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- We believe the University should be a forum for rational and informed debate—instead of the current climate in which ideological dogma, political correctness, fashion and mob mentality interfere with academic pursuit.
- 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.
- We believe that while it would be foolish to praise or agree mindlessly with everything our nation does, it is both ungrateful and dishonest not to acknowledge the tremendous blessings and benefits we receive as Americans.
- We believe that free enterprise and economic growth, especially at the local level, provide the basis for a sound society.
- We believe that the University is an important battleground in the "war of ideas" and that the outcome of political battles of the future are, to a large degree, being determined on campuses today.
- We believe that a code of honor, integrity, pride and rationality are the fundamental characteristics for individual success.
- Socialism guarantees the right to work. However, we believe that the right not to work is fundamental to individual liberty. Apathy is a human right.

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"Academic politics are so vicious precisely because the stakes are so small."

Editorial: Vote. Seriously. It's for your own good.

Welcome to ASUO election season 2011. Historically, ASUO elections have had unequivocally low voter turnout – 2010 had around 5,000 votes in the primary election and around 4,000 in the general election. Yet, the results of these elections have significant impacts on student life, including what issues receive student support, what services are provided and, most importantly, the size of the student fee.

With all this at stake, why not vote?

There are many reasons students abstain from accessing DuckWeb during the first two weeks of winter term, the largest of which is that most university students simply don't care. They don't feel like the ASUO represents them; they don't know what the organization is for and they don't think it matters either way.

But the ASUO has a tremendous amount of power — it is the most powerful student government in the country that controls over \$14 million in student money. Your money. And with that power comes inevitable abuses.

Let's look at current ASUO President Amelie Rousseau.

During her tenure as president, Rousseau has undertaken a significant number of projects that seriously affect the lives of students. Most of the time, however, we didn't know the project was being undertaken until it was too late to give input.

The first example of this was Rousseau's convocation speech to the incoming freshman class during UO's Week of Welcome in September. Following the school-year-welcoming riot the week prior, Rousseau used the platform granted by the UO administration to a) equate the riot to why we shouldn't have DPS be a sworn police force by lying about how the incident was instigated, b) express her disapproval for UO President Richard Lariviere's new partnership proposal and c) try and collect names and contact information for the Student Vote Coalition. The position of ASUO president is extremely visible and influential, and without proper checks and student input, that influence can be easily abused.

The next big ticket item on Rousseau's ever-growing resume is her involvement in a campus-wide smoking ban to take effect in the fall of 2012. The ban has no implementation or enforcement plan and a multitude of unaddressed concerns. As ASUO president, however, Rousseau is in the unique position of providing support that carries weight — the weight of 24,000 students. Even though the impacts of the ban are not 100 percent certain, the plan has support from students through Amelie and will continue as planned.

Perhaps the most favoritist and egregious of Amelie's decisions was to support the creation of a student sustainability coordinator, center and coalition out of thin air. Student programs need to be vetted; they need room to grow and prove themselves. The same goes for full-time staff members. After being hired for

a grand total of three weeks, the sustainability coordinator — a \$40,000-a-year position — was guaranteed permanent funding. Not only was the position not vetted, but is supposed to be funded via the student sustainability coalition, and as that fund was not set up at the time of the budget allocations, the ASUO Executive decided to foot the bill.

But the worst part of the sustainability battle was the displacement of six non-environmental groups with space in EMU Suite 20 to much smaller office space in The Break — without their explicit consent — to make room for a sustainability center. If all student groups exist to enhance the physical and cultural development of campus, why should one group of student receive value over any other? Space in the EMU is limited, and of the more than 160 student groups that are recognized and funded by the ASUO only a small portion of them have office space. Why should the Student Sustainability Coalition — a brand new group — be awarded such a luxury above all the other student groups without space that have been around longer? On top of that, why should student groups that have the privilege of space be displaced so hastily?

We then come to the crown jewel of the Rousseau-Arora administration: OSPIRG. As **COMMENTATOR** readers know, the Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group has not had funding from the ASUO since 2008–09, although it's been fighting for money relentlessly ever since. This year, with Rousseau and Arora's support, the PIRG has been blessed with six separate hearings, a veto of the budget that didn't include the PIRG and some procedural finagling on the part of the Executive to funnel some money. The battle continues all the way through Mar. 31 when, if a budget is not approved by the ASUO Senate, Rousseau gets to pick what receives funding. She and Arora tried to make the effective date earlier, but the ASUO Constitution Court maintained the original Mar. 31 date. Rousseau and Arora's relentless support of a program that has been unable to prove itself time and time again shows their bias — to the tune of tens of thousands of dollars.

All of these issues coalesce into one particular point: elected officials of the ASUO have a lot of power and there is a lot of room for abuse of that power.

It is with this in mind that we advocate: a vote in the ASUO election is a vote for your own financial future. While it may seem unimportant now, the research is important if you want to make sure a) your opinions are heard when representatives are advocating for you, and b) your student fee remains low and functional.

Yes, the canvassers are annoying. Yes, everyone's trying to get your vote. But cast one, because decisions are made by those who show up. And especially when those decisions have such severe consequences, ten minutes on DuckWeb is entirely worth your while.



asks ...

What's your ASUO pipe dream?



Mario: All of my dreams are about pipes.

Brospew:
Screw pipes, I got this clutch blunt.



Racist UCLA Girl:
For Asians to STOP talking on their, like, cell phones.



The Tsunami:
Find that UCLA chick on facebook.



Richard Lariviere:
I feel like this question has already been answered.

Bartending School

with Sudsy O'Sullivan
An Oregon Commentator original recipe

The Clusterfuck

Vodka

Tequila

Rum

Schnapps

Mix everything together in a bucket. It doesn't matter what porportions- you're fucked regardless.

Sudsy Says:

"Roses are red
Violets are blue
I have a gun
Get in the van."



Where in the World is Richard Lariviere?



Hiding in a crevasse.

The Gossip Gutter

*Dredged by
Kellie
Bramstone*

The gossip mill at UO is always churning out the juiciest li'l tidbits for us to munch on, but these latest rumors are just too hot for this dame to keep in her corset.



According to various sources close to the house, the fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon has a tawdry tradition involving the pair of concrete lions that live outside their front steps. Apparently, whomever “hooks up” on the lions receives the honor of choosing what color to paint the lions next, which explains why they switched colors (from orange and green to red, white and blue) so close to St. Patty’s Day.

This brings up a host of questions: what exactly is considered hooking up? Is penetration required, or will a simple BJ suffice? Does one need to devote time to both lions, or is it fine if just one lion is used in the act? And how are these hook ups proven? Is photographic evidence used, do all the brothers come out and watch or do the bonds of brotherhood come with enough honor to trust the claimant’s word? It seems that the only people who could answer such questions are either the brothers or the girls themselves, and since the Greek system isn’t incredibly forthcoming, we can only dream that one of the lionesses will contact us with further info.

In other frat rumor news, apparently Alpha Epsilon Pi has another tradition for the ladies who visit their house. Any frat rat who sleeps with five or more brothers walks away with a free toaster. The meaning behind this toaster is unknown, but some close to the men speculate that it is an homage for the brothers’ love of toast jobs. Look it up.

DRUNK RESTUARUANT REVIEWS

Ohhh whoa. So me and my babe was getting wasted on \$2 vodka. I turned to her and whispered, “Sugarbitch, I want to take you out on the town.” My Sugarbitch said to me, “Maaaaan! It’s two in the morning.” No problem. There’s this cafe on the street corner and they have anything you want.



The decor was delightful — the fluorescent lighting really lit up my bitch’s eyes and the veneer of the offwhite tiling reminded me of my days as a POW in Wisconsin. We were immediately drawn to the in-house grill (fancy!) of hot dogs and taquitos slowly rotating as they simmered in their own unctuous ejaculate. Maybe if I hadn’t shotgunned that last Tilt the food would have resembled something less than calories shaped like poop, but at the time it looked like calories shaped like hot dogs.

The service was impeccable. Our server politely offered a series of gravelly gunts (he reminds me of my son, whom I haven’t seen in 18 years) asking us if we would like anything in addition.

“Fuck yes!” We screamed in tandem and we proceeded to load our arms with as much malt liquor as our atrophied bodies could manage. We paid with our ATM card that was shaped like a gun and dined in the moonlit parking lot before the server called us a taxi — which we found out later was a police car.

I would give this restaurant five out of five stars — if I hadn’t sold three of the stars to support my egregious smack habit. I hang out in front of this restaurant a lot if you want anything. I’m holding.

Overheard at the OC:

C.W. Keating: So then I pulled the libertarian on her.

Rockne Andrew Roll: And how did she feel about that?

C.W.K.: She was off-put, yet attracted.

R.A.R.: That’s the **COMMENTATOR**’s slogan: “Off-putting, yet attractive.”

