

# POLITICAL CIRCUITS

"A WOMAN IS ONLY A WOMAN, BUT A GOOD CIGAR IS A SMOKE."

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

WITH ELECTION DAY ON TUESDAY, THE COLLEGIAN PRESENTS A LOOK AT THE CANDIDATES FOR ASWU OFFICES. MOST OF THEM SAY ABOUT THE SAME THING, THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE WEEKS, BUT IT SHOULD GIVE AN INDICATION OF THE CHOICES AVAILABLE. THE STATEMENTS ARE OF THE CANDIDATE'S OWN COMPOSITION, AND DO NOT REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE COLLEGIAN, WHICH IS JUST AS WELL.

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# PRESIDENT

## Evan Rice

I am convinced that it is time for a change in the way that ASWU addresses its role as student spokesman. I would like to take this opportunity to address several specific changes that I believe will make ASWU a more effective organization.

Coordination of responsibilities and functions is a major factor in campus unity. Too often we are divided: Independents and Greeks, Eastside and Westside. Yet in the end we are all students and we are all members of the Willamette community. I believe, therefore, that ASWU must do more to facilitate a better understanding between campus factions. I would propose two tangible means to do this. First, if elected, I would meet on a regular basis with representatives of IHA, IFC and Panhellenic. I am convinced that such meetings would encourage cooperation between these organizations and would also promote mutual understanding. Second, ASWU should be responsible for compiling and distributing a master calendar of university events. A calendar of this type, published on a monthly basis, will minimize overlapping events and thus ensure the success of both ASWU and residence hall functions.

In any organization communication is a constant problem. In ASWU, this deficiency is further compounded by information which is often both slim and inaccurate. To help combat this communication problem, I have two proposals. First, ASWU should produce a monthly newsletter. This letter would be distributed to all students and would outline issues that concern the student body, as well as detailing action taken by ASWU to deal with these issues. Second, I propose that we purchase an electronic readerboard similar to those found in banks or other businesses. This readerboard

would be installed in the mailroom and would be programmed to run dates and messages of importance to students. I believe that these two



programs, if implemented next year, would dramatically increase effective communication on our campus.

Finally, as events of the past year have indicated, current relationships between ASWU and the administration have been ineffective in establishing a consistent voice for our concerns. Too often student leaders have been intimidated by an administration which refuses to acknowledge our status as adults. This must change. I believe we need a president who will stand up for student issues. Such positions may not be popular with our administrators, but they will be respected.

Each of these changes will take time and hard work, but I am ready and willing to make that commitment. I hope you will give me that chance.

## John Rhoades

Commitment, experience, responsibility, communication and fairness readily qualify me for the office of ASWU President. My three years at Willamette University have confirmed the necessity of these important attributes in an effective officer. I hold these ideals strong in achieving my goals for this office. Some of my goals include: better communication on campus, improving student participation in University decisions, working to improve student life in areas such as cost, communications, conditions, food service, and the social aspect. My most important goal is to obtain visible results in the work ASWU participates in.

I have the commitment to do a good job and my willingness to work hard and track record have shown that I can be an effective president. I have the experience necessary to hold this office. I have served on ASWU Elections Board and the University Student Affairs Committee. I was very active as a member of the Standards of Conduct Revision Task Force and also served to help improve Willamette in other areas such as food service. Currently, I am serving as senator from my living organization and have just completed a one-year term as President of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

I like to pursue a just cause, and if need be I am not afraid of fighting for student rights and improvements. Communication is important to me and I will communicate with you — timely and honestly. I am a fair person capable of seeing many sides to an issue. I will concentrate my efforts on working for *all* students and achieving visible results.

ASWU's future is that of more responsibility in the coming year. I also see the importance of ASWU functions becoming more critical to

students. ASWU should concentrate on improving student life in all areas and making ASWU work for the students of this school in more ways



that present. Most importantly, I want to serve this school as Student Body President. Working for the students of this school and representing students is very appealing to me. It is my hope that you will see the merits I offer to this office and put your confidence in me. Thank you.

# PRESIDENT

## Eric Fishman

I think it is important to look at the ASWU President as fulfilling two roles, and therefore possessing two seats of qualifications. The first is that of an administrator and implementer; the second is that of a representative of the student body. I have always felt that it is important to strive for improvement in any organization that I am involved with. Willamette has so much going for it, with the recent additions of facilities and programs placing the University in the proper spirit for change. As students, we should use this progressive spirit to promote improvements in student life. It has been my experience that all it takes to transform even the largest project from an idea to a reality is broad student support and persistence. Several changes that I see as being needs for a progressive move in campus life are: the development of a student center (a single location for ASWU, student publications, desk space for Willamette's diverse clubs and organizations, and study space), a student-run radio station, a community newsletter, and regular student/faculty forums. I believe all of these ideas can become realities with hard work and innovative planning.

