

Unethical McClellan Insert Shows Need For Reform

A week ago student body president Don L. Keskey and one senator, Rob Fure took the liberty without the knowledge of the Student Government Association to insert an outline of the case of Dr. Robert McClellan as it stands today along with a request for financial support in letters being sent to the parents of NMU students requesting their presence at Parents' Day last weekend.

The action was a blatant breach of the confidence of one individual, Ann Vinette, chairman of the Parents' Day plans, not to mention the rest of the Senate.

The justification offered was that the action was necessitated because there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the university would not approve an expenditure out of the SGA budget for a separate mailing of the McClellan material. It was also stated that the favorable response from parents which would be forthcoming would prove how important it was to get this done.

As far as the latter statement is concerned, the University has had enough letters and phone calls from parents expressing their displeasure over this action of the SGA to prove that completely false.

Then there is the explanation of why it had to be done in the deceitful way it was. All that need to be asked here is, is there any justification for this unethical procedure. This is an individual judgment for each student to make. However, it doesn't seem to be justified.

One positive thing all this points to is the definite need for a new funding system for the SGA. The student is asking for a new role with more responsibility in society. Let him be the one who has to answer public opinion for what may be considered an irresponsible act. You will have a more responsible and knowledgeable individual because of it in the end.

—The Editors

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