUO. Often, students have no idea what exactly the ASUO does and why this is important to the University. The most effective way to do this is by making the ASUO's operations more transparent. Students should be aware of what happens at each meeting, and this can be accomplished through various types of public announcements and podcasts.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I will work with the students' interests in mind. My goals are to fix the SRC's budget deficit, and to begin the rec's expansion.

### Caitlyn Gust

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Human Physiology

**Activities:** Clark Honors College Student Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Blood Drive Association

**Hobbies:** Working out, loving life.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I think the University community could prosper in other ways and that a pub would not necessarily create a sometimes lacking community feeling.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

The current state of politics at U of O is unknown to me...I would like to get involved so that I could say more about the issue.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Justin Timberlake -- my main man. And water because I don't really want to die so....

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Opening up more possibilities for involvement is one major way. And there's always free gifts (\$\$\$) if you vote.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

The rec center is a wonderful community with activities for everyone, but it needs help, ok? I take for the rec--now it's time to give back.

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Major:** Accounting and Economics

**Activities:** Basketball, baseball, football, soccer, all sports, spending time with friends and family, watching movies

**Hobbies:** Shopping, collecting shoes, going to movies, poker, chess, stocks, laughing.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I think an on-campus pub would benefit the University of Oregon community. I think it is beneficial to both students, and the community as a whole, if more people are attracted to come on-campus. An on-campus pub would attract customers, give university students a place to hang out, and create revenue, a portion of which would hopefully arrive at the university's doorstep.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I think the average student and his/her ideas and concerns are not represented in student politics. I think the university and the ASUO have to do a better job connecting with students and making sure that students understand and know how/what resources to use to get involved.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

If I am stranded on a deserted island, I would hope it is with Bear Grylls. He is the man! I love his show and he could help us survive no matter what. He can build shelters, find food, build fires, build rafts, the guy is a beast. He would chop down a coconut tree, and then mold out a canoe for us out of the tree. We would be drinking pina colodas.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

To get more students interested in ASUO, the main thing is to let people know why getting involved in the ASUO is important and what exactly the ASUO does. As long as we provide people with more information about the ASUO, whether that is through emails or just going around the dorms and talking to students, student will see that they can help make changes possible on-campus.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I have the experience in leadership positions that will assist me in getting students involved and having their voices be heard.

## Student Senate Finance Committee seat 1

Joana Mandoli

Payaam Tabatabaei

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** history

**Activities:** studying, working.

**Hobbies:** watching television, reading, hanging out with friends

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

No. Down time is invaluable to a students life because it keeps our lives in balance. However, a school should be focused on learning and expanding a students mind through academic means and I do not think an on-campus pub would accomplish those goals.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I am saddened by the lack of participation by the student body and I hope people will get more involved this election.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Theodore Roosevelt, probably one of the coolest guys to become president and we're drinking coffee, which is something Roosevelt drank in gallons and I adore.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Increased awareness of what exactly ASUO does for Oregon students every day and how they do it will, in my opinion, get more people interested in being involved.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I think, as a transfer student, I offer a unique perspective on the university campus that should be represented in student government.

## ***EMU Board At-Large, 1-Year Seat***

**Emily Balloun**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** Medieval Studies

**Activities:** Assault Prevention Shuttle Volunteer Driver, WOW Hall Volunteer, Trader Joe's Crew Member, EMU Craft Center Front Desk Staff/ Advertising Coordinator

**Hobbies:** Bowling, Adventuring, Fine Dining, Bicycling, Partyng, Diving, Dancing, and being all-around awesome.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

I think that this could really go both ways. Honestly, how many people really would party on campus, where they pretty much spend most of their time anyway? But it is true

that there are not enough places to just chill on campus, and I think that a pub could be a positive thing for the university. All of the money students spend going to Sakura to get crunked at lunch could go back to the U of O for cool stuff like research or scholarships. The more we drink, the more we save kind of thing. That said, I encourage everyone to drink responsibly, and call DDS if you need a ride home. Safety first...

