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Is 1960s-style activism dying?

By Thomas Mann, Associate Editor
and Robert Davis, Senior Associate Editor

The days of activist politics on campus with the Students for a Progressive Agenda leading the way may be numbered as the SPA's presidential candidate faces a stiff challenge in Wednesday's and Thursday's ASUO general election.

Julie Davis, a second-year law student, outdistanced SPA candidate Barbara McCarthy 883-643 in last week's primaries, while four other candidates finished far behind. Neither Davis, with 40.8 percent of the vote, nor McCarthy, with 29.7 percent, gained the more than 50 percent needed to win the presidency in the primary.

Though both candidates are liberals, Davis is perceived by students as being the less radical of the two, and thus probably will receive a majority of the more than 600 votes cast for the moderate and conservative candidates in the primary.

Without a higher voter turnout that overwhelmingly supports McCarthy, Davis seems likely to end the SPA's one-year residency in the ASUO Executive office.

But McCarthy and vice-presidential running mate Bill Hallmark do not consider the election results a defeat for the SPA party.

"If our ticket had done poorly, I would think so, but since it didn't do poorly, I couldn't say that," McCarthy says.

"We don't feel like we lost at all," she added, saying the primary results will give her and Hallmark an incentive to win the general election.

McCarthy points to the successes of the SPA-endorsed candidates in the primaries. The two SPA-endorsed candidates led the voting for the EMU Board positions, and four SPA-endorsed candidates finished in the top five in the Incidental Fee Committee voting. Seven candidates will be elected to the IFC this week.

But McCarthy and Hallmark admit that they did not expect to be so far behind following the primary. "We anticipated a higher turnout," Hallmark said. A higher turnout would benefit SPA, they believe, because they conceivably could take advantage of the dormitory's governance committee endorsement, for instance.

On the other hand, Hallmark is not confident that there will be a larger turnout this week. The presidential primary included several special-interest candidates

that drew a sizeable percentage of the vote. "I'm not so sure a lot of those people will turn out again," Hallmark said. Because of this, SPA is preparing for an uphill battle. "I do think it's going to be close," Hallmark says.

One thing that bothers SPA is that the Davis candidacy is "riding the crest of SPA," McCarthy says. The Davis campaign, McCarthy and Hallmark claim, is based on the successes of SPA in slightly different clothing. "We've put the time in; we've put the work in," McCarthy says.

Paradoxically, McCarthy also believes that students voted for Davis simply because she was different from the SPA candidates.

Davis, on the other hand, does not see the distinction. "I'm not significantly different from the SPA," she said.

Davis says she touches a "wider spectrum of people" because of her "broad-based student activism" plans.

Davis, like McCarthy, sees a place for student activism as part of student government. "The ASUO is inherently political," she says. But as president of the student body, Davis says there is a duty to ensure that all political viewpoints are expressed.

McCarthy, in contrast to the current SPA administration, agrees with Davis. "We as the ASUO should not take a stand on an issue," she says.

"We as individuals should be able to take a stand," she says, but adds that it is not productive for the ASUO to take a stand on issues because it can cause fighting among groups on campus and negate the "progress" student government can make.

"The ASUO has a role on campus to try to educate the students on national, international, state and local issues, to bring in a balanced viewpoint," she says.

McCarthy and Hallmark emphasize strong lobbying for higher education. They plan to work with the United States Student Association to lobby for increased funding for higher education.

Hallmark says he is "very supportive" of the USSA and hopes that the issues the University faces can be better handled with their help.

Davis also supports the USSA and agrees with the concept of trying to tie local, state and national lobbying efforts

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Computers changing business management

University News Bureau

The personal computer is revolutionizing business management and causing a surge in the process that began a generation ago when computers changed the distribution of power in most business organizations, according to University business analysts.

By making information more accessible to management, say the analysts, personal computers are:

—Shifting management's relationship to information from a "reactive" to a "proactive" one.

—Allowing management to simulate potential events so that decision-making can be slightly ahead of the present.

—Giving management an edge in the "fight over facts" that typically occurs in

many business organizations.

