

# 'Sermon on the (EMU) mount'

A member of Maranatha Christian Center, a fundamentalist Christian group, zealously preaches an anti-abortion message on the knoll outside the EMU Wednesday. Flanking the speaker are other Maranatha members holding pictures of aborted fetuses.

The display illicited an angry response from a number of students.

Campus Security officials say they received several calls from people offended by the Maranatha speaker's shouting and the large, color photos.

Maranatha Christian Center is located one block west of campus at 818 E. 15th St.

Photo by Dave Kao

## **OSPIRG**

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because the power to distribute incidental fees rests with the elected members of the Incidental Fee Committee.

Burr was concerned that incoming students would not have an opportunity to have a voice in how their fees are spent.

Burr maintained 'that allocating student fees is an annual function of the IFC and to earmark funds further into the future than one year contradicts the incidental fee process.

Malarkey said the intent of the incidental fee concept is to give students the right to control their own fees — an amendment such as the spring vote is constitutional.

He cited other instances of referendum votes at the

University.

Burr wondered whether a discrimination based on political view was used by OSPIRG in its choice of lobbying issues for lobbying. However, he said he knows of no instances of anyone being refused participation in OSPIRG because of personal views.

Malarkey retorted this saying OSPIRG has open meetings, annual and open voting at each chapter and the lobbying issues are determined by surveys, with the issues showing the most concern by consumers receiving the most consideration.

Burr argued that because OSPIRG receives state funds, its workers can be considered state employees and as such they violate state law.

Malarkey said OSPIRG is a private non-profit corporation and the money it receives from the University goes to the corporation, and its employees are paid by OSPIRG. He also said the court is not the proper place to rule on state laws.

Burr's final contention centered on OSPIRG being a corporation. He cited an incident when University Pres. Paul Olum moved to remove a corporation from campus. At this time Contreras interjected to say that Olum had only stalled the issue and no precedent had been set.

During rebuttal Burr stated that the two-year funding infringed on student's rights and Malarkey argued that students expressed their wishes when they voted for the referendum.

## EMU Board approves renovation funds

Board members approved a \$1.7 million renovation project for the EMU's second floor, said EMU director Adell McMillan at the student union's board meeting Wednesday night.

McMillan stressed that no tax dollars will be used for the fund.

"The money for the project is coming out of the building fees paid by students at the beginning of the first term," she said.

The search for an architect will not begin until fall term's end, McMillan said, and no date has been

set for the renovation project's beginning.

The Board also voted to retain summer Chair Dan Cohen at that position and Maria Neese as chair of the House sub-committee.

A recent request by the ASUO to use microphones once a week in the free speech yard led the board to organize a special meeting to draw up specific guidelines for their use.

Presently the EMU Board only grants requests for microphones for special occasions.



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