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

I feel that when students look at campus politics, they can only see people arguing over petty things, officials who cannot maintain a level of professionalism during meetings, and people who are not responsive to the needs of the student body. There is a depressing lack of communication between the ASUO government and the student population at large and it often does not feel like the ASUO listens to people, or that they care to tell anyone what is going on in government. This perception of the student government as an elitist, I-can-do-whatever-I-want-because-I-am-in-the-club group is totally harmful to the university. When all we can see is our elected government bickering and crying over funding issues, we tend to get mad and become apathetic, because these people don't seem to be listening to us anyway. But what needs to happen is an outreach from those people that are in-the-know about student government to the main student body. It needs to be made clear what is going on and why, and the government needs to let people know what is going on. I don't necessarily think that student politics are a total wreck and a sham at the UO, but they are definitely not accessible to the average student.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Your mom, and a triple of Patron. Just kidding, I am drinking Blue Sapphire Dry gin with Newman's Limeade. Gin n' Juice, like Snoop.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

How about starting out by just listening to the general consensus of the student body? Perhaps by extending an overview of what's what in government to the clamoring masses? When the ASUO starts acting and presenting themselves like a professional student service organization, then people will feel like the University is in good hands. I don't mean to be hating on the ASUO, but it has not been a good year for student politics in the campus media. I want people to see the student government become what it is intended to be- a group dedicated to making decisions for the good of the University and its students, faculty, and staff. All we can see right now is the off-color behavior and the hypocrisies. We need to be able to look at the future student government as a group we can trust to make decent long and short term decisions about our campus. We are all adults here, and do not need to resort to crying and name calling to get our points across. The way to clean up

this political mess is to look critically at what the campus community is asking for, and to take time to make rational and well-researched decisions. I would like for the student government to become something every student feels like they can relate to and understand. There are a lot of important decisions being made that average student does not see, and that are not made to be clear to all students, and this is a crime. The student body needs to be able to see exactly what is going on in their government, and they need to have the ability to step in when they see things that they don't like. Transparency in government, without bias, is something we desperately need at the U of O.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

It's time to put the "Stud" back in "Student Government," and I'm the lady to make that happen. Let's be realistic about University politics.

**Michelle Haley - OAT**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Major:** English

**Activities:** Assault Prevention Shuttle Volunteer Driver, WOW Hall Volunteer, Trader Joe's Crew Member, EMU Craft Center Front Desk Staff/ Advertising Coordinator

**Hobbies:** Bowling, Adventuring, Fine Dining, Bicycling, Partying, Diving, Dancing, and being all-around awesome.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

Definitely. Anything that allows students to socialize outside of academia, plus it fits in well with my drinking hobby.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

There is no denying it exists.

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

Martha Stewart, a nice blackberry mojito.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Bake them cake. People love free cake, maybe vegan cake filled with money?

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

A vote for me is a vote for cake and I really like the EMU.

**Arielle Reid**

**Year in School:** Freshman

**Major:** Political Science

**Hobbies:** Writing, backpacking, reading, history, hiking.

**Do you think an on-campus pub would benefit the University community?**

With the abundance of pubs within walking distance from campus, I do not think an on-campus pub is needed. A popular on-campus restaurant where students could go to hang out between classes and after class, however, would benefit a feeling of community and harmony among the students of the University of Oregon.

**How do you feel about the current state of student politics at the University of Oregon?**

The current ASUO shows strong insider corruption and disorganization. Shipping student dollars off campus and loyalty towards special interests over the interests of the student body are just a few of the malpractices of the current ASUO. As a member of the Oregon Action Team, I vow to end corruption and bring transparency and professionalism back into student politics. I want future University of Oregon politicians to be available to the students and ascribe to a student agenda. End the Routine, Vote Green!

**Your stranded on a deserted island with one person, who's it going to be and what are you drinking?**

I would like to be stranded with a young, handsome, virile Jack Kerouac, preferably after he wrote *The Dharma Bums*. He and I could face the joys of living purely off the land and recount our backpacking experiences to each other over edible weeds and other questionable foods. More than likely I'm drinking fresh water from the well I have just dug several miles away from the sea shore. However, should Jack and I realize that living on a deserted island isn't all it's cracked up to be, we would break out the half-gallon jugs of Carlo Rossi.