Since the ASWU President is a representative of the students, I would like to share some of my personal values and beliefs with you. I have always believed in making every situation the best it can be. This can only be achieved through

recognition of problems and needs, followed by constant and directed effort. Throughout my years at Willamette, I have placed great emphasis on being a contributor. My involvement in the creative and organizational aspects of theatre, Glee, Intime, dances, concerts, the *Collegian*, and the *Bistro* have shown me the ability students have to shape their environment when working together. I also value the perspective that diversity brings. Having lived off-campus and in an independent hall, as well as being a member of a Greek house, has given



me an appreciation of the contributing potential of all three. I see ASWU as a potential unifier. Please feel free to stop by the *Bistro* and voice your ideas and concerns to me, or call x6134. Thank you.

## Dave Chiappetta

The primary role of the ASWU President, as I see it, is to help make the Willamette Experience better and more meaningful for everyone. In order to accomplish this, it is vital that a president possess three qualities: past student government experience, strong initiative, and clear and sound ideas about what needs to be done.

My experience in student publications, the ASWU committee system, and as an ASWU Senator has enabled me to learn how Willamette's student government and administration work, and has helped bring to my attention several places where we can strengthen ASWU and make it the type of organization students can feel they are a part of.

Many students are understandably frustrated with our system of government. They are uncertain whether their concerns are being voiced by their representatives on university committees, and are even less certain that any action is being taken on their concerns. This has been most evident with such proposals as Freshman Year Experience and Deferred Rush. As ASWU President, my top priority would be to create stronger channels of communication between students and their committee representatives — channels that run *both* ways. Clearly, we need to establish a wider range of student input, ensure that this input is given *before* important decisions are made, and see that it is translated into action.

A second priority of mine is in the area of the valuable resource of student-based initiative. As founder of *Belknet*, I realize how important it is for a student with original or innovative ideas to get support for them, and also how important it is to have a president who can recognize such initiative. As ASWU President, I would work to strongly encourage more projects such as *Belknet* and *Bistro Willamette*. For me, this represents the difference between a stagnant student body and a dynamic one.

It is these qualities — past



government experience, strong initiative, and clear and sound ideas, which are essential to a successful ASWU government. With your vote on April 7, I hope to put these qualities to work for you, to help make the Willamette Experience a more meaningful one for all of us.

# PRESIDENT

## Doug Huntington

Fellow students, my name is Doug Huntington and I am running for the office of ASWU President. In order to make your decision easier in voting for President, I'd like to tell you about myself, my past experiences, and my ideas for the future.

I have had the opportunity to live in Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Lausanne and Baxter residence halls. As a result, I feel that I understand many of the current issues concerning both Greek and Independent students. Having many friends that reside off-campus, I feel as though I can accurately represent their views. While living in Baxter Hall, I served as vice-president and senator. One beneficial aspect of living in the residence halls has been the day to day contact with students and friends, and the issues that concern us most.

During the past year I have held the position of ASWU Secretary. One of the most important aspects of the job was communication. I used my skills in interacting with not only the committee system, but also the process of selecting Glee managers and in conducting off-campus senator elections. I feel my background as ASWU Secretary and Baxter Senator has given me a comprehensive view of the workings of Senate, which I believe would be helpful in being a better president for you.

In addition to ASWU Secretary, I founded and resided as president of Phi Alpha Delta (pre-law fraternity). Also, I have served as Elections Board Chairman. As a member of various committees, such as the Education Consortium and the University Center Advisory, I have been able to effectively represent

students' opinions on a variety of issues.

My goals for the future of Willamette include increasing communication between students, Senators and the administration. I hope to help facilitate school spirit and pride by creating a more unified student body. To do so, we need to resolve conflicts surrounding issues such as deferred rush, due process and tuition increases. However, most important is your input on ways we can all improve Willamette. To do that I will be visiting all residence halls and I welcome your comments. For all the off-campus students and the ones that I can't talk with personally during my visits, please feel free to call me at 370-6979.

My combined experience, abilities and ideas clearly

show that I have the qualities to be the most effective president. Please vote on April 7 and cast your vote for Doug Huntington.



# VICE PRESIDENT

## Denise Kaaa

The office of student body Vice President is a public relations position. The Vice President must work for the students and must help to find ways to provide for the students. Events and activities should be requested by the students and should benefit the greatest number of students. If elected ASWU Vice President, this is what I intend to do.