C.W.K.: Like the hot girl with herpes.

The Expansion Issue: Corrections

* In the Expansion Issue there was not nearly enough projectile vomit, Sudsy O’Sullivan or Richard Lariviere. The **COMMENTATOR** regrets the error.

The Sex Issue: Corrections

* In the Sex Issue we stated that the clitoris is located above the vaganus, but after hours of field research we could not prove this true. The **COMMENTATOR** regrets the error.

WHAT'S YOUR POLITICAL PARTY?

What is the most important issue facing Americans today?

- A) The planet is going to hell
- B) The people are going to hell
- C) No one is going "down"
- D) Hidden forces controlling our blood supply

What influences your decision to vote for a candidate?

- A) They want to help society improve ourselves and work towards a better life for us and future generations
- B) They aren't black
- C) They have a strong, sensual presence
- D) Who cares, they're all just lizards

Your favorite show is:

- A) I don't watch TV, thanks, but it's cool that you do...
- B) *Dancing with the Stars*
- C) I prefer to just browse around Redtube
- D) Sci-Fi channel, but it's for research

Mostly A's

Green Party!

Well look at you, little flower child of the dewey dawn eating your Morning Star vegan sausages and getting your Toms slip-ons dirty in the soil of your organic urban garden. You want to do what's right, and that's commendable, but prepare for a lot of disappointment, because American politics is all about doing as little good as possible for the most money.

Mostly B's

Tea Party!

You favor traditional values, the American way, dust on boots and, well, freedom? That's just a little bit better. You may wish for a return to morality and God-fearing folk, or simply less federal involvement in state affairs, but either way you're a true patriot, and all those commie heathens will see who's right come Judgement Day.

You're walking down the street and you see a baby just about to wander into traffic. You:

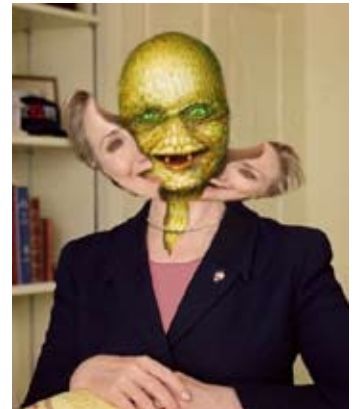
- A) Save it, but later feel guilty for contributing to overpopulation
- B) If we prayed in school this baby child would be in school praying, not in the street dying
- C) Save it, of course. He/she will be 18 someday...
- D) What's the point? It's just going to be another sheeple in the pasture

When looking for an ideal mate, for what do you search?

- A) Respect. Lots of respect.
- B) A four-wheeler
- C) A fucksaw
- D) Fully-human DNA

Whats your drink?

- A) Microbrews
- B) Moonshine
- C) A clusterfuck (see pg. 5)
- D) Diazepamtini



Mostly C's

Key Party!

You know what's truly important in life: boatloads of fantastic sex with multiple partners. You like to keep things exciting and you don't get bogged down with things like monogamy and commitment. You know that life is all about enjoying the time you have, so why argue about issues when you could be having random, swinger sex with someone else's spouse?

Mostly D's

Reptilian Conspiracy!

You're a free-thinker, or at least you will be until the drugs in the water supply kick in. Try as you might, you can't seem to convince your friends of what you already know: the rich and powerful are actually aliens who control the economy, cause terrorist disasters and decide the Grammys. But until the evil reptilian humanoids from Draconis Alpha finally implement the Brotherhood Agenda, shedding their human skins and drinking the blood of our children, you'll have to suffer alone.

Greek Life Is For Pussies: A Three-Essay Collection

Roman Life: We Be Coming For Athens, Bitch

by Broius V

It is here that we gather on this fine March morning to wreak havoc upon the Greeks. Everyone knows the real problem with these kid-fondling, philosophizing, hard-drinking plebeians is that their balls are made of tissue paper. I, Broius V, can proudly say that Romans, who have balls of steel, can institute a new way of life, one that involves badassery without date rape and hazing. Seriously, those Greeks think they know what badassery is? I once pulled a toddler's tooth out with my bare hands because he insulted my mother.

For too long Greek Life has had a stranglehold on our university, always blabbering about campus politics, staging eating contests and throwing lame parties that don't even involve a good sword fight! Not only that, Greek Life uses over \$85,000 to operate per term. That's enough money to buy each University of Oregon student his or her very own gale!

Obviously these Greeks traffic in bullshit — I have yet to see one fraternity or sorority that doesn't have a dark underbelly of secrets and trickery — so we must be strong. We must demolish every party we hear of. We must taunt and challenge every Greek we encounter. We must menace Amelie Rousseau during Senate meetings. We must terrorize these bros and bro-ettes until they have no choice but to run home to mommy and daddy, their dicks between their legs. It shall be a glorious day.

Now, with all of you as my witnesses, I formally declare war on Greek Life. Let us start a new empire, a new reign, a new era of steel ballsiness. Let us start an empire so grand that it makes Pamela Anderson's tits look real. Let us start Roman Life.

I. Mission Statement.

Roman Life is dedicated to dismantling Greek Life, instituting a global empire of awesomeness and quickly eradicating the idiotic and asinine rituals of fraternities and sororities.

II. Eligibility Requirements.

1. No current Greeks allowed. Your testicles are soft and squishy and you talk about working at your Dad's used car dealership too much.
2. Those worthy of admittance must strip naked and fight another applicant in a muddy circle of our choosing. There are no rules to the fight: biting, scratching and gouging are fine and encouraged. Whoever emerges the victor advances to round two. As for the loser, don't worry about that...
3. The winner of the first round must be subjected to a day and a night of black metal music played *at full volume*. Real Romans will head bang and smash shit, while those with squishy ball sacks will find it annoying and will promptly be given a teddy bear, a glass of milk and a lazy hand job provided by some



random blonde girl we find at Taylor's.

4. For the final challenge, Roman Life applicants must crash a Greek Life party all by themselves and *fuck shit up*. Suggested strategies include: dumping the keg, spraying everyone with Reddi-Whip and dismantling the house's structural integrity (a jackhammer would be sufficient). Note: While frat parties are the standard for this challenge, sorority parties are acceptable as long as you take someone hostage and shave off one of his or her eyebrows.

If you passed all these challenges, congratulations! You're part of Roman Life. If you didn't pass all the challenges then you can burn in the fire of a million hells.

III. Memberships include:

- Attending weekly gladiator fights.
- A personal keg for each Roman Life member.
- Biweekly pillages (involves setting cars on fire, getting into brawls, kicking people into holes, etc.)
- Game nights (Dammit Taboo, foiled again!)
- Periodic storming of the EMU.
- Constant searches for womenfolk.
- Horseshoes.
- Waxing poetic about how amazing we are, then killing all the poets.
- Water polo for all!

Norse Life: Don't Fuck with us*by Enhardus Skord*

Now, some say that Romans don't go far enough. "Why create a new system that's exactly like the old?" they say. First of all, shut up. Second of all, I understand your predicament, brother. There has to be something far more brutal, primitive and carnal than the relative sophistication of those Romans. Enter Norse Life.

Ever want to rape and pillage willy-nilly? Do you like riding through icy waters in primitive sailing vessels? Do you think growing a beard is a symbol of wisdom and manliness instead of hipsterdom and lack of hygiene? Norse Life fulfills all of these requirements and more. Romans are helpless in the face of these ruthless men. Eventually they will all have their faces pushed in the mud of their dead empire as we. Norse set aflame everything they hold dear. We will scour the land for survivors and mercilessly destroy any Greek or Roman we find.

It's going to be metal as fuck.

Quaker Life: Can't we all just get along? Please? At least think about it.*By Sissy-Pants McGraham*

Actually, I don't want to talk about this anymore. Just be a pal; buy my snacks, okay? There's granola in them and stuff. Even oatmeal for the older folk.

Come on, I could really use the money.



Neither Broius V, Enhardus Skord nor Sissy-Pants McGraham work for the OREGON COMMENTATOR. They bullied their way into the issue. Fuck those guys.

Desperate ASUO starts draft

Nick Dreyer

Due to this past year's ASUO senator dropout rate and a general lack of enthusiasm regarding volunteerism among students, the University of Oregon is reinstating its long-forgotten conscription system as of spring term 2011. The system hasn't been in use since 1963.

Former drill sergeant William "Buckshot" Barnum is the Conscription Board's advisor and seems very eager to begin the drafting process. "If your student identification number begins with a 95, consider your ass drafted," Barnum said. But Barnum has a specific screening process to see who qualifies for a particular student employment position.

Barnum said in an interview with the *Daily Emerald* that, "We need to allocate poor, hapless souls to pretend to give a shit about and participate in the pedantic goings-on in the ASUO. Deserters will be shot." The screening will involve patting the draftee down; anyone carrying a bag of hot air will be lumped in this category. If the board considers a student's shoes old and dirty or finds any history of incest in the student's family tree, a fate a sight worse awaits.