**Do you have any ideas about how to get the general student population more interested in the ASUO?**

Bringing government back to the students by maintaining an agenda consistent with the Oregon students wants and needs. The Oregon Action Team has an effective plan to reduce text book costs, promote sustainability, protect student tickets, and keep Oregon's money for Oregon. In addition to a student-oriented political agenda, the Oregon Action team plans to keep Oregon students actively updated on the actions of the ASUO through monthly email newsletters, weekly radio addresses, and Podcast. I want to bring transparency back into student government. I want the ASUO to work for the students again.

**In 25 words or less, why should you be elected?**

I offer a fresh perspective on student issues. I am completely devoted to restoring the ASUO to the students with professionalism and accessibility.

# Obama-rama at Mac Court

*The Commentator, through a combination of moxie and pure chance, scored press passes to the Barack Obama rally on March 21 to deliver this stirring, first-hand report.*

Jake Speicher

So when I first heard that Barack Obama was coming to town I creamed my pants, not because I wanted to, but simply because Obama seems to have that effect on people. I don't know what it is about the guy, but he makes more people swoon than Frank Sinatra. He's a rock star and a politician rolled into one fat joint that the country still hasn't come down from.

As evidence of this, more than 8,000 people showed up to see him on March 21, at McArthur Court. One line stretched all the way from Mac Court to 18th St.; where it continued down 18th street and wrapped around all the way to Hayward field. It took a solid hour and a half to get everyone in the building.

It took my roommate and me exactly three seconds to get in the building. We found some random door in between the two huge lines that was

letting people in. I just felt bad for all the people who had been standing in line for six hours. My roommate and I show up late, and we are two of the first people in the building. That's not fair. Stupid campus.

Anyway, once we were inside, we were shepherded to our seats on the second level. My butt hit the chair at around 6:30, so I had two and a half hours to kill. I told my roommate that I should have brought a flask, or they should have at least sold beer. He agreed and also pointed at some "losers" dancing down on the floor. Those losers: ASUO Vice President SunOwen and Senator Patrick Boye. However, my favorite ASUO sighting was when they picked Diego Hernandez to stand behind Obama as one of the token minorities.

It was at this point that I saw OC Associate Editor and all-around scumbag CJ Ciaramella down on press row. He signaled me to come down stairs where he provided me with a press pass.

When I asked CJ how he got this he said he just showed up and kind of asked for one. Which made me wonder—why didn't I think of that? The second thing out of CJ's mouth was "I have been eye humping the TV newswomen for about an hour." I quickly joined in. There were two special ladies of note. First, Obama's press wrangler, about whom CJ said he would do evil, unspeakable things to, and second, the field reporter from KEZI who, in the words of Ron Burgundy, had a breathtaking heine.

After our eyes grew tired of humping, we took a survey of other media there. The most hilarious were the representatives from Jamz 94.9. Eugene's party station brought a 45-year-old woman and what appeared

to be her 16-year-old son. The Commentator also got a visit from Cumulus radio whose representative was absolutely trashed. She could barely stand up. She offered CJ and me pizza, but we had to go outside with her because they wouldn't let her bring it inside. Probably 10 minutes after she went outside to pick up her pizza, an Obama volunteer came up to us and told CJ and I that if we went outside the fire marshal would not let us back in. I still picture the wasted Cumulus lady standing outside in the cold with her pizza.

At around 8:00, the pre-game entertainment rolled in. On the Rocks got up on the stage and sang.

Their set list:

"For the Longest Time" Billy Joel  
 "Cars" Gary Numan  
 "I'm too Sexy" Right Said Fred  
 "I Saw the Sign" Ace of Base

They were followed by Divisi, during which the following exchange occurred:

CJ: I like those motions.

*[Sees me writing down what he just said.]*

CJ: I'm saying they have good choreography

*[Still writing what he's saying except now I am laughing]*

CJ: Fuck you, Jake.

Divisi's set list:

"Addicted to Love" Robert Palmer  
 "Baby got Back" Sir Mix-A-Lot  
 "Closer" Nine Inch Nails  
 "Ice Cream Man" Van Halen

After the music, the speakers came out. First, Obama's regional coordinator spoke, and then the Superintendent of Oregon education. The best part of both speeches is that the crowd went nuts every time they said "Obama" or "Eugene." Kind of like



Sudsy is spotted down on press row

it was the secret word on Pee-Wee's Playhouse. Then Oregon congressman Earl "Bowtie" Blumenauer railed against the current administration. Not only did he say it was the saddest and worst administration in history (take that Herbert Hoover), but he also said Bush needs remedial help (and there was much rejoicing).

