

YELLING FOR GOD



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Frank Zaccaro, above and right, expresses his views to students Tuesday by the EMU Amphitheater. Zaccaro's sign denounced many religious and minority groups and was met with much opposition, including from LGBTQA members calling to "End Hate."

The corner of East 13th Avenue and University Street is usually dominated by Bible Jim and his hand-painted "Jesus Loves You" sign.

But Monday and Tuesday, Bible Jim appeared to be outdone by street preacher Frank Zaccaro. Zaccaro stood on the corner with a professionally made, 4-foot-tall sign so large it had to be anchored in a holster attached to his belt loop.

"You make me sick," the sign read, along with "bratty college students, rebellious women, abortionists, cults of effeminate intellectuals, Jews from the synagogue of Satan" and other classifications of people Zaccaro said would burn in hell.

Zaccaro said he came "to preach, to witness, to judge people, to yell at people for God."

But his message didn't sit well with some, and by early afternoon on Tuesday, about 50 students and a few faculty members gathered around him. Some came to protest his message and others watched out of interest.

Senior Tyler Lewis took issue with Zaccaro's message because he said he believes it contradicts Christianity's message of love.

"(Jesus) teaches love, compassion and benevolence for all people," Lewis said.



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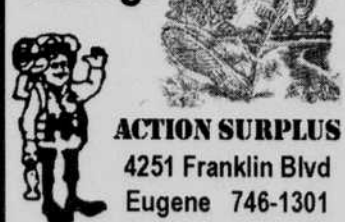
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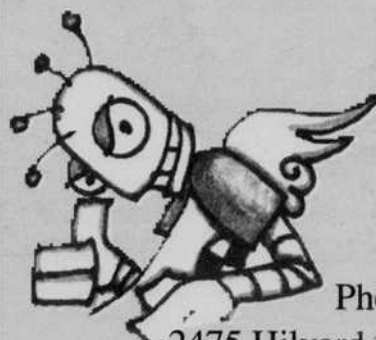


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