There are a few goals which I intend to hold that accomplish this. The first, is to have a student activities board assisting in planning social events. This body would consist of one elected person from every living organization and three people who live off campus. This group would be a representing body of the students and they will all share in helping to plan events that would satisfy most students. The student activities board would help to produce a social calendar for all

campus activities not just those which relate to ASWU. This calendar would also display social functions of resident halls, fraternities, and sororities.

I would also like to hire an ASWU Publicity Manager who would be responsible for getting out advertisements to the campus at least one week prior to the event. This is very important so students are informed of activities and can plan around them if necessary.

Activities planned by the board should satisfy the students. It is important that student opinions regarding the activities are with ASWU and the activities board. One way of doing this would be to have questionnaires sent out periodically through campus mail concerning current events and ways of improving them for the future. The more suggestions received, the greater possibility of having more successful

all-campus events.

In reaching my ultimate goal of bringing the campus closer together, I would like to have an open meeting once a month where all students come together to voice their concerns and to express their feelings about our campus.

In conclusion, I feel I am qualified for the position of ASWU Vice President because I have actively served the student body through hall government and campus-wide events. I am always open to new ideas and encourage student input and involvement.

Once again, a Vice President must work for the students:

*"I'm familiar with the needs of both Independents and Greeks, and want to organize social events which satisfy both groups; bringing the campus together."*



# VICE PRESIDENT

## Jeff Tonole

The already challenging responsibilities of the ASWU Vice President is further complicated by the apathetic nature of the Willamette community, and attempting to prevent or eliminate this apathy becomes another obstacle in the Vice President's path. But I believe that there are ways to hurdle this stumbling block.

One way is to present activities that appeal to the entire student body. Steps have already been taken in this direction, as seen by the success of the Black Tie Affair and the post-Glee "Crazy 8's" dance. To further this, I would like to include the student body more frequently when making decisions on campus-wide activities.

Another way to decrease apathy on campus is to improve the communication between administration, student government, and the campus as a whole, in regards to both activities and administrative decisions. One must do more than hang signs from the U.C. in order to inform the campus.

Among other goals, I would like to see funding for a student-run, on campus radio station. This would be a

positive step towards alleviating the present communication problem, and it would give the student body something to call their own (other



than the popcorn machine).

I am willing to put a little creativity, imagination, and much time and energy into the Vice Presidential position, and I hope I will be given the opportunity to do so.

## E. Joe Kipp

My name is E. Joe Kipp and I am candidate for Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU) Vice President. Like you, I am concerned about Willamette's academic and social environment. However, the academic environment is but only one part of the college experience in its totality. Who and what we become is greatly influenced by factors other than those found in the classroom environment. For these reasons, I am seeking an opportunity to help coordinate student activities on campus.

The task of coordinating activities will not be an easy one, as there are many obstacles that must be overcome. Soaring liability risks, a new alcohol policy, and increased financial costs are but only a few of today's challenges. However, our greatest threat is the occurrence of campus polarization. The reality of this situation is attributed to many factors, most formidable, the university alcohol policy. To combat this threat, a greater emphasis on all campus events— movies, dances, and live entertainment nights that

take advantage of both on and off campus talent, will have to be more vigorously pursued. If elected, I would try to initiate progressive



activities while conducting a comprehensive evaluation of both former and present activities.

I would appreciate your support in my candidacy for ASWU Vice President.

## Michael Tewfik

My first and foremost goal as a Willamette student and possible ASWU Vice President is to see that next year's new and present students do not see college as merely an extension of their high school. I also see an integral part of the true "Liberal Arts Education" extending far beyond the classroom. The role of the ASWU Vice President and Chairperson of the ASWU Activities Board is to promote and facilitate an integrated social atmosphere for the entire campus. This would be achieved through the cooperative development and implementation of activities that allow Willamette students to gain social experiences. These social experiences, I hope, will produce two results. The first goal is Willamette students will have

opinions on the social atmosphere they live in by taking active roles in the activities put on by ASWU to insure the development of a compatible social climate. The second goal is actually produced by accomplishing the first; a unified Willamette Community of socially educated and concerned students, which we can carry with us past Willamette.

