

Goats Are Doing Our Job, Says Union

Great moments in public employee unionism, as recorded in [the Battle Creek \(Mich.\) Enquirer](#):

A battle is brewing at Western Michigan University this summer between a group of hungry goats and a labor union.

The 400-member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has filed a grievance contending that the work the goats are doing in a wooded lot is taking away jobs from laid-off union workers.

A spokeswoman said the university had brought in a crew of the nimble-footed ruminants “to clear undergrowth in a woodlot, much of it poison ivy and other vegetation that is a problem for humans to remove....Not wanting to use chemicals, either, we chose the goat solution to stay environmentally friendly.”

The goats are already ahead of schedule in their task of clearing 15 acres before the fall semester – unless the National Labor Relations Board gets mad and decides to charge in.

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