

'Sell Stock' exclaim demonstrators

Students protest University decision

Student Government sponsored a student rally November 19, 1981 to protest the rehiring of EMU head football coach Mike Stock for another season.

Nearly 200 students gathered outside Pray-Harold's northwest doors on the cold November Thursday to listen and voice their opinions. Student Government members circulated petitions "opposing the University's decision to rehire Stock." SG also led the crowd in singing the Huron fight song.

Student Body President Mark Lee assured the crowd, "We are not opposing Mr. Mike Stock or the football team. In fact, we are supporting the football team."

Coach Stock, who has been head coach at Eastern for four years, has accumulated an overall 6-35-1 record. This year the Hurons were 0-11 and in the basement of the MAC. They have earned national recognition for being one of the only two college teams in the nation to go winless all season (the

other team is Northwestern).

Protestors extended picket signs bearing slogans like "Give Students a Voice in University Decisions" and "We'd Rather Fight for a Switch."

The demonstrators paraded through the heart of campus to Pierce Hall where they remained until Provost Anthony Evans appeared to make a statement.

Evans, who was speaking on behalf of President Porter, told the crowd of 75 to 80 that he would convey their messages and petitions to the President.

The purpose of the rally, as explained by Student Senate President David Penrose, was Student Government "wants to demonstrate to the University that students must not be ignored in University decisions."

The rally was scheduled after Lee and Penrose submitted a letter that Mike Stock resign as head coach by noon, November 18, to take effect immediately after the final game of the season on November 21.

Stock was quoted in the *Echo* as telling Lee and Penrose that "he was tired of losing" and that he "was not going to resign."

The Student Government leaders fear that because EMU is getting a bad name from its football program that it will trickle down and also give the academic standing of Eastern a bad name.

Despite SG's efforts to oust Stock from the athletic program, he was rehired for another season. □

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ENROUTE TO PIERCE HALL to picket President Porter's office during the protest rally sponsored by Student Government, these students display signs and shout chants of "Sell Stock!" and "3-2-1, none in '81!"