EDITORIAL

The following proposals will no doubt be disagreeable to many people but they are long overdue and quite necessary if this institution wishes to move ahead and not be bogged down with out of date policies and regulations that play a harmful role, if any, in a person's education.

First. the present parking policy of segregated parking lots is totally unacceptable and must somehow be revised. After carefully considering this problem, I could come up with no reason for placing students in one lot and faculty and administrators in the other two or three lots, except possibly, as a symbol that they are our superiors and so we must maintain the status quo. It is my feeling that no one is my superior or entitled to anything extra (like parking privileges) because of age, title, or position in the social stratum. It has been pointed out that generally faculty members drive a little more carefully than students and so, for protection, should have their own lot. This may be true, so it is suggested that all faculty members and administrative personnel be allowed to purchase a permanent parking place for say, $50.00 per year. Sort of like purchasing insurance and status at the same time. In the "real world", this is usually the way things are handled, e.g., the ability to buy status, so this would be a good educational experience for both the purchasers and the students. The money brought in could be put into a fund to pave the lots, given to charity, or whatever comes up. The point is, that if you want to be treated specially, then you are going to have to pay for it.

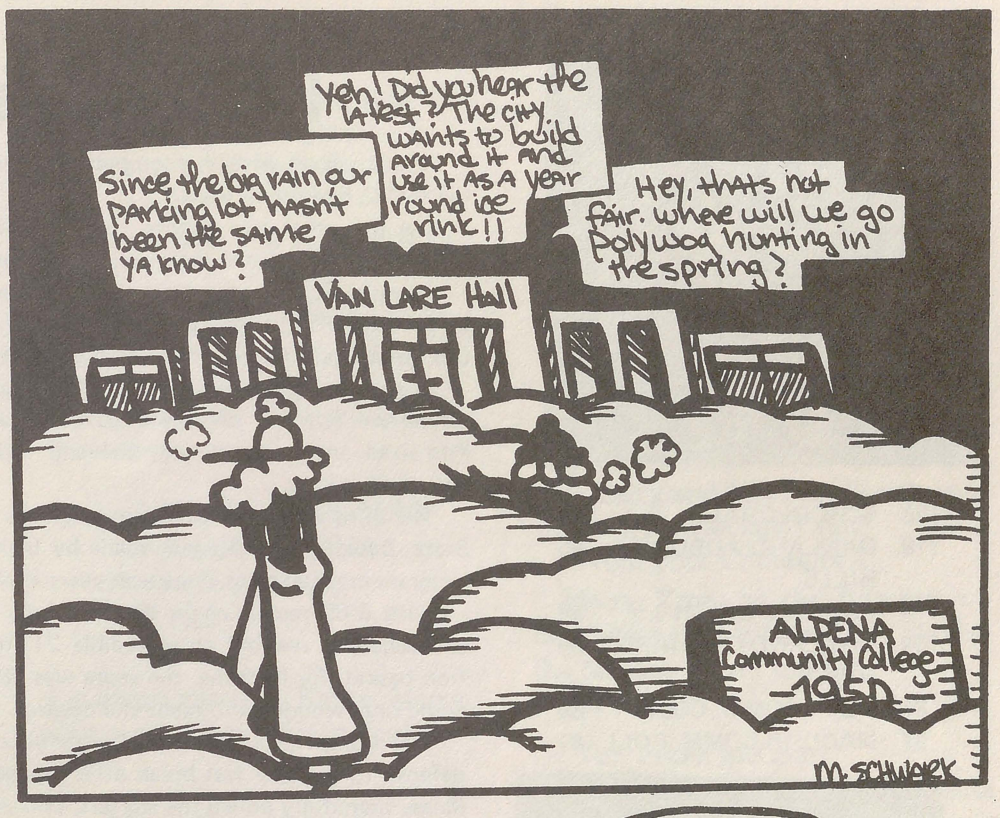
Secondly, the people who live in the dorm must be allowed to govern themselves and make the policies they must live with. As it is now, the administration sets policies that are stifling to the people and frustratingly hard to enforce by the resident advisors. The administration feels the policies are fair and reasonable, I'm sure, but the people being controlled by them do not.

A person's education does not stop when he leaves the classroom (unfortunately for many that's when it begins), but continues throughout the day and night. Therefore the dorm should be direct learning experience of how to relate to others, what is involved in making decisions that others must live by, concern for the rights of others and so on. A person learns respect for others by respecting others, he learns respect for those governing by playing a part in the governance. Allowing the students to create the policies would place a large burden on them, but isn't that the best way to learn? Once put into practice this idea would not seem as idealistic. The people who must live by the rules must play the major role in determining those rules and not just an irrelevant figurehead part.