In both large firms and small, there has been a gradual shift in management's relationship to their company's information base, from a "reactive" to a "proactive" mode, says Kenneth Ramsing, graduate program director in the business college administration.

Most business analysts agree that the personal computer has played a key role in this evolution. Their specialized software and ease of use has made computing power more accessible to managers—to those in larger companies who now aren't afraid of it, and to small business operators who now can afford it.

And most point to the common business practice of spreadsheet analysis for a simple, yet profound example of how

personal computers are changing the manager's relationship with information, and thus his or her ability to make decisions.

In essence, spreadsheets are a picture of the company in numbers at a given point in time, says Charles Cole, who coordinates the college's computer labs.

Each cell in the spreadsheet's matrix of columns and rows represents a variable, such as sales, costs of goods sold or profit margins.

And each number in each cell is dependent on, or changes with, all the numbers in every other cell—a fact, says Cole, that made spreadsheet analysis burdensome and time consuming when done by hand, but has also made it an incredibly powerful tool when done on a

personal computer.

In the past, the use of spreadsheets for a long-range planning—that is, changing the numbers to simulate the effects on the other numbers—was limited, says Barry Spicer, accounting department head.

"You could calculate only one or two ways things could happen," he said.

Although financial planning models were available on mainframe and mini-computers, the personal computer made this kind of analysis much more accessible for many companies, Spicer said.

"Now, you can build a model, make some assumptions, generate the numbers, then change the assumptions at will. But you don't have to recalculate the equations of the model. A whole new world opens up," Spicer said.

Cast vote for proper activism

The *Commentator* is faced with two liberal ASUO presidential candidates on a campus with a tradition of electing liberal and leftist student body presidents. We can't have everything our way.

Considering our moderate to conservative editorial stances, this makes a decision of supporting one of them difficult, indeed. So we've decided to support the candidate who would best practice responsible student activism, the watchword and favorite pastime of this campus. Julie Davis, a second-year law student, would best serve the needs of a liberal campus while still respecting the rights of moderate and conservative students.

Experience and fairness are Davis' strongest traits. She was chairwoman of the Incidental Fee Committee this year, a position in which she displayed an understanding of student program needs while exhibiting a pragmatism that revealed she knew that there are such things as spending limits.

She dealt with programs fairly and let it be known when she had any qualms with their funding requests while still helping them through the incidental fee process.

Davis also would better represent all students' interests than Barbara McCarthy, the Students for a Progressive Agenda's candidate, because she would not use the president's office strictly as a propaganda mouthpiece for the Left. Davis believes the president has a "certain duty" to ensure all political viewpoints on campus are expressed. We have documented all the failures of this year's SPA administration (which McCarthy obviously defends) to represent different political viewpoints adequately at major ASUO events.

A further testimony to Davis' qualifications is the presence of distinguished campus liberal Daniel Malarkey on her campaign. Malarkey, a Phi Beta Kappa who is a leader in the local Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group's chapter, was a supporter of Mary Hotchkiss and her SPA philosophies last year.

So although we disagree with Davis' political viewpoints, we can't disagree with her leadership qualities and her understanding of all students' needs. These qualities ensure that responsible activism will be just that and not a cover for one-sided political caprice.

Tolerance exists

The Faculty Arms Control Group is to be commended for its efforts to bring several points of view on the arms race to the campus community.

While Students for a Nuclear Free Future, a group that claims to take no stands on nuclear issues despite its name, brings mostly pro-freeze speakers to campus, the Faculty Arms Control Group is bringing the second of three "conservative" experts to speak on campus tonight.

While we disagree with the group's stands on nuclear issues, we think it has exemplified the fairness and tolerance that the campus usually lacks. We tip our hats.