Barnum describes the position, "We also need even poorer, hapless souls to pretend to give a shit about poor, hapless souls pretending to give a shit about the ASUO."

But that's not all. According to Barnum, the University of Oregon is attempting to save money by conscripting its students as laborers. Said Barnum "We are going to Shanghai anyone in the (Student Recreation) Center 'just doin' some reps, brah' and force them to start construction on the Great Wall of Lariviere." The project, of course, is the 15-foot marble wall to surround Johnson Hall, serving the redundant purpose of keeping journalists away

from the president. Others will be put to work in the salt mines, so as to compensate for the university's embarrassing absence of a program to prove singular grains to each student who reads a campus publication.

But there have been rumors floating around about even more demeaning positions, including chemistry majors (read: virgins) to feed the university mascot, Puddles, as well as runners for Phil Knight's rickshaw. Barnum: "Yeah, the plan is to just grab anyone still wearing a 'Stop Pre,' or even a 'I Love My Ducks' tee shirt and strap them in, you know? But this all hinges on whether or not the Elephant Taxi Proposal comes through." Barnum refused to comment any further on the proposal except to say, seemingly to himself, "Shit. We're going to need some elephant trainers."

Many people have offered their own suggestions for drafting positions. We asked a man on the street, junior business major Barry Hatkopf. He gave his own input, bluntly stating, "Hippies. Just take any hipster that gets offended easily and make them buy hemp shit at the street fair. They won't know the difference in a week or two. Our economy is in shambles."

Not all positions sound that horrid, however. Barnum has been pushing to conscript a squadron of clowns to entertain and educate the student body and administration to have a sense of fucking humor. As Barnum so eloquently put it last Tuesday in a meeting somewhere, "The University's second mascot is an old man who sells jokebooks, for Christ's sakes."



Nick Dreyer is the art director for the OREGON COMMENTATOR and is a conscientious objector. Plus, he's running for ASUO president. Vote for him.

Teen loses virginity, becomes sex ed guru by default

EAST LINN, Ore. — At Clara Vista High School, students have found a new source of wisdom and support when it comes to sexual relations. After having sexual intercourse with junior varsity cheerleader Trisha Zook following a night at the local movie theater, 15-year-old Chris Bates has become the go-to person for all sex-related matters at Clara Vista. Many students have been asking him for advice on subjects such as oral sex, intercourse and sexual health, finding someone to turn to for information on these sensitive subjects to be valuable.

Because of this new source of sexual knowledge, many Clara Vista students feel more assured in their decisions regarding sex, taking such small steps to become “better in the sack” as eating yellow Skittles so their come tastes better. Other examples include extensively washing one’s balls with Axe body spray or doing a handstand while masturbating to increase stamina.

“Before Chris, I didn’t know who to turn to when it came to advice about sex,” said freshman lacrosse player Daniel McLear. “I mean, I didn’t have any friends who knew what they were talking

about. But then a buddy on the team told me about Chris, how he plowed that one chick and could probably tell me all there was to know about getting laid. Ever since then, whenever I have a question about girls, he’s my guy. It’s really changed my life.”

Another high school freshman, Greta Heilman made a similar comment about the positive impact that Chris has had on her sex life. In her case, Chris educated her boyfriend on safe sex practices.

“Chris explained to him that condoms weren’t important as long as he pulled out and came all over my face. I mean, I did end up getting pregnant, but can you imagine how many babies I could have had if we didn’t have Chris’ expertise? I’d probably have like, ten kids.”

With this newfound source of excitement about sexual education, teachers and parents alike are hoping to start an organization to teach local teenagers about Chris’ findings. Many believe that students can benefit from this information, feeling that the more knowledge teenagers have about sex, the safer their decisions will be.

Blunt Samurai

Spencer Madison



Leaving ASUO calms Bocchicchio

Rockne Andrew Roll

Chris Bocchicchio looked different. There was a bounce in his step as he walked into the offices of the **OREGON COMMENTATOR** on a Wednesday morning. Weeks prior, when he was Sen. Chris Bocchicchio, there was a seriousness to his outward demeanor, even if the appearance that he was anything less than friendly and cheerful vanished as soon as one spoke to him.

Bocchicchio has been a well-known figure in the ASUO. He was usually quiet during meetings, which he regularly attended in coat and tie while chewing tobacco. Then, very suddenly, he resigned. His resignation e-mail was two sentences long.

"I waited a couple weeks to think about it," Bocchicchio said of his decision to resign. "I woke up one Monday morning and was in class. I finished class and thought, 'Yup, it's time.'"

It had not always been like this. Bocchicchio had been eager to get involved when, during the 2009-10 school year, applying for an open position on the Programs Finance Committee. He didn't get the job, but did get a phone call from then-Vice President Getachew Kassa asking if he was interested in the Senate seat for students in the business major, which was open at the time.

"I said, 'Sure, I would love to,' and I went in front of the Senate and was confirmed," he said. "It was very scary, but I went for about three or four weeks before I was confirmed and watched and learned. It was a really scary process, but once I got on the (Senate), I loved it."

He was just in time for the Pacifica Forum to explode onto the Senate's agenda. Bocchicchio said it was scary speaking about the issue because hundreds of people crowded into the room disagreed with him.

"I've never been scared to talk in front of people before that moment," he said. "I remember listening to (his friend and fellow senator Demic Tipitino) talk and I could hear his voice shaking, and I didn't understand because Demic is more comfortable talking in front of people than I am. When I went up to speak, I could feel my voice fluttering. The hostility in that room was something I had never felt before."

Bocchicchio sponsored the resolution asking the Pacifica Forum to leave campus, but during the debate came to the conclusion that it would be infringing on others' freedom of speech, something Bocchicchio said he could not abide.

He recounts then-Sen. Nick Schultz (now a member of the Constitution Court) lashing out at then-Senate President Nick Gower during another meeting. Gower had changed the order of the speakers list, which Schultz said was outside of his authority.

"I had a lot of respect for Schultz as a senator," he said. "He was a man of the body, not only of having good discussion but remembering that things that happen there shouldn't



become that emotional, that they should be logical and fair headed. He lost control, and I lost a lot of respect I had for him. He embarrassed the body, he made it look unprofessional, and he embarrassed himself."

There were more antics to come.

Bocchicchio said one exchange nearly erupted into violence on his part. That was when the University decided to shut down the student-run Crisis Center Hotline. He said that ASUO Chief-of-Staff Ben Eckstein accused the administration of acting in bad faith. "I thought I was going to hit Eckstein. I literally thought I was going to hit him."

In the end, it was all simply too much.

Bocchicchio says he has felt much better since his departure from the Senate. "It's been great. I've actually been really happy. I was not happy at all, my grades really suffered last term."

He's still been involved in campus issues, working with Dean of Students Paul Shang to improve student life on campus. "I think that, right now, the problem with the Executive is that they're too focused on 'all the students of Oregon.' What about the students at UO? What about building a community here on campus?"

Bocchicchio looks forward to building that community. "I can bring the student body together to help do something better for this community, and it doesn't have to be through the ASUO."



*Rockne Andrew Roll is managing editor for the **OREGON COMMENTATOR** and after writing this article, he had to wipe a little bit of Chris Bocchicchio off him.*

Moving Boldly To The Future: The State of the Oregon GOP

Allen Alley is the chairman of the Oregon Republican Party. A former deputy chief-of-staff for Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Republican gubernatorial candidate, Alley has been the chairman of the party since February of this year. At the recent Dorchester Conference in Seaside, Ore., he took a minute to sit down and have a chat with the **OREGON COMMENTATOR**.

Oregon Commentator: The political makeup of the Oregon House and Senate is pretty much split down the middle. Has this affected membership or activism in the Oregon Republican Party?

Allen Alley: Well, the party activism is on a rise, but I think it's more from grassroots than anything else. It's more from Tea Party, Americans For Prosperity, You Choose, Freedom-Works, all of those grassroots groups sort of coming up. And in Oregon, we're pulling them all together in the Republican Party, and it's very different than what's happening in other states. The analogy that I've used is, this is a choir: All these groups are a choir and my role as the chairman of the party is to help orchestrate this choir. So, we have basses and tenors and sopranos and if you think about a choir, a lot of times they're singing different melodies. They're actually saying different words, they don't all say exactly the same words, but if you coordinate it, the sound is rich and full and pleasing to everybody. On the other hand, one group, if they get way off key and shrieky, can wreck the whole thing for the entire choir. I've talked to all the grassroots organizations about this and they all understand, and now, when issues start to come up where they think, "Oh jeez, Allen, are we getting too shrieky here?" They're actually starting to communicate with us. So far it's working out very well.

