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ASUO election

University of Oregon juniors Greg Leo of Portland and Deborah Barnett of Los Angeles have been elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

Leo and Miss Barnett won 1047 votes in student body elections May 7 and 8 on the Oregon campus. Their opponents, Douglas Marshall of Nehalem and Cathy Fitzpatrick of Eugene, received 858 votes.

Miss Barnett is the first black student body officer at the U of O.

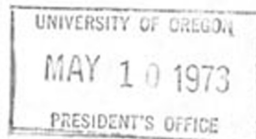
Both she and Leo are 20 years old. She is majoring in rhetoric and public address, and he is specializing in public administration in the School of Community Service and Public Affairs.

Leo recently was named co-recipient of the Maurice Harold Hunter Leadership Scholarship at the U of O, which is given annually to the junior man, a resident of Oregon, who is judged to have made the most notable contribution toward the development of qualities of leadership among his fellow students.

He has been president of Druids, junior men's service honorary, during 1972-73, and since July has served as state coordinator of the Oregon Student Association. He has been the U of O representative to the Inter-Institutional Union of Students for two years.

Currently a member of the Western Area Advisory Council for the American Red Cross, Leo will speak at the national convention of the Red Cross on June 4 in New Orleans.

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Miss Barnett was the first black student to be elected to Kwamas, sophomore women's honorary at the U of O, and the first black to serve as president. She is vice chairman of the Eugene Black Women's Society. For two years she has been actively involved in the Cultural Forum, the scheduling office for ASUO-sponsored speakers and cultural events on the campus.

She has served on the affirmative action committee of the Erb Memorial Union and this year has been a counselor at the Oregon State Correctional Institution. She is a member of the Student Conduct Committee at the U of O.

Leo and Miss Barnett see their election as an expression of a new, "non-confrontative" student temperament at the U of O.

"Students are starting to put ASUO back in its proper perspective," says Leo. "Instead of trying to solve the problems of the world, they see its primary purpose as meeting the needs of students."

Both are in favor of student involvement in decision-making at all levels of higher education - from the departmental level to the State Board of Higher Education. They believe students need to work with faculty and administrators.

Leo points out that they will work toward students being involved in decisions about the promotion and tenure of faculty.

One of the first moves of their office will be to appoint an advisory board of students to work with administrators on a "viable compromise" concerning the recent restructuring of minority student programs at the U of O.

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