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LETTERS

Stupid brains

I wonder if you support the views published on the editorial page on 16 April 1984. I assume the authors are members of your staff, since no signature was offered. It seems very obvious, though, that the author lacks brains. In the editorial "Peace Movement Failure" the author states that "there is in fact peace" and therefore there is no need for a peace movement. Have you been reading the papers this year, stupid author? Do you know there are armed United States troops in Lebanon and Central America, fighting for, as you say, "peace"? The only way to peace is through peaceful means; in fact, wicked means have only brought about a continuation of wickedness; the only way to peace is through nonviolent political action. When will humans learn to stop being so stupid? Nonviolent means changing the assumption that it is O.K. to kill, and working from that point to create political, economical, social, institutional and psychological alternatives to war. I believe the author provided a dismissal of the Peace Movement by negating the ideal of nonviolence as the basis for peace movements. By refusing to acknowledge nonviolence and presenting only a very narrow and shallow example of "turning to the streets" the author reinforces ignorance about the peace movement. Unfortunately, our society and many societies of this world make nonviolent action nearly impossible to practice, much less celebrate or claim democratic.

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I noticed that most of the articles in your "news" paper are rather Republican partisan, in my opinion, and so it is no wonder this very sad article appeared. Lucky for me, I can see the sad and simple truth in this article and in war.

Pamela Lynn Pegg
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Unoriginal

In response to Douglas F. Green's series on the Democratic contenders, I shall endeavor to apply the same criticisms to the Republican contender—Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Green's main criticism of originality or lack of originality can be used on the present administration. For starters, Ronald Reagan never did away with Keynesianism or even truly applied his substitute, "supply-side" economics. He mainly continued Jimmy Carter's and Volcker's trend of monetarism, including the use of high interest to quell deficit maintained inflation. He further proved my point by keeping Volcker as Federal Reserve chairman.

Reagan actually further reinforced the earlier Keynesian policy of deficit funding during the recession and not suffering the consequences of inflation (though an inflation rate of 4 percent is considered unusually high during a recession as severe as the one we are recovering from).

The large military build-up was only a few percentage points higher in real spending after inflation than what Carter had planned for the same period. Who says the Democrats are the "war party"? Maybe Ronnie isn't as much of a "former Democrat" as Green would like us to believe!

Finally, to the "historical literates" at the *Commentator*, inflation in the '70s was mainly due to sky-rocketing oil prices rather than "the Welfare State," but then we all know how the conservatives are expert economists, even though their ideas never quite get off the ground.

Carl Caldera
Senior, Sociology
1860 Alder #1
Eugene

Historical illiteracy improvement strategy

By Dane S. Claussen
Publisher

For those who want to test their historical illiteracy, or may just want to hone their skills for a game of Trivial Pursuit or Jeopardy!, I have devised the following quiz for your amusement and frustration. (I used *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, but not Mao's little red book; no peeking permitted.)

Who said the following?

- "You're either part of the solution or part of the problem."
A. Eldridge Cleaver
B. Abbie Hoffman
C. Jimmy Hoffa
D. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."
A. Jimmy Carter
B. Joan of Arc
C. Anne Frank
D. Mohandas K. Gandhi
- "It'll play in Peoria."
A. Bob Hope
B. John Erlichman
C. John Anderson
D. D.W. Griffith
- "Power is the great aphrodesiac."
A. Henry Kissinger
B. Adolf Hitler
C. Napoleon Bonaparte
D. John F. Kennedy
- "I cried all the way to the bank."
A. The first cultivator of the onion

- B. Boss Tweed
C. Henry Ford
D. Lee Liberace
- "Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate."
A. Dwight Eisenhower
B. Harry S. Truman
C. John F. Kennedy
D. Richard Nixon
- "Our long national nightmare is over."
A. Winston Churchill
B. Gerald Ford
C. Charles de Gaulle
D. Josef Stalin
- "The medium is the message."
A. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh
B. Harry Houdini
C. Marshall McLuhan
D. Everette E. Dennis
- "We still seek no wider war."
A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
B. Lyndon Johnson
C. Richard Nixon
D. Neville Chamberlain
- "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."
A. Howell M. Forgy
B. Frank Loesser
C. Ernie Pyle
D. Father Francis Mulchahey
- "Nice guys finish last."
A. Leo Durocher
B. Richard Nixon
C. Barry Goldwater
D. Gen. Curtis LeMay
- "Candy is dandy, but liquor is

