Off campus students need better representation

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Groups that do making positive things. From the ASLC who show all those nice movies, to the hard-working people at APO, there is a lot of collective goodwill. There is room for improvement in some areas, an improvement that can only result by increasing student involvement.

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