OC: How are you reaching out to young Republicans and university communities?

AA: The very first thing I did when I took the chairmanship is that — I have chair people in each of the counties and they were asking

for information, so I created a secret Facebook page that I started inviting them to, then I turned it over to staff and said, "You finish this up, get them on Facebook." We now have a secret Facebook group for the people to interact with each other; they're posting documents there. We've expanded that. We have a separate Facebook group now, invitation only, for precinct committee-people. So if you join as a precinct committee person, you go on this Facebook group. I post to it. I interact with it. So you get direct access to me. I also tweet two or three times a day. The Twitter feed is automatically posted

on my Facebook page: my two Facebook pages, my personal page and my political Facebook page. So I think that's the medium that we have to use. I want to decentralize and virtualize our communications as a party.

OC: What is the Oregon Republican Party vision for higher education funding and governance in light of various restructuring proposals?

AA: I don't want to take positions on a lot of these things, because what I need to do as the chairman of the party is provide an environment where we can recruit great candidates and let them take positions. So, I don't really have a position on it, other than: Higher education funding is critical; higher education is critical. The jobs of the

future rely completely on how well we train and educate our kids coming up through the system. I understand global competition better than just about anybody, certainly in politics, because I've built and run companies all over the world. But again, I don't want to take a position. I don't want the Republican Party to be a position advocate as much as an environment advocate.

OC: What sort of environment are you envisioning?

AA: It's an environment where the private sector is empowered to create jobs. And not government creating jobs, but the private sector creating jobs. You know, I looked at (legislative) bills over the last 20 years. There's been about 10,000 bills passed. Pretty much every single one of those bills, if you just look at it as a private sector job creation, pretty much every one of those 10,000 bills makes it harder.



Photograph by CJ Ciaramella

Every single one. And I heard Rep. Weidner (R-Yamhill) on the radio yesterday talking about one bill that he created, and it sounds stupid, but it's one of the first bills I've heard that makes it easier, and that's a cookie bill (HB 3189). It turns out it was illegal for a bakery to make cookies. You could make baked goods, but you couldn't make cookies. You have to pay a separate fee to make cookies. So, his one bill just eliminates the cookie fee, so bakeries can now make cookies under the same permit that they were baking (under). So now, in a very, very tiny way, it does make it easier to promote the private sector job creation. We just need thousands more of those.

OC: What has been the Oregon Republican Party's role in redistricting?

AA: We've been consulting with and working with the legislature on it. I think I bring a little different perspective to it about how we can use other types of data — unconventional types of data — to identify people that would have a propensity to support Republican candidates. And I've been doing some things in that area and working with them because I think that's going to be the critical factor as we go forward.

OC: Has it been difficult working with the Democratic Party?

AA: We've been working mostly through our Republican legislators, but I was Gov. Kulongoski's deputy chief-of-staff, so I have people in the Democratic Party that I work with. I think one of the things we should always note is that three years ago I was Gov. Kulongoski's chief-of-staff; today, I'm the chairman of the Republican Party. If

you reversed the situation, that three years ago somebody that was the deputy chief of staff for a Republican governor could become the head of the Democratic Party, I don't think that could happen. And I think it says a lot about the Republican Party here in Oregon. It says a lot about kind of where we're going and what we're up to. I think people traditionally would have said that the Republican Party is the one (party) that's closed-minded and cliquish or whatever you want to say. I'm the chairman of the Republican Party of Oregon. I've been a Republican my whole life, but I did work for a Democrat. I think it says a lot. And I was elected unanimously, too.

OC: Were there any particular challenges or goals coming in that you've been able to succeed at or that you've had trouble succeeding at?

AA: No. I would say that everything's gone very, very well. The media has been very receptive to me and the messaging. When President Obama came to Oregon, the media came to us and asked for our point of view. I think we presented our point of view credibly and well, and through that process built more credibility with the media. They've been turning to us more and more to get both sides of the argument. I think for a long time the media was comfortable sort of emphasizing one side of the argument. And what they're now doing is, they're actually looking to have a balanced point of view. And I think part of that is what's going on nationally, and part of it is sort of what I represent as the chairman of the party and what's been going on with our party.



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Amelie: Reject us at your peril

Kayla Heffner and C.W. Keating
apply for ASUO housing advocate

This is our application for the position of ASUO housing advocate. Amelie Rousseau promised to create this position while running for president, saying it would solve the tensions created by competition for Greek houses among fraternities and sororities; as well as ameliorate the strain of an oversized freshman class. For most of the year the position has been vacant. Some commitment to solving those problems.

ASUO Application for Housing Advocate – Supplemental Questions

1. What are the motivating factors that have led you to apply for this position?

Students are idiots, especially freshmen. It is my goal to conquer them and spread my rule as far across this campus as humanly possible. The motivating factors that have led me to this infinitesimal piece of paper answering your silly questions are simple really; one only has to look to history. You might as well ask “Why did Napoleon decide to invade Russia?” or “Why was King Henry VIII such an unrelenting dick?” It’s because we are proud men, little piece of paper. Men who seek to better the world through fire and brimstone. Power! Power compels me, little piece of paper! Blood-drenched, sweaty, groupie-fondling power!

2. How do you envision this position best advocating for students?

Can you not read? Students have the IQs of retarded Bulgarian children. They probably couldn’t find Mongolia on a map — which is understandable, seeing that I crushed those Mongols with the fury of a million suns. I wouldn’t advocate for students; students would advocate for me. I’d brand them with my housing advocate stamp so that they would forever know that they once belonged in *my* dorm on *my* University in *my* great land of Eugene. They shall tremble in fear before me as I crush their dreams and hopes. Advocacy? I’ll advocate for their destruction.

3. What qualities do you find essential when contributing to a team?

Thirst for blood; ambition; hunger for power; love of the fiddle; scepter-holding ability; loud voices; random assassination attempts; hunger for power; seething rage; belief in divine rule; beardiness. Did I mention hunger for power?

4. Two of our issues in this administration will be legislative advocacy and sustainability. What is your interest and experience on these issues?

Sustainability is for the French. I think we’ve covered the legislative advocacy part. Moving on...

5. Please describe past experiences and how they will contribute to this position.

Can you point to Prussia on a map? No? That’s because *it doesn’t exist*. All me, baby. Plus, I house over 100 servants daily.

6. Are you interested / willing to accept another position? If yes, which one(s)?

Most certainly: Program Czar, Catering Czar, Resident Assistant Czar, Senator Czar (though you must understand that my first act as Senator will be to abolish the ASUO), Nike Czar, Czar of Eugene, Emperor of Lamentations, Ruler of the Weak and Downtrodden, Arch-Duke of Dickery, Baron of Bowel Movements (no more than two bathroom breaks a week) and Captain of Hatred. Oh, and Cereal Czar. Delicious.



Kayla Heffner is the operations manager for the OREGON COMMENTATOR and C.W. Keating is a contributor, and neither of them will be able to pay their child support without this job.



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Application for Employment

(Necessary for all jobs affiliated with the ASUO)

Position(s) applied for:

Student Housing Advocate / Czar of Dorms / Czar of Dorms
Crusher of Freshman Hopes / " " Co-Chair

For SENATE Applicants: It is strongly recommended that you meet with a senator before submitting your application. Senators offer assistance in filling out the application and can provide context of senate's responsibilities. Ask the front desk in the ASUC senators' office hours.

Please print or type:

Date: 3/3/201Name: Colin Keating & Kayla Heffner Student ID: [REDACTED]Major: Water Aerobics Preferred Address: EMU ~~seater~~ Room 319City: Eugene State: Oregon Zip: 97403Preferred Telephone: 1-800-CALL-ATT Preferred Email Address: houseczar37@gmail.com

- Will you be available to work over the summer? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are you currently enrolled at the University of Oregon? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do you have work study? (Note: work study is not available for stipend positions) ☐ Yes ☒ No (For well
- Would you accept another position on the ASUO staff if offered? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- How did you learn about this position? Through the divine grace of God (n a dream)

Along with this application, please submit the following:

- ☒ Supplemental questions: (see reverse side of this document). (Responses are not to exceed one paragraph)
- ☒ A resume which includes at least the following: education history, employment history, references and relevant prior experience.
- ☒ A typed cover letter (one full page) explaining why you are interested in this ASUO position.

Candidate Interview

Sinjin Carey and Kaitlyn Lange

The OREGON COMMENTATOR did its candidate interviews over spring break. Both presidential candidate Sinjin Carey and running mate Kaitlyn Lange were out of the country. We were not able to get in contact with them.



The following voicemail message was the only form of communication we had with Carey:

"Hi, thank you for calling. You have reached this message because I am out of the country for the week. I will return on Saturday, Mar. 26, and return your calls then."

