



LETTERS

Worry

I recently attended my first EMU budget hearing meeting at the request of a friend, and frankly, I was appalled by the insulting behavior of several student officials toward concerned students.

I must admit I have not followed school politics very closely, but what I witnessed has me worried about the future of this institution. At one point, Incidental Fee Committee member Anita Stacey was so rude as to storm out of the room, refusing to listen to the students. Moreover, EMU board members Sara Dodge and Scott Dunlap made it readily apparent that they did not care to hear students' opinions.

I expect this kind of behavior from the administration that has repeatedly shown its lack of concern for students, but I had expected more from these so-called "progressive" student leaders.

Sean Knox
English

Fund raiser

This is in response to Debra Frye's letter ("Money," ODE, March 5) concerning the fund-raiser "Trading Places" in which University President Myles Brand will switch places with a student for a day.

Hopefully, I can clear up

some misconceptions she and others may have. First of all, this fund-raiser was an idea given to the Student University Relations Council by another university that puts it on every year. Our organization brought this proposal to Brand, who agreed to participate.

We felt this activity would give at least one student a better idea of what Brand's job entails, while at the same time giving Brand an opportunity to see how one student spends his or her day.

As far as Frye's concerns about where her money would be going, every dollar donated by students for this raffle would go directly toward student programs. Our organization, SURC, is a nonprofit group whose only purpose is to organize and put on University events.

We are in charge of organizing Homecoming activities, Mayfest, Parents' Weekend, Take a Duck to Lunch, Dinner for a Dozen Ducks, the campus blood drives, the Senior Send-off and Comedy Night, just to

name a few.

If anyone has questions or concerns about this fund-raiser, please feel free to contact our office.

Liane Inkster
SURC

Other side

In reading the articles on Professor John Beebe and Otis Scarborough from the Office of Public Safety, I was compelled to ask Scarborough to stop by my office and explain his side of the story.

Another employee and myself listened without making judgments of our own. We would love to hear from Beebe and have him explain the apology he offered to the public safety officer last week and then hopefully stop all the mudslinging. There are only two people who are positive of the incident, and I have only heard one.

Vicki Travis
Staff

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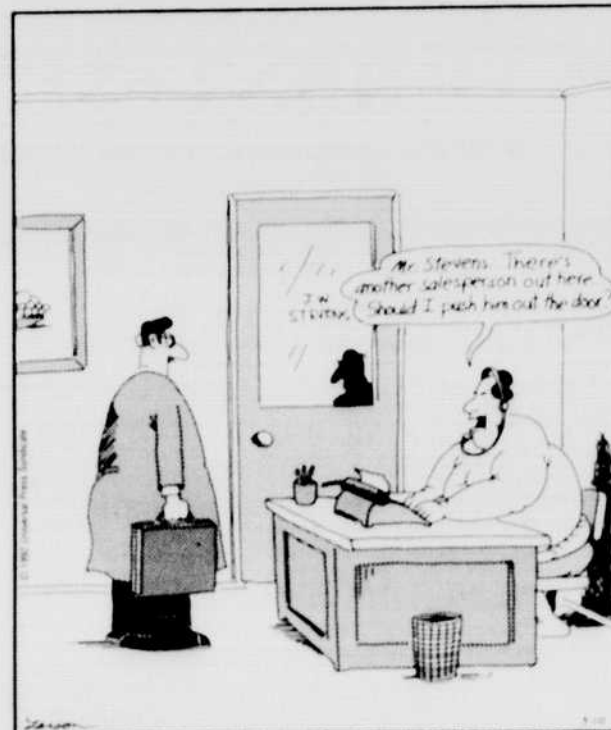
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