

Letters to the Editor

Senator responds

I would like to thank all the people who are in support of me right now. The last couple weeks have been very stressful, nerve-racking and disappointing.

I apologize again to the students of the University. As a senator, I lead you into following me without full explanation of my past experiences.

Getting people to follow you is hard, but keeping those followers is even harder.

With the planned action to be involved with student unions, ASUO student government, Greek Life and other student groups, I hoped to show students how much of an impact I can have.

Adding these services to my scale, I hoped to outweigh the negative past, make an example and a change for myself.

I felt as if I was heading in the right direction with support from students and faculty.

By this time, I have started to pay for my actions and rebuild myself, again.

I am still uncertain of the Oregon Daily Emerald's idea behind printing such non-supportive articles and running random background checks on candidates.

What are the odds that someone from the most diverse group

of student senators has ever seen has a criminal record? Smells strange.

In the editorial "Student senator should step down" (ODE, May, 6), the Emerald stated that I should leave the senate! Leave the very thing that sparked my desire for leadership?

Why would I take myself away from getting to represent the student body?

I have told my fellow senators that I have no intention of leaving senate. Who really wants me to quit senate?

The Emerald says they are doing it for the students. Are they really doing this for you? Bringing you background information, court updates and sentence hearings on a senator already elected. A senator who won with only 34 votes.

Let this be an example to all students.

Remember who wants you here. It's you, your family and your peers. Not the Emerald! I was told to use this as fuel to strive toward my goal and as another obstacle to test my will.

Thanks again to all the students and faculty who support me and helped me during this whole incident.

Michael Dixon
Student Senator

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