- Sinjin Carey's answering machine message



Lange, on the other hand, filled out the candidate questionnaire via e-mail before she left. Here are her responses:

Name: Kaitlyn Lange

Year in school: Junior

Major: (left blank)

Position seeking: ASUO Vice President

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around

new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?

When I was a freshman at UO I wasn't sure if I was going to feel at home here. Luckily I applied to become an ASUO intern. After my experience in the internship program, I felt that I had found my niche; the ASUO. I love working with students to enhance all of our experiences here at UO and make sure that everyone here can find their own niche and make UO their home.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? Hands down; Edward Cullen. I imagine we'd have to drink blood...

We will attempt to interview Lange and Carey in the same style we have used for their opponents Ben Eckstein and Katie Taylor before this issue comes out on Mar. 28. Please check <http://www.oregoncommentator.com> to see their responses.

Candidate Interview

Curtis Haley and Nick Warren



Presidential candidate Curtis Haley did not return the COMMENTATOR's phone calls requesting an interview. Secondhand testimony suggests he considered the text of this e-mail response to our candidate questionnaire sufficient for his campaign's needs.

Name: Curtis Haley

Year in school: Graduating senior eager to serve

Major: Political Science/Economics

Position seeking: ASUO President

Briefly describe your platform: I believe that student power has gotten out of hand, and will do everything I can to limit student money being spent in ways the ASUO chooses because I believe that it's a perversion of democracy. Why should I be forced to spend money on things that other students deem important? I think President LaRiviere has made great strides this year in proving that students and faculty can't be

trusted with information about campus and administration affairs being tossed willy-nilly around, and will do everything I can to fight for our right to not be given answers or a seat at the table. I believe the amount of tuition money used to subsidize parking for athletes should be increased from \$2 million to \$10 million, including fees providing for the removal of campus bike racks so that athletes aren't ever forced to walk too far to get to class. I'm pretty sure OSPIRG is ACORN in disguise and I propose that something be done about that. Caps on tuition increases are for socialists. Football tickets and LTD should be expanded.

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?: I am an "everyday student" unlike people who are not students everyday. I believe that the ASUO shouldn't provide anything that you can't hold in your hand, which is why I want to bring back paper football and basketball tickets and cancel all campus concerts until they can be converted into

something handheld. I am pretty sure "social justice" is something that Emma Kallaway made up last year, and Glenn Beck seems to think it's bad, and that's good enough for me. Also, I am tired of people saying that I am privileged - I looked that word up on my iPhone and I don't even think it's a real word, so how can I be that? Also, lately I've been hearing people talk about Chuck Palahniuk novels a lot in the ASUO, and I'm a huge fan of his, so I think I'll fit right in. Something something Francis Fox Piven.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink?: I would love to go get something to drink with UO President Richard LaRiviere, but he would probably tell me what to drink since I probably can't be trusted to be smart enough to do it on my own. It would have to be somewhere nice though, because if I'm a 3.9 student, why the heck would I go somewhere that lets in students with a 3.4?

Candidate Questionnaires

Name: Katherine Du Pont

Year in school: Sophomore

Major: Journalism, minor in Political Science

Position seeking: Senate Seat #1- PFC

Briefly describe your platform: Currently serving on PFC, I want to change the current system of budget hearings to be more respectful to student groups. I am running with Ben Katie because they want to focus on some of the same issues that I am passionate about: protecting student services, campus safety and sustainability.

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? When I first wanted to be a part of the ASUO in October, people told me I was crazy to go for not only a student government position, but to be on the PFC. Since being appointed to PFC in January, I have realized serving my fellow students is not only a privilege, but an honor. I love seeing where not only my I-fee, but my friends and fellow classmates' I-fee are going to and being able to have a say in that has been a wonderful experience. I see lots of room for change in not only the PFC budget hearings, but in the way senate acts towards student groups and the community at-large. If elected, I will see to it that those changes happen.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I would love to have a Long Island Ice Tea with comedian and TV show host Daniel Tosh.

Name: Dylan Scandalios

Year in school: Junior

Major: Business Administration - Marketing

Position seeking: PFC Senate Seat 1

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University

of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?

We have one of the most student-focused governments in the US and it excites me to be a part of it while representing our student body. This will be my Senior year and I will continue my work in serving the UO body. We will create new traditions. We will get more students involved with ASUO programs. We will live as Students United.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I'd sip a Tang with Mr. Kool-Aid

Name: Stephanie Tuski

Year in school: Junior

Major: Accounting and Japanese

Position seeking: Senate Seat 4, EMU Board

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?

I am passionate about the University of Oregon and ensuring that students needs are being met not only inside the classroom but outside of the classroom as well. The ASUO provides an opportunity to advocate for students and make an positive impact on the campus. Specifically, I have been a member of the EMU Board this year and have developed a strong interest in the EMU and its ability to serve students. I have enjoyed my work on the EMU Board and would look forward to continuing it and representing students as one of the EMU Board senators.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I would have a cosmopolitan with Maya Angelou.

Name: Robert Greene

Year in school: Junior

Major: Political Science

Position seeking: EMU Senate Seat 6

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I enjoyed working on executive last year and would like to continue my contributions to the campus community by serving on the student senate.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I would drink a mojito with John F. Kennedy.

Name: Ben Bowman

Year in school: Freshman

Major: Political Science

Position seeking: Senate Seat 8 - ACFC

Briefly describe your platform: I will protect the services we depend on as students! I will work to expand access to student football and basketball tickets, preserve our contract with LTD to fund student bus passes, and protect student legislative advocacy services. That's why I'm running with Ben & Katie.

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?

I've served as the Legislative Affairs Coordinator for the ASUO Executive this year and had a great opportunity to grow as an individual and work on important issues affecting students on campus and statewide. I want to serve as an ACFC Senator next year to protect the services that students care about and encourage an open dialogue in the Senate about the priorities of students.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? Living: Kanye, but I'd invite Charles Barkley, Zach Galifianakis and Joe Biden. Deceased: John, Robert or Ted Kennedy. Drink: Something with a parasol in it.

Name: Grace Burnham

Year in school: Junior

Majors: Spanish, PPPM

Position seeking: Senate Seat 12 - Psychology and Language Studies

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I want to be involved with ASUO to strengthen the bridge between the University and the general student population. By serving as a representative of my department and working with other involved students, I hope to increase the participation of my peers and make campus truly representative of the student body.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? Salvador Dalí, Lavender Lemonade

Name: Matthew Tyner

Year in school: Freshman

Major: Business Administration

Position seeking: Senate Seat 13

Briefly describe your platform:

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I'm passionate about meeting student's needs. As an ASUO outsider I want to help connect students and the ASUO. I believe I can use my communication skills to bridge the gap between students and the ASUO and be the voice for the LCB and the opinions of all business majors.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I would choose to drink chocolate milk with Tim Tebow. His unique style of leading by example and dedicated work ethic are admirable qualities that make me curious about his life and experiences.

Name: Lainie Vinikoor

Year in school: Sophomore

Major: History

Position seeking: Senate Seat 14

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting,

meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?

The ASUO is the students' advocate for what they would like to see happen on campus. I am running for ASUO Senate because I want to be part of a group that represents the desires of all students of this University. There are a lot of great ideas from many students on this campus. I want to help make those dreams become reality!

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I'd love to have a rum and coke with Thomas Jefferson

Name: Max Sugerman

Year in school: Third year student

Major: Cinema Studies

Position seeking: Senate Seat 15: Literature

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?

I have always been interested in politics. Having grown up around politics my entire life, and I feel that my opinions and ideas are such that I can successfully represent those students who fall under my constituency. I made it a goal of mine during Freshman year to sit on the ASUO Senate before I graduated, and as elections approach, that goal becomes more and more attainable each day. So come March 28, log in to DuckWeb and vote Students United for your 2011-12 ASUO!

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? Two bottles of Absinthe with Charlie Sheen. Because we are both #winners.

Name: Jena Langham

Year in school: Sophomore

Major: Chemistry

Position seeking: Senate Seat 17

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I want the ASUO to represent our student body as a whole and acknowledge every type of student. As an ASUO Senator, I will listen to different groups' ideas, and turn them into actions that the entire student body can benefit from.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? Charlie Sheen, and what wouldn't we drink?

Name: Ben Rudin

Year in school: First-year law

Major: Law

Position seeking: Senate Seat 19

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I want to be in the ASUO to serve. I will be a guardian for proper and efficient use of student fees

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? Living: Obama. I would drink beer All time: Thomas Jefferson. Beer as well

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES
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Candidate Interview

Nick Dreyer:

“Pass.”



Candidate Interview

Cimмерon Gillespie:

“[The **OREGON COMMENTATOR**] supported the Pacifica Forum last year, so I can’t acknowledge them. They’re apologists for fascists ... I will not partake in any interview with them.”