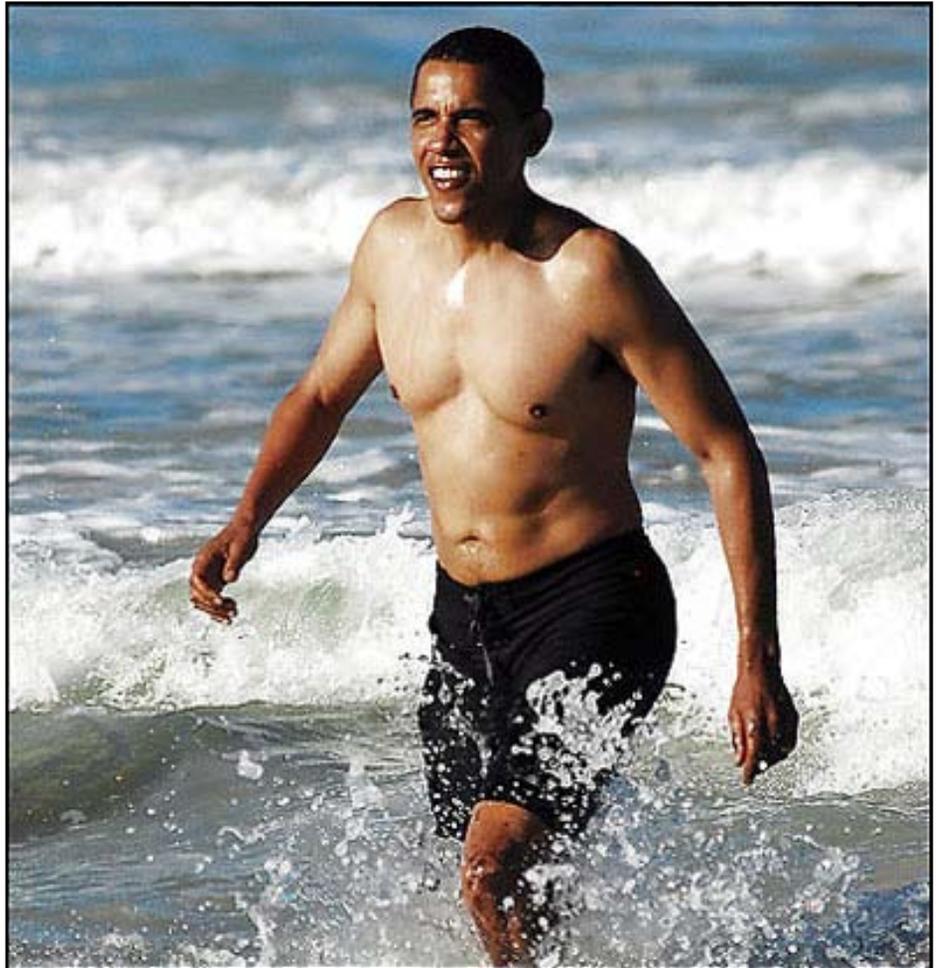
Then everyone got really excited because they thought Barack was coming onstage. They let out a deafening roar as a man emerged from the tunnel. However, it turned out to be some random black dude and not Barack Obama. I guess diversity really is an issue in Eugene if a crowd of 8,000 people assumes the one black guy on the floor is Barack Obama.

Anyway, he didn't show up for another 15 minutes. Volunteers started passing out signs. Audience members scrambled over one another like Rwandan refugees at a Red Cross tent to get a hold of one of them. People wanting signs had two options: they could have an official campaign sign, or they could hold signs made by volunteers that looked like they might have been made by actual audience members. Some of the signs from previous stops must have been mixed in because one sign read "Salem for Obama."

Finally, after all the signs had been passed out, and CJ and I had run out of snarky comments to make, Sen. Barack Obama arrived. There is no other way to put it: One second you had a bored crowd of 8,000 people trying to start the wave, and the next second you had an orgiastic onslaught of Obama supporters. The noise was deafening; I had chills; I don't know what else to say. However, I will say that press row was absolutely dead. No one smiling or clapping or anything. I guess clapping ruins your objectivity or something.

