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One's attendance can affect others

By Debbie Behler

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Dear Editor,

Regarding Sean Dressman's Jan. 12 letter addressing the attendance policy and an instructor's prerogative to drop students for non-attendance, I'd just like to say to the non-attendees: "Get out of my seat if you can't make it to class."

I realize that you are busy. We are all busy, but most of us manage to make the time for class. When conflicts arise, we notify the professor in advance.

Your decision to skip classes does not affect only you and your grade, but it also affects the student who was shut out of registering because you got there first. I've missed the opportunity to take classes at the most convenient time for me because the small classes in the Communication Department close quickly. Instead, I have to work around my business, my family and my volunteer work in order to get the classes I need.


As an added incentive to come to class, you should know that people who attend and participate in class make better grades with less effort than those who don't attend.

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