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Exposures Disturb Students

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"Don't," advised Hartzler Library Circulation Manager Bonnie Bowser to anyone that might be considering exposing themselves in public.

Since the beginning of this fiscal year, at least three incidents of public exposure are raising concerns that such events are becoming a trend. Also, some students are questioning the reliability of the campus security force.

Senior Laura Miller said she was in the library on Oct. 30 when she saw a man outside the window looking at her and masturbating. Though it was dark outside and there was a glare on the window, Miller remembers the offender as a white male in his late twenties wearing a hood.

"It's inappropriate that [the indecent exposure] has gone on this long," said Miller, who believes that the police may not be responding to such incidents adequately.

Nearly two weeks ago, residents in Park Woods saw a man masturbating on the porch outside their apartment. Senior Joanna

Doyle, who was visiting the apartment that evening, confronted the man.

"Excuse me sir," said Doyle to the offender, "could you do that somewhere else?"

Immediately after the incident, people went out to see if they could catch him and saw him in the bushes, but he left before the city police got there.

"Excuse me, sir, could you do that somewhere else?"

Park Woods resident and Senior Heather Horst said the response of the city police was simply to drive by through the area several times. The police do not seem to have consulted the apartment residents to get a description of the offender.

Horst said that when she called the EMU security officer on duty at the time of the Park Woods incident, he claimed that Park Woods was not under the jurisdiction of EMU's security and refused to intervene. This was a mistake, said Director of the Physical Plant

Eldon Kurtz, who maintains EMU's contract with law enforcement services. According to Kurtz, the officer was new on the job and had not yet learned all the details.

Kurtz said that at least one other incident of indecent exposure occurred on campus in the last few months. A man exposed himself to several women walking on the track, but he retreated when one of the women confronted him.

Said Kurtz, "We're concerned about these kinds of incidents and we would request the support of community members to apprehend the subjects." Kurtz believes that people who expose themselves in public are often seeking a "shock response" in which people see, look away and do nothing.

"Try and overcome your instinctive shock response and look at the person and get a good description . . . and immediately report it," said Kurtz. He points out that the powers of the EMU security officers are limited in some ways.

For example, EMU security officers are not allowed to carry weapons or to make arrests, although they can "detain" suspects for formal arrest by the city police.



Conrad Erb

On Oct. 26, EMU students, faculty, staff and community members traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in an anti-war protest sponsored by Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (A.N.S.W.E.R.). An unidentified participant above holds a sign during the rally. See story on page 4.

Election Day and EMU

By Cory Anderson
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Election Day has passed by without much notice from EMU students.

Voting is not easy to do for students, since most are far from home. Some from Pennsylvania watched the race for governor between Rendell (D) and Fisher (R) back home.

Virginia residents voted statewide on the issues of bonds for public colleges and parks, two Virginia Constitutional amendments and locally in Northern Virginia on a half penny increase in the sales tax to fund road construction in the region. John Warner (R) won

another term as United States Senator running against an Independent and a Libertarian.

Dustin Eby did not vote this year, but did so in the past year. He said, "I didn't vote this year because I wasn't at home." Dusty says he is a Republican. "I was raised that way. But I also go with what I agree with, which isn't always Republican," he said.

"Where I used to live, we had one of the lowest voter turnout rates," Eby said. However, despite the stereotype of Mennonites generally not voting, Eby said, "A decent majority of Mennonites did vote in those elections."

Harold Huber, Menno Simmons Historical Library Assistant, says, "My wife and I have been voting for a number of years." Huber comes from a line of Old Order

Mennonite descendents.

Huber is an avowed Democrat. He said, "I feel Democrats are somewhat more concerned about the poor...however, I don't vote for someone just because they are a Democrat."

"You can be a good citizen and vote, you can be a good citizen and not vote," Huber said. "I just don't like to see the politics in my church, my state, and my country and it's making me cynical."

It is this reason that he says some people, especially some Mennonites, don't vote. "Voting puts a man in office and that person does the dirty work. Some feel responsible for that person's actions since they voted for him or

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NEWS BRIEFS

☛ "Shape of Stillness," **one-man play** written and performed by EMU alumnus Trent Wagler. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9 at 6 and 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Commons. Tickets available at the door: \$5 adults, \$3 students.

☛ "A Look at the History of Mathematics Through the Eyes of Leonard Eugene Dickson." **Math colloquium** with Dr. Della D. Fenster, University of Richmond. Friday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m. SC 104. Free.

☛ "To Knot or Not to Knot?" **Seminar** for couples in an ongoing relationship (but not engaged). The session features a panel discussion with Earl and Pat Hostetter (an experienced married couple), Jean Fisher (a divorced person), and Diann and Jeremy Beach (a recently married couple), along with small group and couple interaction dealing with issues to be faced before becoming engaged. Sunday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m. CC 301-2. Free

☛ **Fill, wrap and send a shoebox!** Come help prepare Christmas packages for children around the world who may not otherwise receive anything this Christmas. Wednesday November 13, 9 p.m. Northlawn Great lounge.