The speech itself was pretty standard Obama. If you have watched any of his campaign speeches then you saw the speech he gave that night. However, there were some highlights.

Obama started talking about his first days in the Illinois legislature and how he stood on the very same steps as Abraham Lincoln. Then some dude in the crowd yelled "Lincoln's



the man." To which the always smooth Sen. Obama responded "Lincoln is the man. You know what? Let's give it up for Abraham Lincoln." And there was much rejoicing.

Obama's speech was also peppered with clever turns of phrases that I had never heard/noticed before. Things like "the American people want to be for something not against something," or "People want a hand up not a handout." And finally "We need a health care system and not a disease care system." He also called for a "Manhattan Project for clean energy," and mentioned children, roads and poetry. He wants to fix all three.

Another thing I noticed for the first time is that when Barack Obama gets going, he sounds exactly like The Rock. You know the WWF wrestler who has gone on to star in such films as *Doom* and *The Scorpion King*. Yeah, Obama and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson have the same cadence and inflection when they speak. I think Obama should

capitalize on this. He should start calling his political foes jabronies and asking crowds if they can smell what he's cooking.

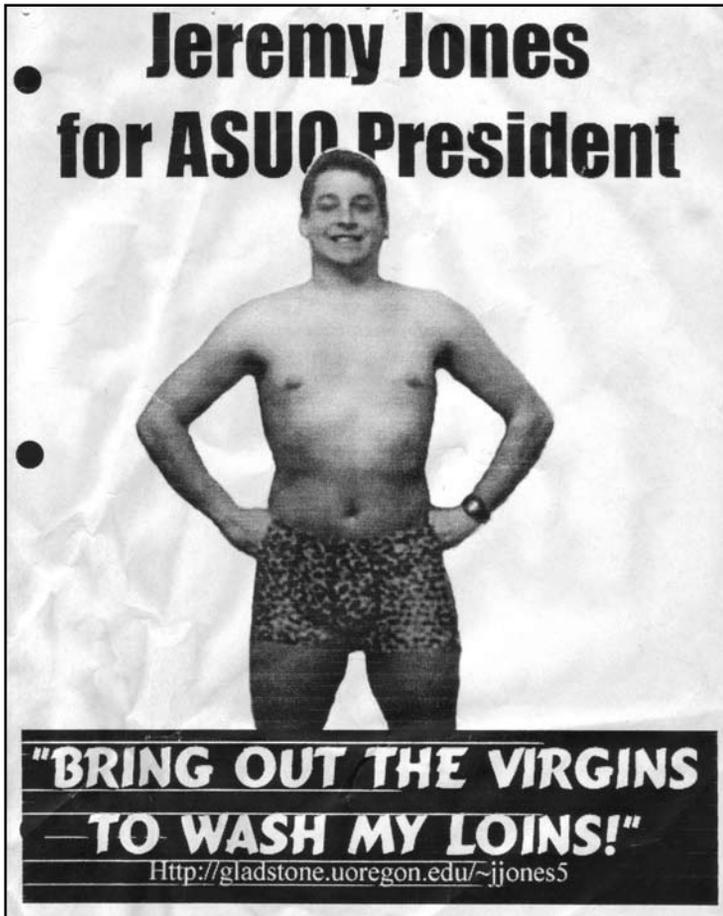
To me, it became obvious that people are in love with the idea of Barack Obama more than the man himself. I'm not saying that's a bad thing, but it worries me a little. By electing Obama to the presidency, the country is essentially taking a gamble. We are hoping that the man will grow into his rhetoric. Everything Obama says, everything he promises, is taken on faith. It really is a campaign built on hope. Not just Obama hoping for a better country, but we as a country hoping on Obama. Obama is setting himself up to carry the hopes and dreams of the American people—let's just hope he can bear the load.

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# SPEW...

and great ASUO candidacies past



## ON POSITIVE CHANGE

"Though the timing of the Special Election has garnered a small amount of criticism, I believe and will continue to assert that the benefits of this restructure outweigh the less-than-ideal timing of the election."

~ ASUO President Emily McLain in a letter to the ODE. Haven't you heard? Timing is everything, especially when one is setting agendas during election season.