Thirdly we have the problem of people who drive many miles to get to school only to find their class has been cancelled. This problem is heightened more now that gas is outrageously priced and will soon be even worse. We must develop a system to notify students when their classes have been cancelled so they can avoid the drive and resultant frustration. It should be the faculty member's duty to set up an "early warning system" in each of his classes whereby the teacher could call one person, that person would call a few others etc., until everyone had been notified. Other possibilities, including a radio broadcast listing all cancelled classes, are available and reasonable and must be implemented as soon as possible. Can you imagine driving here from Oscoda, (100 miles round trip) only to find your class wasn't going to be held!!!!!????????

There are many other problems troubling this institution, as I'm sure you're aware of, but from the students view these require the most immediate attention. We are not the "third power" in this school, and our needs to avoid further aggravation.

Anyone desiring to discuss these demands can see Bob Atkinson or be present at the student Senate's regular 4:00 p.m., Thursday meetings at the Red Carpet Room of the Student Center. If you support the proposed policies or oppose them, let us know!!!



Ice Rink Now Open to Students

College can enjoy winter fun now without the snow. There is open skating every night of the week at the Mich-E-Kewis Sports Park Indoor Ice Rink.

The indoor ice rink is a man-made ice rink that can be in use for a longer period of time than a natural ice rink. There are bleachers on both sides of the rink for spectators, anxious parents, and tired skaters.

The Mich-E-Kewis Park Shelter provides a warm-up house for skaters and spectators alike. There are restrooms, refreshments, and plenty of seats for everyone.

The schedule for the ice rink is posted in the Park Shelter The times for open skating are: Monday, 4-6 p.m.; Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.; Thursday, 4-6 p.m.; Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday, 3-7 p.m.; and Sunday, 3-7 p.m.

There is a slight fee for skaters during open skating. The rink is used by other groups other than just skaters skating for the fun of it. Times have been scheduled for the speed skaters, figure skaters, and the hockey players and the various teams.

There is plenty of room for all, so put on the skates and get out there! A few falls are all in the line of fun; really!!

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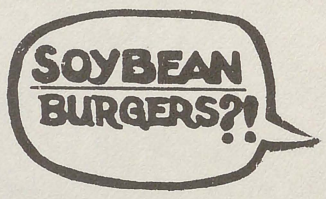

Cafeteria Sweets

For the majority of college freshmen the transition to dorm life and cafeteria style eating can be quite a change. Even if the food isn't quite as good as mom makes, it's those sweet gals behind the counter who can make the difference.

I am referring to the gals who tell you good morning at 7:00 a.m., even though you may not feel so good; who try and cheer you up even though your day has been a diaster; and just giving you a big smile and saying "Hi".

Marian Miller serves at dinner and supper and also washes dishes. Marie Lampela serves breakfast and lunch, and also makes some of the deserts. Regina Thompson takes care of the salads. Emma Newmann does most of the cooking. Patty Sharp and Pat Sobczak are servers. Jan Skuse is a server at breakfast and works the cash register at lunch. Bob Carr, Kim Warren, and Scott Olmstead are in charge of general clean-up. The cafeteria is managed by Mr. Tom Rohm of Szabo Food Service.

Any dislikes concerning the cafeteria should be directed to your food representative.

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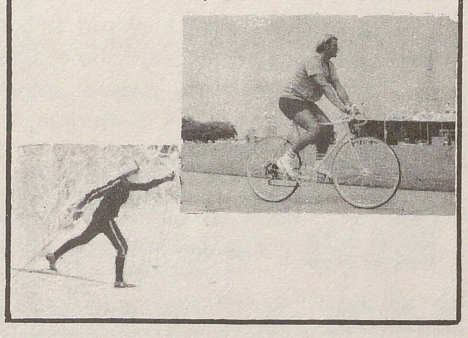
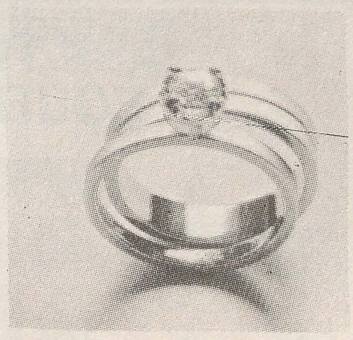
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