In conclusion, I would like to state that in no way do I intend to establish a social climate from my own opinions and experiences. On the contrary, the more involved the campus is in developing the ASWU social programs the better the needs of the Willamette Community will be met. This would also be combined with a new line of communication I

plan to establish with other activities boards from other Liberal Arts campuses. This would allow the involved campuses to take the best ideas of other schools and use them in their social programs. In the past I have found that the more input on a subject, the better the results. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



# TREASURER

## Dan "Zot" Keppler

Each semester, every Willamette student pays \$30 in student body fees. This amounts to a total ASWU budget of roughly \$85,000. It is up to your ASWU officers, the the consent of Senate, to decide how the funds are appropriated.

Recently, however, it has become more difficult for ASWU to fund many of the programs and activities it has traditionally funded because, while the budget has continued to expand and costs have continued to rise, the amount of revenue has remained the same for seven years.

I am interested in the position of ASWU Treasurer because I want to ensure that the programs and activities that ASWU currently funds continue to be funded. I also hope to expand the unallocated portion of the budget so ASWU spending can be more responsive to student needs. To achieve these goals I have several proposals that I would implement if elected.

1) Eliminate financial waste within the budget. In order to do this, I would require extremely detailed budgetary breakdowns from each group, committee, or publication that ASWU funds.

2) Prioritize items within the budget. Revenue collected in the form of student body fees should be spent in ways that visibly benefit students. To achieve this, I would solicit more

student input into the Finance Board's decisions.

3) Seek alternative funding for some items within the ASWU



budget. Other university accounts could bear the costs of some ASWU programs which benefit the entire Willamette Community, this would help cut some of ASWU expenses.

By serving on the Finance Board and in the Senate throughout this year, I have attained a good understanding of how the budgetary process operates and the problems ASWU may face next year. I believe I have the experience to solve these problems in such a way that students will be the main beneficiaries.

## Jon Radmacher

When I learned that I would be interning for Senator Hatfield in Washington, D.C. this semester, I was overjoyed; however, I also realized that this would make it very difficult for me to run for ASWU Treasurer (something that I had planned on doing for quite some time). But in my two and one-half years at Willamette, I've spent many hours learning about (and devising ways to improve) our system. This has entailed serving in many different capacities, including Finance Board, Educational Programs, and ASWU Senate.

Many people in the past have used the position of treasurer as a stepping stone to a higher office; since I will be a senior next year, this is obviously *not* my goal. My main project, if elected treasurer, would be to completely revise our budget process. Do you know how each year's budget is determined? I do, and it is a process greatly lacking in integrity and ingenuity. At the first of every year the ASWU Treasurer hand-picks a Finance Board. In the first two weeks of Fall semester, this board creates a budget (this budget is almost always the previous year's budget with small increases in every category). Eventually the Senate rubber-stamps the budget proposed by the Finance Board (through my four semesters involved in Senate, I have never seen Senate change the budget proposed by the Finance Board.).

Why is it that we don't have a "real" budget process? All businesses, governments, and even our own administration must create the

coming year's budget over the course of the previous year. I believe we should adopt a similar process: every fall, an *elected* Finance Board should



take proposals from all groups on campus. As the year progresses, the Board should create a budget that reflects the wants and needs of the student body, not just a reflection of last year's budget. Moreover, students *must* be informed about where their money is going. Do you know that every student gave \$20 to Educational Programs? I support extensive surveying of the student body, so that students really do have a say in where their fees go.

I have spent many hours involved at Willamette, and I would love the privilege of putting my knowledge to work for WU. Remember, my body may be in D.C., but my heart's at WU.

# SECRETARY

## Scott Clemans

There is an age-old saying that goes something like "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." To that quote I add one of my own: "if it is, fix it right." My goals as ASWU secretary involve a little bit of both ideas—retaining the good points of my predecessor's term while changing the those that didn't work out, in order to better serve and represent the Willamette Community.

The one major concept I want to continue is the much wider involvement of students in WU's committee system, at least compared to years past. Limiting the number of committees one student can serve on and maintaining a diversity of ages, residences, and beliefs on each makes the system as a whole represent the student's opinions much more effectively to the faculty and administration.

Aggressive recruiting of potential committee members at the beginning of the school year is the keystone of this involvement.

Two things have priority on my "fix it" list: the Elections Board and student awareness of key issues facing the Willamette Community. I feel the Elections Board was rather sloppily handled and represented the wishes of my predecessor more than the needs of ASWU. To correct this I intend to appoint a broader, more diverse, and more qualified group of to this important committee—not friends and well-known student figures. I also plan to call on expert advice in the selection of such specialized positions like Glee managers and Finance Board members.