Candidate Questionnaires continued

Name: Sarah Reiter

Year in School: Sophomore

Major: Undeclared

Position Seeking: Senate Seat 20 (Undeclared Seat)

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? Undeclared Students make up a significant portion of the student body. As a member of the ASUO Senate, I will work to accurately represent these students and ensure that their needs and concerns are addressed. The ASUO should be a place where we, as students, can freely discuss our future here at the University of Oregon. I'm really excited about the upcoming campaign and about getting to know as many students as I can.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I would have a green beer with Puddles the Duck on St. Patrick's Day.

Name: Chrissy Hardesty

Year in school: Freshman

Major: Political Science

Position seeking: ACFC at large

Briefly describe your platform: With a \$12 million budget paid for by students, I believe that the ASUO has a responsibility to use that money for students. I strongly support protecting student services like free

bus passes and expanding accessibility of athletic tickets. As an out of state student, I feel the burden of increasing tuition, and I will work to keep tuition low, make textbooks more affordable, and make financial aid and scholarships more available. I will also work to put OSPIRG back on the ACFC budget, and I oppose the privatization of University of Oregon.

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? Being involved in student government has always been a dream of mine. It is one of the most effective and direct ways to make a difference. I want to have the opportunity to be a leader on our campus, and to protect the interests of my fellow students.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? If I could have a drink with anyone, I would sit down with Ray Kroc, the man who discovered the McDonald brothers of the fast food chain McDonald's, and drink one of their chocolate milkshakes. I would talk to him about if, when they opened their first restaurant, they knew that their golden arches would eventually be one of the most recognizable symbols in the world, and how they were able to expand their empire into every corner of the globe.

Name: Daniel Scott

Year in school: Sophomore by age, Junior by credit

Major(s): Economics and Mathematics

Position sought: ACFC at large

Platform: Students United wants to increase long lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon. These traditions include student involvement, true representation, and campus collaboration, leading to a more united student body.

Why I want to be in the ASUO: The University of Oregon, through the Pathways Program, has given me an opportunity to better myself and escape the impoverished status which has marked my family for generations. To me, joining the ASUO would be a way of giving back to a community that has deeply shaped and helped me advance past my roots.

Who Would I drink with: Socrates-It would be interesting to have a battle of wits.

What I would drink: Remy Martin XO Cognac

Name: Megan Lesowski

Year in school: Freshman

Major: Elementary Education

Position seeking: ASPAC

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO: As an ASUO Senator, I will promote students' wishes and actively make an effort to provide tangible results for all students.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? Drink: Treetop's Apple Juice Box. Person: Ms. Frizzle from the Magic School Bus. Topic of Discussion: Where can I get my own "Magic School Bus"?

Name: Chaffin Hornor

Year in school: Junior

Major: Political Science and Geography

Position seeking: DFC at Large (1 year)

Briefly describe your platform: You have the appropriate information to answer this question. Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I want to be involved with the ASUO for a variety of reasons. I feel that I understand and can represent the vast majority of the students' feelings and opinions at the University of Oregon. I have friends that participate in a variety of activities: sports teams, greek life, outdoor program, the multicultural center, and students who aren't involved beyond attending class. As an ASUO Senator, I would stand up for the majority of the student body. I will truly represent the everyday student voices of the university. I am also excellent at conflict resolution. Finally, I'm able to listen to all

voices and formulate a suitable solution.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? If I could have a drink with anyone, it would be a Gatorade with Ken Griffey Junior because he was my favorite baseball player when I was growing up. He is my favorite player because he played baseball with passion, energy, and “the right way”.

Name: Schafer Colby Nelson

Major: Political Science

Position seeking: DFC at Large 2 Year

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO?

I want to be in the ASUO because I want to make a difference on campus. In my position, I feel as though I can represent the students interests very well, and together we can make a meaningful impact on campus. By allocating funds with students’ best interests in mind, we can progress as a student body and make our opinions heard while making sure that we are spending our money on things that are important to us.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? In an ideal situation I would drink Jack and Cokes with Johnny Depp.

Name: Ryan Riddick

Year in school: Junior

Major: Chinese and Philosophy

Position seeking: EMU at Large

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I

want to be a representation for students voices.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I would have a White Russian with The Dude.

Name: Nick Lorenzini

Year in school: Junior

Major: Political Science

Position seeking: PFC at large

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I want to be able to help the university and student body from the perspective of an everyday student—the student’s whose voice and opinion is often unheard.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I’d pound Flaming Dr. Peppers with Tim Lincecum

Name: Larry Poole

Year in school: Junior

Major: Economics

Position seeking: PFC at Large

Briefly describe your platform: Students United will work to usher in long-lasting, meaningful traditions at the University of Oregon—traditions we can all be proud of. We will create new avenues for student involvement, for true representation of student voices, and for campus collaboration between existing student groups. Students United is about uniting students around new campus traditions. There is strength in our differences. Students United!

Why do you want to be in the ASUO? I believe that being a part of the ASUO is a great way to help build a campus community based off of meaningful traditions, effective collaboration, and the true representation of students at the University of Oregon.

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what would you drink? I would have a cool glass of Arnold Palmer with Lupe Fiasco.

Thought
we’d
forgotten
about the
war on
toner?

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toner, that’s
what we
wanted you
to think.

Candidate Interview

Ben Eckstein and Katie Taylor



This is an excerpt of the COMMENTATOR'S interview with Eckstein and Taylor. For the full version, visit oregoncommentator.com.

OREGON COMMENTATOR: What do you consider to be Amelie Rousseau's most important policy? How do you feel about it?

Ben Eckstein: You're going to have to give us a few seconds on that one.

OC: Yeah, don't worry about it.

BE: *(pauses for 11 seconds, then laughs, then pauses for another two seconds)*. Well, I think that we can each give you an answer. I don't know if we have the same answer. I think that her position on keeping our university public and making sure there isn't great tuition increases because I think skyrocketing tuition, and so that we can keep our education accessible at the UO. I would say that that's probably a key, if not one of the most important policies of her administration. I think that it's a conversation over restructuring our university and I think that her stance on making sure we regulate tuition is very important for students.

OC: Katie?

Katie Taylor: So I would say, if we were talking

strictly what I think is the most important thing, I would agree with Ben that it is her stance on the new partnership and keeping U of O a public institution. I think that that's an issue that kind of has the ability to kind of have a summary effect. I think that we're going to see that the University of Wisconsin, Madison, has a similar piece of legislation. I think that ... the new partnership is a part of a movement to privatize universities throughout the nation, and I think if we're talking about her stance of opposing that, then I think that's important not just to students at the University of Oregon, but to students throughout the country.

OC: What are the three most important on-campus policies of Richard Lariviere's presidency?

BE: Wow. Well, I mean, I think obviously one of them has to be that he proposed the restructuring of the university. I think, for better or worse, that's got to be one of the most important ones. I think he came in here and proposed and very, very aggressively advocated for a plan to deregulate our university, so that's got to be one of them. I think that ... Oh, Katie, go.

KT: I think that the issue of the Riverfront, I think that's a big thing. He's had a big impact on that. I would really see the Riverfront as one of those.

BE: I suppose that one of those that pops into mind, to be honest. I would say this is definitely one of them, but there's probably a few. I think that the EMU and Student Rec Center reenvisioning process, just the implementation of that visioning process so far. It's obviously going to be a very long process and it's not a project that's been even started at this point, but I think that really starting to come up with a vision for the future of our EMU spaces and our student rec center spaces is an issue that affects everyone on our campus.

OC: Does it really? Is it not going to be, is construction not going to be started long after most current students have graduated and moved on?

BE: That's probably true. I guess the

question was what are the three most important policies —

OC: Oh no, I'm not disagreeing with your statement that it was one of the three most important policies, but you said it affects every student on campus.

BE: Yeah, I guess, it will end up affecting every student on our campus, but I think that the fact that students on campus right now are the ones that are shaping the vision, and even though construction hasn't started yet, when construction does start, it will be construction of a vision that will be influenced mostly by students who are on our campus now and ones who will be on our campus within the next couple of years. You know, President Lariviere has had a pretty ambitious agenda in the two years he's been here so far and we could probably come up with a host of other policies that aren't hopping to our minds right now, but I think these are pretty big issues that he's worked on in his administration so far.

OC: How independent should the ASUO be from the UO administration?

BE: I think that the ASUO represents students on this campus, and that's the reason it exists. We should never forget that. And I think if that's different from what the administration wants or what's best for other stakeholders on this campus, then I think we should have a respectful dialogue and we should never forget who our constituents are. And if we're on the same page, then we can engage in a really productive partnership and we do the best we can to collaborate, but I think in both those cases, whether we really agree with the administration or we really disagree with the administration on an issue, we always have to maintain respect. But I think it's important that we always, always represent students and that we should always be advancing the interests of students, who we represent.

