

oral quarrel

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked our readers how they felt about surrogate motherhood. Following are the answers.

No, after a sideshow on Donahue's show, these people must be sick.

No, I would not participate and I think it's the most pathetic thing I've heard when there are so many children that need homes and love why do these people put themselves through, in my eyes, stupidity.

I am strongly in favor of surrogate parenting. Now that there is a shortage of adoptable babies this method may be the only alternative for some childless couples. I do feel that legislation is in order, however, to prevent further legal mishaps like the Stiver case. If I were a few years younger, I would certainly consider being a surrogate mother to give another couple the gift of life.

I feel surrogate parenting is here to stay, and it's great. It's made a big change in the United States.

Frankly I support surrogate motherhood. If my wife and I were unable to have children because of female infertility, I think that this type of option is tremendously more acceptable to me than to adopt at large. Also I read many theologians are coming in favor of surrogate motherhood, which I think is high time.

No, because you get emotional attached to a child when you are bearing it so I feel no participation in surrogate motherhood.

It doesn't sound right so I wouldn't participate, but then I am not in a position of a desperate couple. I find that our adoption system is in a bit of turmoil. Parents who want to adopt have to go on a waiting list. Surrogate motherhood was inevitable, and I find in many cases it's a sad story; therefore you should be allowed, but I think they should reform the adoption system.

Absolutely not, I think it is immoral.

How do I feel about surrogate motherhood? Would I participate in such a practice? My word, son, I am too old to participate in such a practice.

No, I would not participate in this type of program although my neighbor is the national doctor for the surrogate program. In my opinion you cannot buy a human being, and there are many risks in this program, and one should look at these consequences and consider before they get involved.

I think that surrogate motherhood is wrong. These innocent babies don't ask to be born yet we act like we are God. We decide whether or not they're perfect enough to

live in our world and then we decide who gets to keep them. Life is rough enough without these innocent babies being born into a mess like this that we have created.

I feel surrogate motherhood is definitely called baby selling. I think the only one who profits from it is the lawyers and doctors. I think it is morally wrong to participate in anything like this, and there should be a law against it. I would never participate in anything like this, and I think it should be stopped immediately before any more consequences are suffered.

I do not believe in surrogate motherhood, and I don't think it should ever be allowed, and I would never practice it because I think it is against nature.

I personally would not participate, but I definitely believe it is a good idea, and it's here to stay.

I think surrogate motherhood should be illegal because if the child ends up being unwanted by either sets of parents because of either medical reasons or paternity problems, the state is obligated to take care of the child as in Baby Doe case, and, of course, we, the taxpayers, end up paying for other people's mistakes. No, I would not participate, and I do not appreciate having the tax burden placed on me.

Stroller confesses: He gave MSU 'Cow College' name

AFTER YEARS of remaining silent, The Stroller is about to make a confession. He is the fellow who officially nicknamed Michigan State the "Cow College." At the time, it brought chuckles from college officials across the nation. This all came to mind again in recent days when the papers were filled with the hullabaloo over the manner in which the Spartans hired their new football coach and gambled close to \$1 million to get him.

LONG BEFORE Michigan State was admitted to the Western Conference over the protests of the late Fritz Crisler of Michigan, the MSU football team played in Macklin Stadium, an athletic field with a seating capacity of a mere 25,000 that was donated by a Philadelphia alumnus.

It was a nice playing field, but it had one of the poorest press boxes in the country. On the windswept days of football season, it always was referred to as "Pneumonia Manor." And many were the times sports writers from the metropolis spurned the assignment to go to East Lansing, no matter who was playing.

Then one day came a note from Ralph Young, the likeable athletic director, apologizing for the facilities. With the apology came word that while he could do nothing immediately to correct the condition, he would supply foot warmers for the writers the following Saturday.

Sure enough, when we reported the following Saturday, there was a foot warmer at each position. It was a small black box which emitted electric heat. It made a fellow feel a bit more comfortable on another wind-blowing day.

BUT JUST AS the final period of the game started, a worker in coveralls came in, disconnected each heater and was about to walk away with them.



Informed that the game was not finished, he stared at the writers and explained it was milking time, and the heaters had to be returned to the cow barns.

Immediately The Stroller, then writing for the Free Press, sent a short story to the paper reporting that on this day Michigan State had officially become the "Cow College."

It was printed in a small box on the Sunday sports page, picked up by the Associated Press wire service and sent all over the country.

THAT SUNDAY morning, The Stroller got a call from Young, who explained that the foot warmers which had been ordered had not arrived, so he had borrowed a few from the cow barns. He added, "Those fellows who took them away knew nothing about football. They are farmers, and they couldn't tell milking time go by."

It was a laugh for a long time. John Hanna, then president of the college, got the biggest laugh of all. Every time he met The Stroller, even at major college functions, he made him relate the tale of the origin of the Cow College tag which was given to the school, and which it couldn't live down.

Now, with the handling of the firing of Muddy Waters as football coach, the hiring of a fellow who broke a contract to accept the job and payment of \$175,000 to settle a case out of court, it looks as though the farmers are still on the job at the school beside the winding Red Cedar River.



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Bill Stockwell

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If your income is fairly straightforward and deductible expenses minimal, you might satisfactorily use a short-form return and do it yourself or with the help of a tax preparer. But with more income, and more deductions, as the return becomes more complicated, you're going to want a tax professional.

Why? Because it's worth the difference to put your tax return in the hands of someone with the knowledge to find every likely loophole, and the experience to know which are acceptable, and as you reach the higher brackets, you'll get the advice you need on sheltering some income from taxes.

Some free help is available from the IRS. Revenue employees will answer your questions (but the tax court has challenged some of their answers) and prepare the simplest returns. There are also independent and chain tax preparers who pop up at tax season. Their workers may not be experienced enough to catch all legal deductions.

A certified public accountant can handle most complex returns and are familiar with shelters and investing. His or her tax know-how can save you more than the fee.

How do you choose a professional? Recommendations from satisfied clientele are one way, as are referrals from lawyers. Once a relationship is entered, the client will find his accountant helpful in making financial decisions all year round.

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