- quicker."
A. Al Capone
B. Joseph Kennedy, Sr.
C. Dane Claussen
D. Ogden Nash
- "A hungry man is not a free man."
A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
B. Lyndon Johnson
C. Adlai Stevenson
D. Jimmy Carter
- "You and me, we've made a separate peace."
A. John Knowles
B. Ernest Hemingway
C. Anwar el-Sadat
D. Richard Nixon
- "Tennis anyone?"
A. Bobby Riggs
B. Humphrey Bogart
C. Thomas Hardy
D. Charles Eliot
- Originator of "guns or butter" choice in economics
A. John Kenneth Galbraith
B. Lester Thurow
C. Joseph Goebbels
D. John Maynard Keynes
- "We was robbed!" and "I should of stood in bed."
A. Jack Sharkey
B. Max Schmeling
C. Joe Jacobs
D. Joe Louis
- "I wouldn't want to belong to any club that would accept me as a member."
A. Mark Twain

- B. H.L. Mencken
C. Groucho Marx
D. W.C. Fields
- "Cult of personality."
A. Nikita Khrushchev
B. Josef Stalin
C. Dwight Eisenhower
D. George Marshall
- "War cannot for a single minute be separated from politics."
A. Mao Tse-tung
B. Karl Marx
C. Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov
D. Yassir Arafat
- "...the old lady from Dubuque."
A. Henry Luce
B. Harold W. Ross
C. William Hearst
D. Herbert Hoover
- "God and history will remember your judgment."
A. Haile Selassie
B. Gary Gilmore
C. Nicola Sacco
D. Galileo Galilei
- "So be sure to stop and smell the flowers."
A. K. Keith Richard
B. Walter C. Hagen
C. Walt Whitman
D. John Muir

Answers: 1. A 2. C 3. B 4. A 5. D 6. C 7. B 8. C 9. B 10. A 11. A 12. D 13. C 14. B 15. B 16. C 17. C 18. C 19. A 20. A 21. B 22. A 23. B

LETTERS

Amused

After reading "Election coverage is not all that it appears" in your issue of 4/16, I am amused.

Richard E. Burr uses the fallacious argument that because he, as an *Oregon Daily Emerald* associate editor, was biased in his coverage of the ASUO presidential campaign last year, the *Emerald's* reporters and editors must be biased this year. Burr's admissions indicate the kind of journalism to which he ascribes (and the rest of us abhor) and, further, part of the reason Burr is not on the *Emerald's* staff this year.

Moreover, accusations of an *Emerald* bias toward ASUO presidential candidate Barbara McCarthy based on one headline that implies the Students for a Progressive Agenda have had a successful year are stretching the limits of arguable assumption.

I was amused not at Burr's writing (although that might have been a reasonable assumption) but at recalling McCarthy's response to the same article Burr cites. McCarthy and Bill Hallmark, her running mate, contacted me to say that the *Emerald* was showing blatant favoritism toward Julie Davis' candidacy by publishing unflattering photos of McCarthy.

Oh, how paranoia doth compound itself. Objectively (albeit sincerely),

Debbie A. Howlett
Emerald Editor

Editor's Note: I said I made a judgment error last year. I indicated that I personally favored David Gibson for president, but did not say that it was reflected in

my reporting.

I cited specific examples of inadvertent bias and did not base my conclusions on the fact that I made an error last year. The examples, and your misinterpretation of them, speak for themselves.

What's that?

I was greatly disturbed during the Monday night presidential debate about Barbara McCarthy's attitude concerning communication of the rape programs implemented by the Mary Hotchkiss administration.

These programs were reportedly put into effect after a series of sexual assaults had occurred near the Hamilton Complex area. McCarthy complacently assured me that all possible actions had been taken to ensure the safety of the dormitory resident, and that the administration had effectively communicated the existence of these programs—through the *Emerald*—to the student body at large. I, however, heard nothing, and I am the president of an all-female dorm in Hamilton Complex! Furthermore, McCarthy is the intermediary between the ASUO and the Residence Housing Governments Committee. As such, she is supposed to communicate such vital information to the dorms. We never heard a word! The trickle-down theory didn't work.

