

# ASWSU Exec Tickets

## Mitchell/Dunton to represent more students

Students consider ASWSU a dead end or they don't consider it at all, Derek Mitchell and Richard Dunton say, and this ASWSU presidential ticket would make changing that one of their main goals in office.

Derek Mitchell, a senior from Pullman majoring in mechanical engineering and communications, and Richard Dunton, a senior from Pullman majoring in economics and anthropology, said they want to include more students in ASWSU.

"We want to represent more of the off-campus and special interest groups," Mitchell said. "Students see ASWSU as a brick wall and it shouldn't be that way. There are 150 groups and no reason why people can't get involved."

Students can be more active without ASWSU backing, Dunton said.

"You shouldn't see ASWSU as a final answer. There are other alternatives that can be tapped. Get an idea and run with it."

The denial of committee status for African students was one example the two cited.

"They could stage an African Awareness Day, get together with African students from other schools," Dunton said.

A certain amount of initiative with little money can yield big results, on the part of ASWSU or the students, Dunton said.

Discussions the two had with Greyhound Bus Lines and Cascade

Airlines revealed both would consider supporting a student discount. A grade point average over 3.00 would earn a flat 25 percent discount.

"Something like that just took a little organization and a few phone calls. Think of the benefits to students, and it would cost the ASWSU almost nothing."

They also contacted downtown businesses about student discounts.

"They said to wait until we were elected until they would say anything, but they definitely had an open ear," Mitchell said.

The ASWSU should act as a clearing house for student ideas, Mitchell explained.

"If you have an idea, get on the phone. Run with it. Then get ASWSU behind you. We'll have an open ear, we'll listen. It's all creativity and innovation."

Students need more information about what the ASWSU is doing for them, since it is their money that is used, Mitchell said.

"Half of them don't know where it goes. It's their \$75 in S and A fees, and they should be worried about that."

They also feel other groups need to be held responsible for the money they receive, Dunton said.

The WSL (Washington Student Lobby) can't be run without the students' support. The WSL has to make sure they know what's going on. We give them \$25,000 a year, and they need to be held more

accountable for that money."

The ticket supports keeping the CUB open until midnight.

"The CUB should be the hub of campus activity," Dunton said. "Clubs should be able to reserve space at night to meet, maybe section off a table and have a sign. It would do the club good, and provide information. Students may

walk by and decide to sit in."

Two projects the ticket would support are guides to classes and off-campus housing.

"We could print an off-campus housing guide that lists the average rent, heating bill, what the landlord is like, things like that. Most students do end up in off-campus housing. To offset the costs of

printing, we could ask the different places to take out ads. Students could pick it up as they register," Dunton said.

Students could also benefit from descriptions of courses and professors, they said.

"Students in frats or sororities have it made with test files."



Richard Dunton and Derek Mitchell

## Asmussen/Martinis stress experience

ASWSU Sens. Wayne Asmussen and Ann Marie Martinis are stressing the importance of their experience while they run for the ASWSU student executive offices.

"We have a thorough knowledge of ASWSU and know how to make it work," said Asmussen. "WSU is at a critical point in its history with a new governor, a new president, new regents and soon someone will replace Art McCarran as dean of student affairs. It is vital that the executives have a thorough knowledge and working understanding of ASWSU, so a strong, positive image can be presented to these people."

Asmussen has been chairman of the ASWSU finance committee, a member of the university athletic council, ASWSU rules and administration committee and the honors student advisory committee.

And Martinis, a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, has been chair of the ASWSU external affairs committee, assistant to the ASWSU president and a member of the ASWSU rules and administration council and the university athletic council.

"You just can't walk into something this big and expect to make it work without some experience," Asmussen points out.

While noting that they "are not going to make any pie in the sky promises to the students," Asmussen and Martinis are emphasizing working with the administration to revamp the student affairs office and with ASWSU committee members and chairpersons to offer quality programs for the students.

"It is important that students get their voice in the administration by moving the dean (of student affairs) up to vice presidential level and not as just a token administrator to the students — students deserve adequate representation," said Asmussen, a junior in business administration.

The two candidates plan on establishing a student university liaison position in the ASWSU executive office to help the ASWSU president open communication lines with the faculty and administration.

They also would like to have ASWSU publish synopses of faculty evaluations for student use — if



Wayne Asmussen and Anne Marie Martinis

there is a demand for the service and it is economically feasible. To communicate with students,

Asmussen and Martinis say they are interested in running a regular ASWSU column in this newspaper to inform students about senate issues, ASWSU programming, activities and budgetary matters and legislative news in addition to expanding the ASWSU newsletter. "Students don't realize the speakers, pools, programs and weight rooms are supported by ASWSU and we must get the word out to the students," said Martinis, a junior in business administration.

The ticket also supports maintaining student support of the athletic department at current levels and want to avoid a confrontational relationship with the department officials.

Asmussen and Martinis say they are strongly opposed to granting the Gay Peoples Alliance ASWSU committee status and funding because of the "narrow scope" of the group and the student opposition, but want to encourage discussion of both sides of the issue.

They also plan on pursuing the following issues:

- Establishing a workbook where students have free access to typewriters.
- Simplifying budgetary allocations.
- Creating and promoting more autonomy as well as interaction between the committees.
- Making the ASWSU Copy Center/Lecture Notes more profitable and effective.
- Establishing an all-night study area.
- Stopping faculty from testing and making papers due during closed week.
- Reevaluation of residence hall alcohol/floor party policy.

"We understand there are limitations to the executive positions; the president and vice president are not omnipotent lawmakers who can snap their fingers to make the laws. So we do not offer outlandish, unattainable promises," Martinis said.