When the time permits the *Collegian* and ASWU Senators to relay important information to the Community, student involvement and awareness increases. However, the

speed with which administrative decisions have been announced and implemented in the recent past (not to mention the somewhat devious



nature by which they have been arrived upon) has frequently not allowed we students to react in time to influence those decisions. I plan to keep the campus informed of those "fast breaking" issues that the *Collegian* and the ASWU can't through direct notices, such as announcements placed in the UC and living organizations. I hope this measure will permit ASWU to be more of a force in the administrative policy-making process.

Through my work as Co-Editorials Editor of the *Collegian* last semester and my continuing observation of and participation in the ASWU political process, I feel I possess the knowledge a good ASWU Secretary must have, and I look forward to using that knowledge to serve you. Please keep me in mind when you go to the polls on April 7.

## Keith Johnson

Presently, the Willamette community needs a responsible, dependable, and self motivated individual to improve the overall rapport between students and the ASWU. When consecutive tasks and projects are demanded of an individual concurrently with his academics, an individual's reliance and self-discipline are called into question.

The duties of Secretary are both rewarding and time consuming. As current News Editor of the *Collegian*, ASWU Senator, and former Elections Board Committee member, I would like now to serve the Willamette student body using my organizational, communication, and personal skills developed through these previous activities.

As ASWU Secretary, I shall complete Senate minutes in both a more timely and efficient manner. Presently, minutes are not completed until several days after each Senate meeting. I plan to have these reports completed and accessible to students by the morning following each meeting. The quality of each report will be first rate, and there will be no more informational errors or misspellings.

The more effective coordination of campus-wide elections is a second goal I hope to achieve. Presently, only about fifty-five to sixty percent of students consistently vote in major campus elections. Elections involving only certain portions of the student body suffer from a similar lack of participation. As ASWU Secretary, it will be my duty to chair the Elections Board Committee and run campus-wide elections. Having served on this committee, I believe that my working knowledge of election procedures and my personal desire to see more student participation will enable elections to better reflect the desire to see more student participation will enable elections to better reflect the desires

and directions of leadership sought by students.

Third, as ASWU Secretary, I will be obligated to compile various



committee reports and make sure that they are reported to Senate meetings. Presently, many of the ASWU committees are operating without the assistance of an organized Executive Council member. I would like to help these various committees with any scheduling or other practical which may arise over the course of the next academic year. I believe that with this type of assistance, students will sense improvements in the effectiveness of university committees at large.

The potential of each of these goals has always existed. Yet, actual attainment depends upon the individual effort a competent, dedicated ASWU Secretary. I believe that I can perform the various duties of ASWU Secretary and successfully achieve these goals.

On April 7, I ask for your support as I seek to be elected as next year's ASWU Secretary. The rapport between you, the student, and the ASWU is my incentive for serving the Willamette community. Thank you.

# SECRETARY

## Larry Didway

You may wonder what valid issues a candidate for ASWU Secretary can discuss...a new letterhead perhaps, or the need for a more stylish font on the senate minutes. I see the role of ASWU Secretary differently. I think it has more depth, and certainly more importance.

The office of ASWU Secretary is the facilitator of communication for the students of Willamette University. If this is true, the Secretary needs to have the ability to communicate in an organized, clear and concise fashion to promote this kind of communication within the structure of the ASWU Office. This is something we would all agree that the Willamette community now has difficulty with, but there are a number of changes that I would like to propose to improve this.

First of all, we need to improve communication among ourselves. If we

can't communicate with each other effectively, chances are, it will be difficult to present our ideas and opinions to other groups, such as the administration, in any effective manner. One way for the Secretary to facilitate this communication is to oversee the programming of a master calendar of university events. This calendar would assist the ASWU Office, living organizations and other groups with event planning by deterring over-scheduling and scheduling conflicts. This, in turn, would help to ensure the success of these events.

Another area of weakness lies within our method of facilitating input. We need to look for new and innovative methods of facilitating this input, evaluate our committee structure, identify the shortcomings and implement a change. The formation of a new Committee Review Board, composed of one

committee member from each ASWU committee, is one thing that may serve in this capacity. In a regular forum, committee minutes could be shared and discussed with any interested member of ASWU and the Board. I am convinced that this would prove to be a most effective method for students to obtain the "whole picture" of university policy and decision making.

The final communication deficiency that I would like to address is the issue to publicity. Too often, students are left uninformed or unaware of the issues, events and activities important to them. To improve publicity I would like to propose the purchase of an electronic screen to be placed in the UC basement to advertise these items. I am sure that this would be a valuable investment to promote student awareness and encourage support for ASWU events.



These are my sincere concerns and proposals as a candidate for ASWU Secretary. I would look forward to addressing them with dedication and enthusiasm if given the opportunity.