KT: I think he said it pretty well and ... I definitely think we need to work within the administration for all stakeholders on campus. But personally, I think that students

are the ones who are having the campus experience; they're the ones that are dealing with the issues on campus, so students should be at the forefront of solving those issues. And sometimes that does mean disagreeing with the administration, but we should always try and stand over situations, and in the best way for students.

OC: Most UO students don't care enough about the ASUO to vote. Why not?

BE: Great question. (*laughs*) I think you're right. I think it's a problem. I think the ASUO affects every student on this campus every day, but I don't think that the ASUO does a good enough job of making that clear every day. So I think the ASUO needs to be more inclusive, and when I say "inclusive," I mean we need to actively reach out to students on this campus when we're making decisions. We need to have more pathways to give feedback. We should look for feedback on a regular basis for students on all the decisions that we make that affect them. And I think your question was, "Why is it most students on this campus don't care enough about the ASUO to vote in ASUO elections?" And I guess the answer is not enough students on this campus know why they should care. That's a problem that the ASUO has the power to solve over time.

KT: I just basically agree with what Ben said.

OC: If elected, what would you do to represent the students who seemingly don't care about the ASUO?

BE: Well, I think that, on a general level, one of the first things we'd have to do is look at who's involved in the ASUO and ask ourselves, "Well, what parts of our campus, which populations of students, are really not involved with the ASUO?" And the question after that would be "How do we get them there?" And that's a lot of different issues. There's a lot of different areas for work that the ASUO engages in, and so I think that for each issue and each decision that we make and for each branch of the ASUO, I think there would be a different way to make sure that we're maximizing student involvement, but I think that the bottom line is that it's not OK to accept the status quo. I think that it's not OK to be

in a room where there's entire sections of campus that just aren't represented because they just don't know why a decision's being made that affects them. So we need to make sure that we have a process that goes as far as possible to involve as many students as possible. I think that we need creative ways of involving students. I think that there should be ways to get involved in the ASUO other than just applying for a Senate seat or running in ASUO elections or applying to be on executive staff. There should be ways for everyday students to walk into the ASUO office and work on issues they care about and be successful.

KT: Yeah, I just want to say something about maybe more of a personal experience level. Coming in, I've been connected to the ASUO, but I've also kind of unique within the candidates that are running in that I kind of haven't been involved at the level of these other candidates. And then, being a non-traditional, first-generation transfer student, I have a lot of friends that have transferred from LCC to the ASUO and that's just an example of students that don't traditionally care about the ASUO or get involved. I have had one-on-one, individual conversations with some of my friends who are parents. And they don't vote. They're not involved in the ASUO because honestly they don't have time. They have families, they have kids to deal with. But in the past, I've learned, when learning about things that have happened in the ASUO when I haven't been there, there have been cuts in things like the Child Care Subsidy and the Co-Op (Family Center) that are threatened with cuts and there wasn't any representation in the room from student parents that actually use those services. So I think that it comes down to, just going back to making it a little bit easier for someone to cut money from those programs when they don't use them. So I think that, when we're making decisions like that, when we're talking about making cuts to those services, those communities that they affect, I mean the student parent community is just one example, we can actually reach out to those communities and actually get them in the room so that they are able to speak for themselves when making those decisions.

BE: If I could just add one more thing to

that ... I would just add to that too and say that, on a practical level, I would say to voters, any candidate that says they're going to improve outreach in the ASUO, or they're going to do a better job of reaching out to



students by posting up a flyer or making a Facebook page, or improving the ASUO website? Those candidates are not going to improve anything in the ASUO when it comes to including students, and I've ran an ASUO, a student government campaign, that registered over 6,000 students on our campus to vote, and was, I guarantee, the thing the ASUO did this year that actually interacted with more students on this campus than anything we did. And the way that we did it wasn't by posting fliers. It wasn't by putting up a bulletin on our website or Tweeting something. It was by actually engaging students, and going out where the students are and talking to them where they are. So going back to the original question, "How are we going to solve that problem and make sure that more students are included?" I can tell you that it's going to take actively preparing and outreaching to students who aren't usually approached to or involved, and how do we go to them and actually talk to them and give them information. And I just wanted to add that.

Don't let sneaky ballot measures fool you. We vote no. (Well, almost.)

ASUO ballot measures often have a more direct impact on students than who gets elected. One of the measures on this year's ballot will change the ASUO Constitution to allow your student representatives to spend more of your money, and the other four seek to gauge student opinion on a variety of campus issues. Unfortunately, the wording of the ballot measures does not clearly outline their impacts or sufficient background information that is necessary to make informed decisions. Some of those impacts and information are provided for you here.

Should the ASUO's combined major program budgets (Programs Finance Committee [PFC], Erb Memorial Union Board of Directors [EMU Board], Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee [ACFC], and Department Finance Committee [DFC]) be capped at a 7 percent growth annually? A YES vote would limit the annual growth of the combined ASUO budgets to 7 percent.

A NO vote would retain the current cap of 7 percent growth for each individual budget.

As per the ASUO's agreement with the university president's office and the Oregon University System, each major program budget can only grow by 7 percent each year. This guarantees a reasonable incidental fee for students, as they know their fees will only be growing by a small amount.

But let's not get bogged down in the details. This ballot measure is purely about finding funding for the Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group, or OSPIRG.

As it stands currently, the PFC, EMU Board, ACFC and DFC are each capped at 7 percent growth, individually. This means that regardless of any of the other budgets, ACFC — the group that handles contracts — can only go up 7 percent above the previous year's budget. In this year's case, the DFC's final budget decreased compared to last year's allocations. Thus, if all the budgets were combined, there would still be room to add more funding for programs.

And by programs, we mean OSPIRG.

ASUO President Amelie Rousseau and Vice President Maneesh Arora have been trying all year to find funding for the PIRG. They've held multiple hearings, lobbied ASUO senators and gone as far as to veto the ACFC budget passed by Senate because it did not include funding for OSPIRG. This ballot measure, as per the ASUO Constitution, is a backhanded way of getting funding for the PIRG.

It also has the potential to increase the incidental fee for students. As it stands currently, even if individual major program budgets have nominal increases or even decreases, the other budgets are still limited to 7 percent growth. If this ballot measure

passes, whatever isn't allocated by one major program budget can be allocated by another, perhaps the equivalent of 1 percent growth by DFC combined with 9 or 10 percent growth by ACFC, depending.

Really the problem exists in attitudes about the student fee and budget allocations. In the opinion of the **OREGON COMMENTATOR**, 7 percent is a cap, not a goal. This ballot measure would perpetuate the culture that has existed in the ASUO for some time, proven by an exponentially growing incidental fee. It would show that students want a higher fee, and that we want that higher fee to be allocated to a program that has not proven itself (OSPIRG).

Do yourself — and your wallet — a favor. Vote NO on this ballot measure.

Should the United States Postal Service reestablish a public post office on campus to provide affordable, accessible mail services? A YES vote is an advisory opinion of the student body in favor of reestablishing a public post office on campus.

A NO vote is an advisory opinion of the student body in opposition to reestablishing a public post office on campus.

Due to a nationally hemorrhaging United States Postal Service budget, the USPS has shut down its post office formerly located in the EMU. Although there was a lack of student input in the process to shut down the post office, the decision was based on the desire of the USPS to centralize dealings in Eugene and chose to continue providing support to the offices with the most mail flow — which did not include the campus office.

Indeed, even the downtown post office, a Workers Progress Administration project, is seeking to lease or sell the building in which it is currently housed. All former campus post office users are now being asked to use the post office at 33rd Avenue and Willamette Street.

Where this ballot measure goes wrong is in its assumption that the only way to “provide affordable, accessible mail services” would be to have a USPS office occupying the space on campus. Many other universities, including Oregon State University in Corvallis, hire and rent out space to private companies that provide mail services to students. With a budget so volatile and a lack of desire to even provide services, should we really advocate for USPS returning to the EMU?

At the **OREGON COMMENTATOR**, we don't think so. Vote NO on this ballot measure.

Should the University of Oregon remain a public institution in which there is public accountability over the tuition setting

process?

A YES vote is an advisory opinion of the student body in favor of keeping the University a public institution in which elected officials set tuition.

A NO vote is an advisory opinion of the student body in opposition to keeping the University a public institution in which elected officials set tuition.

This ballot measure is in reference to President Lariviere's "new partnership" proposal, which would constitute significant changes to university governance and funding.

Currently, the University of Oregon is governed by the Oregon University System as a part of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, and is getting funded by the state to the tune of \$6.5 million, or about 6 percent. The rest of that funding is currently being made up of tuition and private donations. This amount has been dwindling over time, causing rapidly rising tuition.