"In the spirit of more efficient servitude of students, I would like to commend all of those who have been willing to endure the ardor of these constitutional changes."

~ Thank goodness for Microsoft Word thesaurus.

"Constructive and beneficial change that directly affects students does happen in the ASUO."

~ Thanks for the reassurance.



## ON WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

The Way they are treating sperm donors is totally unethical.

~ A guy to his friend on campus

So I was having sex with the DDS guy, and he didn't have a condom, but I was just like, 'fuck it.'

~ A girl to her friend at the corner of 19th and Kincaid one night.

# ON PORN PARTY POOPERS

“Pornography sets the stage upon which female characters are always filthy, slutty “cunts” in a spermy mask, complete with bleach-blond hair and fake tits.”

~ *The Oregon Voice's Janae Schiller in the most recent, “Asshole of the Month: Porn Stars and Their Wannabes.” First Phil Knight, now porn stars? Why don't you just come out and admit you hate America?*

“As paradoxical as it may seem, humans tend to accept this practice as normal. After all, most men have a Playboy stuffed between their mattress, and watching porn is sometimes a social event.

~ *Between the mattress? More like on the coffee table or next to the john. By the way, Gore Vidal, John Cheever, Norman Mailer, John Updike, Hunter S Thompson and every other respectable author from the 60s wrote for Playboy.*

## HAVE YOU BEEN SHIT ON BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT?



AND IT'S TIME FOR SOME ACTION: elect the only freshman candidate running for office [ED MADRID] and his vice president, the only Macintosh computer running for office...



Elect  
**ED MADRID/SAL 2000**  
For ASUO Executive

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT ED MADRID/SAL 2000

# ON THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER

“A move in the departmentalization of ethnic studies can assist in restoring the faith of students, faculty and staff in our University's leadership. This action is not limited to combating racism, but it is a vital tool in the larger context of our education, in and outside of the classroom.”

~ *ASUO President hopeful Kari Herineckx in yet another ODE letter to the editor by the campaign to departmentalize Ethnic Studies, which is seeming more and more like Jesus Guy every day.*



## Suds for ASUO President!

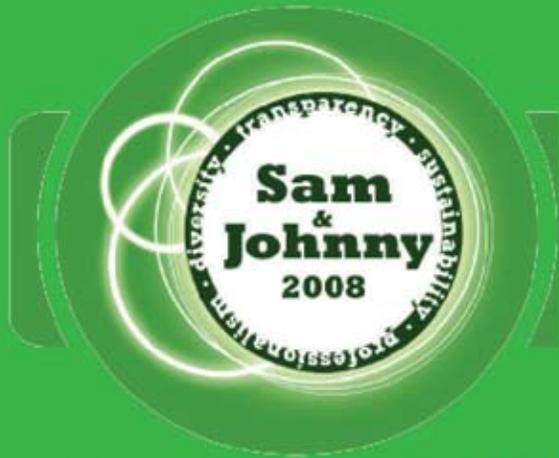
### Goals

- Demonstrate the inherent dominance and superiority of alcohol-based mascots.
- Re-open the campus masturbator cold case with an Unsolved Mysteries-style public access show, narrated by the ghost of Robert Stack.
- Westmoreland: Goodbye boring apartments, hello spicy bordellos.
- Outsource Craft Center to Mexico.
- Demand that *Can't You Hear Me Knockin'* by the Rolling Stones be played at all hours over the EMU sound system.

### More Goals

- To see Ernie Kent and Bev Smith fired within a year.
- The elimination of Canada from all campus maps and textbooks.
- The elimination of all campus squirrel-on-squirrel violence through man-on-squirrel violence.
- Caged death matches in the Survival Center.
- Bring back Roboduck.
- Secretly give all power and authority to Zach Vishanoff. When the University eventually devolves into anarchy, depose Vishanoff in a bloody coup. Re-enter political life with near-dictatorial powers.

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## Sam & Johnny will:

- \* **INCREASE** ticket availability through weekend distribution;
- \* **REDUCE** textbook costs by providing grants to students;
- \* **NEGOTIATE** with LTD so buses operate later and more frequently to popular student routes;
- \* **REDIRECT** funding to benefit on-campus student programs;
- \* **OPPOSE** DPS tasers & start a text-message warning system.