I don't appreciate McCarthy's opportunism in using these programs on her presidential platform as a political benefit from the present administration. Only now, on the eve of the primaries, do we hear that Hotchkiss implemented them. McCarthy's stand

on this particular point is nothing short of expedient. Where is all this wonderful communication?

We need an ASUO president who has the time to communicate to the dorms. The *Emerald* is no substitute for a few quick phone calls. For a person who advocates communication, McCarthy does not practice what she preaches.

Sandy Burr
President of Boynton Hall
Hamilton Complex

Sinking

Well, it certainly didn't take long for the *Commentator* to sink to the level of the *Emerald*. The "Off the Rocker" insert of April 2 was every bit as tasteless and offensive as the annual *Immortal*, and the *Commentator* didn't even have the guts to parody itself as does the *Emerald*.

As regards the "real" *Commentator*, the journalistic quality of (most) individual articles has remained high, but the overall format of the paper has deteriorated noticeably over the past six months. Recent editions have contained from 50 to 75 percent editorials, and rebuttals by the letter's editor have at times far exceeded the length of the original letter (very defensive...)

True, the "Spew" column has been diversified to the point of taking cheap shots at local papers other than the *Emerald*, but I do question your right to reprint an entire letter originally addressed to the *Emerald* without the consent of the original writer (Feb. 27). And you deserve to be in "Spew" yourselves for printing the quote "listening to (William F.) Buckley was 'a little like

listening to Jesus.'" especially since you print a crack about "Alan Cranston, Messiah" in the same issue (April 2).

The *Commentator* also seems to have acquired the unfortunate habit of stereotyping liberals the way that the *Emerald* too frequently stereotypes conservatives: supporting a nuclear weapons freeze does not automatically mean that one is pro-abortion, nor does opposition to school busing imply anti-women's rights, but both campus papers seem to feel that if one supports a single liberal (or conservative) bill of goods. This attitude is pure B.S. and only leads to the polarization of people who might otherwise be

able to work together for common goals.

I am truly sorry to see the *Commentator* go in this direction and would hope that it can rally and become more of a positive force. As an alternative news source and conservative editorial voice it is a useful addition to the campus scene; as a mere soap box for the somewhat limited views of its editorial and publications' staff it is both useless and undesirable. A conservative mirror-image of the *Emerald* does nothing but provide a mutual forum for name-calling.

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But she doesn't agree with putting a USSA funding measure on the ballot, as the current ASUO administration has done. There has not been enough education on the issue, Davis says.

In addition, she is not so sure USSA will be able to have great success. Considering the problems the Oregon Student Lobby has at the state level, such problems probably would only be magnified at the federal level, Davis said.

She responded to allegations that the USSA is dominated by pro-Soviet leftists.

"I have been led to believe that the USSA has become more of a mainstream student lobbying group," Davis said.

Hallmark says such allegations are a

result of USSA's attempts to acquire CIA files documenting its Cold War battle with KGB agents within the group, which was known by another name before the change to USSA.

"That comes from the fact that they are suing the CIA and they are exposing the CIA," he says.

Financial matters is an area both Davis and the SPA ticket have experience in. Hallmark is ASUO program administration and finance coordinator, and Davis is IFC chairwoman.

When asked how he would freeze the incidental fee, Hallmark laughed. "There are a lot of areas that need to be hit," from "allocation to spending," he said.

Hallmark says he wants student control of the incidental fee revenues after they are

received by the state system.

He says he wants to make interest on student money, such as health insurance revenue, that is sitting idly in state accounts. If student government had such power, the incidental fee would not be so high, he said.

Davis said she would freeze the fee through the incidental fee auditor's program, which Bill Kittredge, head of the Office of Student Advocacy, is proposing in order to make ASUO programs more efficient.

The program would give the IFC the staff it needs, allowing committee members to concentrate on policy issues, she said.

Hallmark agrees that the auditor's program may be profitable.



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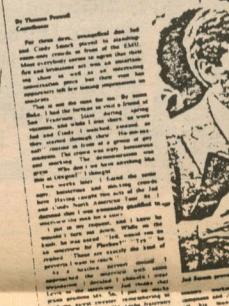


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