Under the new partnership proposal, UO would be governed by a separate board that would be appointed by the university president and include a UO student. Additionally, the university would be funded by a \$1.6 billion endowment of which \$800 million would come from state bonds and \$800 million would come from private donations. (*Editor's note: for more information on this issue, see "The New Partnership," in OREGON COMMENTATOR, Volume 29, Issue 9.*)

The biggest concern from opponents of the new partnership is rapidly rising tuition. Opponents believe that without state accountability, tuition will skyrocket out of control. But last month, Lariviere assuaged those fears by setting a tuition cap proposal — incoming students would be guaranteed that their tuition would be raised a maximum of 5 percent over their four years of university attendance.

The new partnership has obvious flaws. With the governance board appointed by the university president and not an elected official (such as the governor), there is little public accountability. Additionally, with a significant amount of money coming from private donations, the academic strengths of the university might be altered (more money going to the Lundquist College of Business than the College of Arts and Sciences, for example) as well as the amount of money moving to UO Athletics. The concern is with the inequity between departments.

But the status quo is failing the university and its students. It is more likely than not that state support will continue to dwindle, all parts of the university will fail and tuition will continue to rise. The new partnership is a step in the right direction.

Unfortunately, the wording of this ballot measure does not make it entirely clear what students are actually voting on. In effect, a YES vote in this ballot measure would constitute a NO vote on the new partnership.

The most frustrating thing about this ballot measure is its attempts to associate the new partnership with this notion of a private institution and the status quo with a public one. As annoying as this notion is, it's not the point. The point is the status quo is not working. The status quo is worth more than that.

We are worth more than that. Vote NO on this ballot measure.

Should the Department of Public Safety remain a department without sworn police officers or access to weapons including

guns and Tasers?

A YES vote is an advisory opinion of the student body in favor of keeping the Department of Public Safety a department without sworn police officers or access to weapons including guns and Tasers.

A NO vote is an advisory opinion of the student body in opposition to keeping the Department of Public Safety a department without sworn police officers or access to weapons including guns and Tasers.

This ballot measure is actually quite straightforward, but only includes *some* of the relevant information necessary to make an informed decision on whether or not the Department of Public Safety should be a sworn police force.

The status quo, as it stands, is DPS is an auxiliary department of the university that absorbs a significant budget in order to provide limited services to students. These services are extremely limited, from being unable to prosecute a stolen bike once it's ridden off campus to being unable to respond if a student has a knife held up to his or her throat in the dorms. What good is a Department of Public Safety if, by law, they are unable and untrained to maintain public safety on campus? At least long enough to get your bike back, anyway.

DPS is, however, receiving a sizeable chunk of change to provide those limited services, and with expanded services, the amount of money necessary to maintain the program would skyrocket severely. As with many university programs, that cost would translate to higher tuition and fees, whether directly or indirectly.

This is the only situation on this year's ballot where the **OREGON COMMENTATOR** agrees with the ASUO Executive. Vote YES on this ballot measure — not because of guns and Tasers, but because wallet consciousness is contagious. The more students that begin paying attention to their student fees now, the more responsible citizens our university is likely to produce.

Should the ASUO fund the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) at a level that allows OSPIRG to hire professional staff to advocate on behalf of students locally, statewide, and nationally in places like the State Legislature and Congress?

OSPIRG is a statewide, student-directed and funded organization that strives to fulfill the public service mission of the University by combining student activism and professional staff to do advocacy, organizing and research for the public interest on campus, statewide and nationally to lower healthcare costs, stop global warming, protect public health, make textbooks more affordable, and increase public transit. OSPIRG is controlled by an all-student Board of Directors.

A YES vote is a non-binding statement that the ASUO should fund OSPIRG at a level that allows OSPIRG to hire professional staff to advocate on behalf of students locally, statewide, and nationally in places like the State Legislature and Congress on issues such as those described above.

A NO vote is a non-binding statement that the ASUO should not fund an OSPIRG program, as described above.

This one is the easiest.

Vote NO on OSPIRG. Visit <http://www.oregoncommentator.com/NoOSPIRG> for more information.

Candidate Interview

Sophia Lawhead



This is a transcript of the **OREGON COMMENTATOR'S** *interview with Lawhead.*

OREGON COMMENTATOR: You are running without a vice-presidential nominee. Nobody has ever won the presidency without one. Are you running as a joke?

Sophia Lawhead: Is this question a joke? There's a lot of people who like to run with

the others, be a follower, but I like to stay ahead of the pack. Lone wolf. Lone duck.

OC: How did you first get involved with the ASUO? Could you give me a brief history of your involvement?

SL: My first brush with the ASUO happened at (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)'s Total Blackout Makeout Stakeout party. I saw them across the

dance floor as Trey Songz "Say Aah" pumped through the room, and from that moment on we've been seeing a lot of each other. I don't know where it's going yet, but I think, someday, we might have something real.

OC: Do you think the Supreme Court's *Southworth v. Wisconsin* ruling is positive or negative?

SL: Hold on, let me Wikipedia this. *(Pause)* Oh shit, they should really teach this in school. It sounds good to me. I mean, without this controversial groups like the *(Oregon Daily Emerald)* would've been shut down years ago.

OC: Do you support OSPIRG's funding through the incidental fee? Yes or no?

SL: Does a piece of wet tissue paper support Pamela Anderson's giant breasts?

OC: The UO will ban smoking on campus soon. What is your position on that policy?

SL: I think that they should have cigarette vending machines in every building on campus. The university could use the extra revenue. I mean, our professors are the lowest paid in the state, and were all going to die in 2012 anyways. And if they allowed students to smoke on building rooftops no whiners will have to soil their lungs.

OC: Does the UO need a sworn police force? Yes or no?

SL: It doesn't matter what kind of police force we have, what matters is how they do their policing. Last year two students were assaulted near or campus. We need officers to get out of their cars and be walking around

the pedestrian and bike paths, places where cars can't go. It's completely ridiculous that anyone has to worry about being robbed or assaulted when trying to get to class.

"We've been seeing a lot of each other. I don't know where it's going yet, but I think, someday, we might have something real."

- Sophia Lawhead on her relationship with the ASUO

OC: What do you consider to be Amelie Rousseau's most important policy? How do you feel about it?

SL: The new 'do. I know I've done some hating in the past, but it's because I'm jealous that I could never pull off that La Roux look. Mrrrowwr!

OC: What are the three most important on-campus policies of Richard Lariviere's presidency?

SL: What is this, a pop quiz? I think its surprising that for someone so highly educated and well-traveled, he doesn't seem to understand that he needs to work with the students, make decisions that beneficial to us, and to not criticize students who have enough initiative to create and think for themselves, even if he doesn't agree with their opinions. It's embarrassing how sophomoric his behavior has been.

OC: How independent should the ASUO be from the UO administration?

SL: Well, the ASUO should have their own house, have their own car, two jobs, work hard, and be bad broads. That is, if they want to be truly independent.

OC: Most UO students don't care enough about the ASUO to vote. Why not? How will you represent them?

SL: After I sell my office to the highest bidder, I will serve as an excellent role model with all the charities I will found and how hot I will look on my new Razor scooter.

OC: What do you want to do after you graduate from college?

SL: Fight.

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*"rarely change sheets
only washed hair twice
in 6 mnths (sic)*

she said my balls smelled like butter."

- The first four lines of a poem in the most recent *Student Insurgent*.

"Using violence against your own people' seems to represent the most heinous crime a leader can commit. And yet both Bush and Obama are waging war against American citizens who smoke marijuana."

- Eugene resident Chris Pender writes a letter to the *Eugene Weekly* comparing U.S. marijuana laws to the violence in Libya.



"If you say, 'Oh, I gave him head,' then it's like he was at a party and then it was whatever, so it's not as big of a deal to some people."

- The Emerald's expert source on the topic of sexual mores, a freshman operating under the name "Sam." ("Study shows changing teenage views or (sic) oral sex, intercourse," *Ol' Dirty Emerald* 14 Mar., 2011)

"Students proceeded to ... call (Kevin Love's) grandmother a whore until she cried. Way to get in the old lady's head, Oregon!"

- *GQ Magazine's* explanation of Grandma Love's low numbers against the UO Men's Basketball team.



"The idea of (the Jaqua Center) being a restricted building is more of an urban myth than it is a reality. If people have business up there (on the second floor), they are more than welcome up there."

- UO Spokesperson Phil Weiler redefines the word "restricted."

"All of which might tempt us to think that Oregon's weather has gone wacko./Nope./Oregon's weather has always been spiked with oddities, an unpredictable shish kabob."

- *The Register-Guard's* Bob Welch ("In Oregon, four seasons not enough")



"What's the point of camping if you can't update your Facebook status? What good is it listening to birds tweet if you can't Tweet? There's no point in doing something fun unless you can brag to your friends about it, so you're going to need to charge your favorite technological devices."

- *The Ol' Dirty's* Cameron Clow in the newspaper's Spring Break Guide.

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