

COMMENTARY

Letters to the editor

**Bailey and Nisser:
the ticket with experience**

Student elections are here again, and voting is so easy. All it takes is logging onto DuckWeb and a few mouse clicks. But that really isn't all there is to it. Voting is important, and informed choices are always the best. With so many candidates running, that decision is harder to make.

This year, however, one ticket really stands out: Eric Bailey and Charlotte Nisser. They have more experience both inside the ASUO and outside in the greater campus than any other ticket running. Bailey is currently in his second year as an ASUO senator, where he has been the ombudsman and senate vice president. Additionally, he remains extremely active in the residence halls, where he has been a programs assistant and is currently the Residence Hall Association president.

Nisser served on the ASUO Elections Board and was an intern for ASUO President Wylie Chen. She is very active at KWVA, where she has been the news director and now serves as the radio station's general manager.

A vote this year is very important. Make yours count with a vote for true and diversified experience. Vote Bailey and Nisser for ASUO Executive.

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Here's a helpful voting tip

You might be a bit confused as to who you should vote for in the ASUO Executive elections. I'll make it easy on you. Vote for Rachel Pilliod and Ben Buzbee, and our school will be a better place next year.

There are many qualified candidates running this year, but Rachel and Ben are not only the team that is the most qualified to get the job done, but they also have the vision and track record to back it up.

Being experienced within the workings of the ASUO is an essential ingredient in the brewing of effective leaders that will make the University a better place to go to

school. Ben has been on Student Senate for a year, and he has been a member of the EMU Board for two years. That experience, combined with Rachel being an intern last year, and a member of the current ASUO Executive staff this year, makes for a dynamic duo that will be able to take the ball and run with it.

Not only is their platform filled with realistic and attainable goals, but Rachel and Ben know what it takes to accomplish these goals. Being one of Ben's best friends and seeing all the work Rachel has done as the ASUO Health and Wellness Coordinator, I am confident they will use their leadership qualities to better our campus. Vote for Rachel and Ben for ASUO Executive!

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**Ritchie and Babkes
can make campus safe**

Sean Ritchie and Jason Babkes are the best candidates for the ASUO Executive position, for several reasons.

One issue they champion is nighttime campus safety. Before the recent incidences occurred on campus, Sean and Jason had nighttime campus safety as an instrumental part of their platform.

Since the recent breaches in safety on campus, Ritchie and Babkes have generated a few effective and proactive ideas for keeping the University community safe. Such ideas include a proctored route by which students could walk/bike from one side of campus to another, brighter lighting, cutting back overgrown bushes along pathways, golf cart taxis and bike taxis. These ideas are inexpensive and can be easily implemented.

Sean Ritchie and Jason Babkes are dedicated to the safety of our University community. Support safety and pro-active solutions. Vote Ritchie and Babkes!

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**Election offers
rare opportunity**

It is that time of year again — people in brightly colored shirts handing out fliers; the kiosk is unrecognizable ... ah yes, it is time for

the ASUO Student Elections. While the many candidates and their entourages passing out fliers might annoy you, there are also many students who do not even have a clue as to what is going on. Those of you who have a clue are probably asking yourself why you should even vote. That is a really great question, and we have an answer: because you can. Voting is the easiest way to get your voice heard.

You pay more than \$500 a year in incidental fees and the ASUO allocates this out to the student unions. The Athletic Department Finance Committee, which is composed of students you elect, negotiates with the Athletic Department to maintain student tickets. Choosing the right candidates for these positions could make the difference between students losing 500 seats or not.

The Exec has the potential to do great things and they also have the potential to do nothing. If you have been disillusioned thus far by the ASUO, then figure out which Exec ticket has a platform that appeals to you and vote for them. With 10 Exec tickets, at least one of them should appeal to you on some level. This is a rare opportunity and we encourage you to utilize it wisely.

Courtney Hight
ASUO Elections Coordinator

**Mannix and Willett
can make changes**


For those of you who actually care about the ASUO elections, read on (if not, go look at the Track Town ads or something).

Vote for Ezra Mannix and Lucas Willett. They are the only candidates I've heard yet who actually respond to some questions with ideas that are both concrete and attainable. Contrast this with most of the other candidates, who pretty much stick to fuzzy generalities and pie-in-the-sky ideas like "lower tuition."

Mannix's and Willett's suggestions, if implemented, would actually bring small, but measurable and positive changes to this campus, that, with some committed student lobbying, could actually be done.

Vote for them.

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