

Letters to the editor

Emerald misrepresents

In response to the spiteful editorial (ODE, March 1) in our campus newspaper, I feel compelled to address the misrepresentation of facts included in the article.

A personal attack on C.J. Gabbe and Peter Larson should not be hidden behind the blanket label of an editorial board opinion. These two young men have worked too hard and too long to be bashed at the last second by someone too cowardly to claim his or her own opinion.

The Executive was established to promote change and encourage students at this University to get involved. This election, thanks to the over-involvement of the media, has turned into a three-ring circus. Gabbe and Larson have gotten their names out on the streets, dorms and houses on this campus because they have been out there every day attempting to promote this election. The coffee hour was a means to advocate student involvement in the election itself, not to "buy votes."

The editorial was a gross misrepresentation of the issues at hand as well as a prime example of mudslinging. It's unfortunate to perpetuate this form of petty journalism.

Katie Breene
political science

Gabbe, Larson deserve vote

C.J. Gabbe and Peter Larson are two incredible candidates. They have proven their ability to stand strong and work for students issues even when they were facing a Constitution Court hearing. They are in the ASUO General Elections because students exercised their power, voted and let their voices be heard. The general elections are a chance to vote on the ballot measures that will affect our campus and a chance to vote for the two experienced candidates. Gabbe and Larson have been working hard for years on a

campus, state and national level. They have focused their experience and leadership on issues that are important to students. Even before they are in office, they are asking the opinions of students. Many people voted on-line for Gabbe and Larson's fourth issue.

Vote for the candidates who know how to listen to the students. Vote for Gabbe and Larson.

Logan Searl
humanities, philosophy
PFC defended

From the first budget hearing of the year, the insults have been flying at members of the Programs Finance Committee. Thus far, we have carefully corrected the misinformation amongst students and in the Emerald. After the comments reached a personal level, with the help of the Emerald's two page PFC "expose," it became repetitive and ridiculous to put any more energy into this downward spiral of destructive criticism.

I would like to step aside from my previous position of not engaging in the battle of insults. I would like to wholeheartedly thank the ASUO Executive for failing to understand what a good job and a valuable service the PFC performs. I would also like to thank the Emerald for failing miserably to get both sides of the story in their recent article on Feb. 24. No other members of the PFC were contacted for comment. As far as I can see, the ASUO Executive would have had fewer comments if their budget had been approved as requested. Nowhere in the benchmark was there room for the for the ASUO Executive Coordinator position. As for the allegations of "lies" and "unfairness" in the PFC, I am appalled at the substantiating evidence for the executive's claims.

I challenge anyone who disagrees with the PFC or the ASUO in general to get involved. Sit through the budget hearings, and change the process.

Helen Stocklin-Enright
Programs Finance Committee

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