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EMU Board decides to accept mural

By Brian Bloch
Emerald Associate Editor

The EMU Board on Friday considered a proposal from the Chicano and Latino student union (MEChA) to place a mural in one of three areas around the Fishbowl.

Although no final decision was reached due pending consultation with the University Physical Plant, the board did agree that it wished to accept the mural and place it somewhere in the building.

The mural depicts Latino cul-

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ture and history and was painted this summer by artist Marta Ramirez.

The large, colorful mural was obtained by MEChA at a cost of \$1,000 and donated to the EMU, said MEChA Director Eddy Beanes. The painting is reportedly worth more than \$5,000.

"It means a lot to our culture and we'd like to donate it to the EMU," Beanes said.

MEChA members said the group donated the mural at its own cost because they feel it is important to recognize the Latino culture and its presence at the University.

"Since the University opened, they've had nothing expressing our culture," said MEChA member Armando Morales.

"This is to add diversity to our building and our campus," said member Freddy Vilches.

The board is considering three locations for the mural. MEChA's first choice for placement of the mural is the brick wall next to the display booth on the stair landing between the EMU main entrance and the Ballroom.

The group's second choice is above the display window between the EMU main entrance and the inside entrance to the



Photo by Mark Ylen

Freddy Vilches of MEChA fields questions about a mural that will be placed within the EMU.

Fishbowl.

If neither of those options are feasible, the group has picked a third possible location on the large, lower brick wall between the Fishbowl elevator and the EMU Courtyard, directly across from the grievance booth.

The board will now consult with the University Physical Plant to discuss costs and feasibility of placing the mural in each of the three locations.

"We can pay all the money to put it up," said Morales.

"I think it's a beautiful mural

and there's no question whether or not we should find a place for it," said Frank Geltner, EMU Board member.

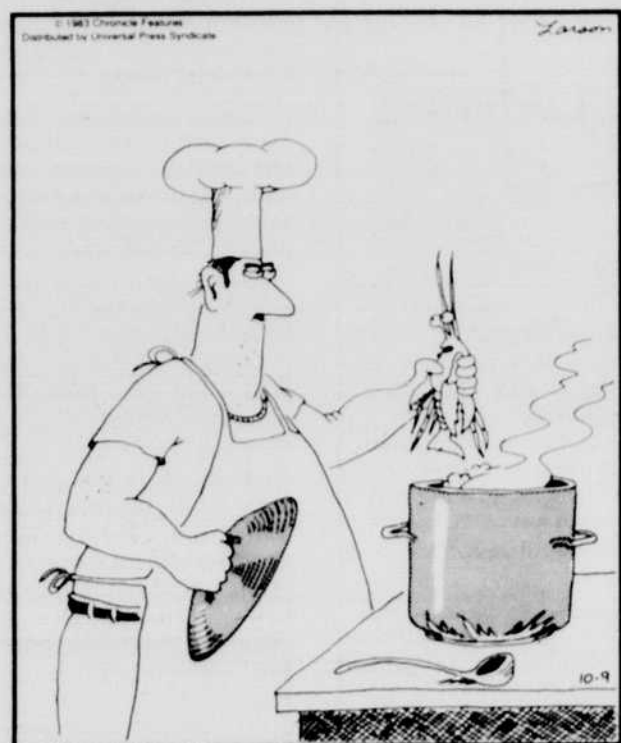
MEChA will present the proposal again after the details are considered.

In other board business, members elected Mary Koroloff chairwoman for the 1989-90 year.

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