

Letters to the editor

Gabbe is not responsible

C.J. Gabbe has shown he's not afraid to tarnish the image of a system that he supposedly holds in high regard. Widespread revisionism is the price we would pay for underestimating Gabbe's past performance, which is littered with disregard for rules.

Monday, Gabbe "dodged one bullet" but was wounded by another. Do you want a presidential candidate found guilty of not attending his office hours? The audacity that he has to shut himself off and then run for their president is incredulous. This could only be a reflection of calamities to come.

The fact that Gabbe and Peter Larson remain in the election on a mere technicality is evidence of the most painful judicial decision I have seen on this campus. The ignorant riposte of Gabbe's staff, that they "still firmly believe that they did not break a rule," speaks to their lack of knowledge of the election rules.

I was, however, going to forget about the whole thing when it suddenly occurred to me that the popularity of his candidacy is largely due to the gross amount of money that has been spent on his campaign. This money has gone toward activities that the ASUC Constitution Court has found to be against the election rules. Do you want executives who will be fiscally irresponsible?

I vehemently object to these candidates because I cannot step aside and let executive hopefuls commit confrontational, in-your-face acts of unethical behavior and incompetence.

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Emerald opinions not ethical

The Emerald should be ashamed of its editorial description of C.J. Gabbe (ODE, March 1). Clearly, the Emerald editorial board has some type of invested interest in the outcome of the ASUC elections and wrote this editorial in a preposterous last ditch attempt to affect the outcome. Never in my life have I seen such a blatantly unethical attempt to impact the electoral process.

I have worked with Gabbe for last three years, and I can vouch that he is one of the most honest, hardworking and well-intentioned people I have met. He genuinely cares about students, the University and the state as a whole. For the Emerald editorial staff to suggest that Gabbe is anything other than a straight shooter is malicious.

Maybe the Emerald editorial staff doesn't agree with Gabbe's politics or opinions, which is perfectly OK. But for the Emerald to engage in a partisan-like character assassination is disgraceful. University students should be outraged at the lack of professionalism and integrity displayed by those administering their main source of news.

If the Emerald editorial staff believes it must disguise transparent campaign propaganda against targeted political enemies as objective news opinions, then one can only conclude that its opinions probably have no basis in the first place.

However students at the University decide to vote this week, they need to know that the Emerald's description of Gabbe is unequivocally false. Gabbe is a great person who truly believes he can make the University a better place. And that is the absolute,

objective truth.

Melanie Spraggins
president, Associated Students of Oregon State University

Emerald shouldn't side

I am curious why the Emerald would so blatantly go against their core purpose of being the "students' voice." I am an average student, and what I see occurring can be called nothing short of moronic. When a very decent majority of the student body obviously favors two candidates for office over the rest, you uninformed caged animals find it within your right to make accusations that are totally unfounded. If you can't find honest, decent reasons to take someone off the ballot, then why must you resort to pure emotional response? You are only worsening the case against your own argument. I would have thought that you learned this as freshmen, or as journalists, but apparently, you all need a lesson in common sense. What kind of suppressed Nazi control fantasy are you trying to live under anyway? The Emerald completely has the right to take a stance behind one candidate instead of another, but you are only serving to further spread rumors and hearsay. No student I've met respects the slander that occurs on a national level for the presidential campaign, so I'm curious what makes you think doing the same thing with our student government is going to accomplish. Congratulations, you've made yourself as credible as MAD magazine. If you had even an ounce of respect from me before the elections, you have lost it. If I ever see a chance to truly stick it to the Emerald, I will make it a point to do so.

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