

opinion

Here's 10 reasons to re-elect Reagan



Cohen: resign or be recalled

I often wonder why students choose to get involved with student politics. I guess, like most people, they have a desire to do some good for the student body.

But even for the optimists, that is a hard line to swallow. Some incidents may make it impossible to believe.

editor's note
debbie howlett

Take the case of Dan Cohen. Here is an extremely intelligent fellow who has always done the things you might see included on a sample resume from the Career Planning and Placement office. From those brief descriptive paragraphs, one gets the idea the guy is a real go-getter.

He is. Cohen is currently studying economics in the Honors College. He received a \$5,000 Bill Bowerman Scholarship. He's chair of the EMU Board. He served on last year's scholarship committee.

From such a resume he looks like the perfect kind of guy. But look a little closer.

While serving on the scholarship committee, Cohen received a \$5,000 Bill Bowerman scholarship.

It's not that the guy didn't deserve the scholarship. Cohen and 13 others were chosen to contend for the scholarship. However, it seems suspicious Cohen ended up with it.

Whether anything can be made of the selection, or the process, is beside the point. Clearly, Cohen should have done the honorable thing and stepped down from the committee, or stayed on the committee and refused the scholarship.

But beyond the farce of the scholarship, Cohen's actions become even more questionable.

Cohen was elected to the chair position on the EMU Board last spring. It seems as though, with the benefit of hindsight, his election was a mistake.

The fiasco of last month, when Cohen's roommate, apparently at Cohen's behest, used a ploy involving flour, a mirror and others acting like police, to shanghai two other student government types. The intention was to keep the pair from a meeting of

several members of the EMU Board that directly involved them.

The exercise was above and beyond the normal tag of college hijinx.

At least twice Cohen has acted in a manner that may only be characterized as ethically wrong, morally wrong, showing a lack of respect for his student constituency and a selfish concern to achieve the goals that primarily benefit himself.

Cohen should resign his position as EMU Board chair and allow the student population, or its elected representatives, to replace him with another student who will conscientiously carry out the duties of student leader for the benefit of the majority of the students.

But politicians are known for pride that is nearly as consuming as ego.

Should Cohen decline to resign, the students of this University should begin a petition drive to recall Cohen from office.

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The recall process

To recall an elected student official, as outlined in sections 11.8, 11.9 and 11.10 of the ASUO constitution, an individual or a group should:

- notify the ASUO Vice President (Kevin Kouns) and the Elections Board in writing prior to any action to bring about the recall of an elected official. The petitioner will be provided with an adequate number of petition forms by the ASUO Vice President.

- obtain signatures of 10 percent of the members of the ASUO within a period of one month from the date of initiation of a petition.

- present the petitions to the ASUO Constitution Court for validation. Upon validation a special election will be called by the ASUO Vice President.

Kouns or any other person in the ASUO Executive office may be reached at the EMU, Suite 4, or by phoning 686-3724.

Dead Week, no time for examinations

Welcome to Dead week.

Dead Week is possibly the most appropriately named week in the entire academic calendar.

Even though during Dead Week everything seems to crash together all-at-once and make wakefulness seem terminal, there is one ray of hope filtering through the darkness. Legislation passed by the University Assembly in March 1982 states that in the week preceding final examinations during Fall, Winter and Spring terms:

- 1) No examination worth more than 20 percent of the final grade, with the exception of make-up examinations, will be given;

- 2) No final examinations will be given under any guise;

- 3) No projects will be due unless they have been clearly specified on the syllabus within the first two weeks of the term;

- 4) Take-home final examinations will be due no earlier than the day of the formally assigned final examination for the class.

See, things aren't all that bleak. Go get some sleep.

Is there life after Dead Week? Yes, there is. Why do you think they call them finals?

letters

Presupposition

To the group from the Episcopal Campus Ministry: I would like to commend you for attempting to tackle the difficult issue of homosexuality and the church. I do however, find it necessary to question the basis for some of

your presuppositions.

For example, you wrote that "God does not expect us to be perfect," suggesting that we have no need to make any alterations in the way we live our lives. While I would agree that God does not expect us to be perfect, Paul's plea for the Corinthians to "aim for perfection" clearly shows that neither does he have any desire for complacency and mediocrity. To resign oneself to one's present condition (whether that condition be pride, avarice, bigotry, or "sexual orientation") is by no means aiming for perfection.

I would also question whether we would be aiming for perfection should we follow your prescription for knowing God's will. Your assertion that since there are so many interpretations of the word we should resign ourselves to ignorance smacks of neo-Gnosticism, not a vigilance to study more and maybe even take heed of those who are wiser than ourselves.

I would have to admit, however, that your suggestions are tempting. It is much more facile to chant "Judge not that ye be not judged" than it is to seriously consider an issue. After all, it is easy to forget that our Lord also requested that we love our neighbor as ourself. If I was living in a manner that my neighbor knew was displeasing to God, I would certainly wish him to inform me of such. Accordingly, if it is he that is doing such misdeeds, am I not obligated to inform him likewise?

Rick Moore

Sacrament

This letter is for Joe Hegarty, Oregon Right To Life:

Joe, open your hymnal to the red underlined passages and read along with me... "If men could get pregnant abortion would be a sacrament."

Yea, verily. You probably had a hen's abortion for your breakfast.

Gary Smith

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