On The Sidewalk:

“What is the most interesting thing you have received in campus mail?”

- “A Panty-Hose Sample” Jason Garber, sophomore
- “A Dread Mouse” Crystal Musser, junior
- “A $48 Visitation Violation” Nick Frey, first-year
- “A Milky Way Bar” Molly Briderman, first-year

Letter to the Editors

Milk: Drink Responsibly

Dear Editors:

I am sickened by the picture of an EMU student preparing to slurp an entire gallon of milk. Several times a year I visit places where people labor a day or more to get milk that might make the difference between life and death for a child. We have people on our campus from those places. Milk is a symbol of sustenance for the vulnerable and needy, and wasting it is a shockingly brazen act of disregard for the state of our world. I am sure the participants are fine people who would gladly hand their gallons to a starving child if they could.

Unfortunately things aren’t that simple. But being responsible stewards of God’s creation begins with awareness and taking at least symbolic steps towards compassionate engagement with others. I am sure planners of fun at EMU are capable of events that do not symbolize the outrage of the prophets of God against hardness of heart towards the poor. We have people voicing their opposition to a war on Iraq by participating in the 50A phone-in. Many thanks to the generosity of the anonymous donor who provided funds for the calls.

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Letter to the Editors

“The Only Way to Know”

Editors, Weather Vane

In response to the Sept. 19 Weather Vane column entitled “The Only Way to Know,” I’m puzzled by the writer’s assumption that most married 40-year-olds are troubled over “what it would have been like to experiment with more people than your mate.” This is followed by the conclusion that as a result of this (lack of experience) “divorce rates soar and marriage counselors start getting more of your money.”

It is true that US divorce rates have tripled over the past 40 years, but certainly not for lack of people embracing the idea of more “casual sex” as an accepted part of casual dating. I’m open to considering any evidence that marriages are happier or more stable where teens and young adults have “experimented with more people” beforehand, but as a marital and family therapist I find that not to be the case.

Harvey Yoder