

## Letters to the Editor

To Whom This May Concern,

Many times in the past several weeks, I've entertained the thought of stopping by the snack bar in Besser Technical Center for something to eat. However, I've only managed to buy my lunch there once before being driven away by thick cigarette smoke.

On many occasions, I've entered the snack bar area with a fair degree of determination. After all, hunger is a driving force. But, as I proceed, the smoke that fills my eyes and nostrils quickly causes me to lose my appetite.

If I could just make a quick dash in and come out with food in hand, I am well aware that I could eat it elsewhere. It has even been pointed out to me that there is a manually operated ventilation fan in the lounge area that I am free to use. However, I have been electing to skip lunch altogether because the snack bar is just not an acceptable place to buy lunch anymore.

Sincerely,

Sharon Nadeau

Jeff Shelby, Editor  
The Lumberjack

February 24, 1987

Dear Jeff,

Listed below are some comments regarding the 18 Feb 87 article in The Lumberjack entitled "WAFB conflicts on Smoking Policy."

1. The notice letter sent to all Education Center offices is attached. Notice that offices are specifically not designated as non-smoking areas.
2. From paragraph No. 2, it is presumed that, with the new ventilation system, the necessary air flow per minute minimum is met.
3. Individuals having questions about the Air Force Policy in question (AFR 30-27) are asked to contact Mr. Spencer at 747-6716.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wiesen, Director  
WAFB Center

Letttter to the Editor-Re: Smoking Policy

As a fellow ACC student and a smoker as well, I want to express my opinion about the smoking policy on campus. Ever since the policy was passed, there has been hassles about whether or not the lounge areas in BTC and VLH were to be regarded as being off-limits to smoking.

As far as BTC is concerned, I don't see any problems at all. The lounge area is appropriately used as a smoking area, while the front lobby is quite convenient for the non-smokers, so no more arguments should arise.

The BTC snack bar is equipped with an adequate air conditioning system to clear the smoke to the advantage to the non-smokers who study in the snack area. As for the NRC building, hardly anyone smokes in there as far as I can see, so NRC should not allow smoking at all.

VLH, on the other hand, does not have an adequate air conditioning system at all. I can understand a problem arising there. Signs have been posted on a few of the tables to discourage smokers from sitting there. But, this new system does not solve the problem. Non-smokers still complain about the set-up in VLH. My suggestion is to have an air conditioning system installed at VLH.

(Name w/held by request)

The poll that was conducted surveying the student body concerning smoking on campus was originally intended as, and should be considered as, a non-scientific, opinion poll which only was intended to be used as a basis for futher study. It is our view that the poll, as conducted, and the resulting information that was compiled (51.34% yes-the current designated areas should be changed/48.66% no-the designated areas should not be changed) was, statisitcally, not an overwhelming margin, although a majority was demonstrated. Therefore, it is our conclusion, as stated in the letter to Dean McCormack that what was printed in the Lumberjack was, in fact, what amounted to a quote taken out of context and should read as follows (paraphrased from the original letter): "The recommendation of the Student Senate...is that there should be no smoking allowed on campus at all. It should be noted, however, that as Student Senate President, I was not a voting member on this motion. I, personally, would have voted against this motion...in conclusion, I will say that if the smokers were removed from the lounge area of VLH, or that the area was suitably ventilated and the exhaust fan in the BTC buildings (lounge area) was in operation throughout the class schedule (day) there would be very little for the non-smokers to (complain about)..." This letter was written under the assumption that the motion which was passed in Student Senate was that there be no smoking on campus at all. This, however, proved to be an unfortunately incorrect assumption, as the minutes for the February 17, 1987 meeting of the Student Senate indicate:

"Smoking Poll"

"Ballots counted by Duf (Gorski) and Mr Fournier, 111 yes, 105 no. After long discussion, Duf made a motion that the Student Senate recommend to the board that because of the poll, smoking area should be changed, 2nd Ann Meldrum. Motion carried. Duf will write Letter."

Because of this misunderstanding of the motion that was passed in that session of Student Senate we felt compelled to write the letter, an excerpt of which was printed in the Lumberjack. We, Rich LaMay and Don Elliott, not Student Senate, still feel that as a matter of principle, the following holds true:

"There should be no smoking allowed on campus unless an effort is made for the fall semester to acomodate the non-smokers concerns by either A) a separate smoking area apart from the eating areas be provided, or B) and effective exhaust system be installed in the current designated smoking areas (lounges) that will adequately provide proper ventilation and/or air exchange to minimize the particulate concentration of cigarette smoke in the air."

From: Richard LaMay, President of Student Senate  
Don C. Elliott III, Chairperson of Campus Activities Board

## Point of View

by Mr. and Ms.

### MR

Like most male Americans, I am 100% in favor of equal rights for women. It just seems like a logical course for society to follow.

My complaint runs in a different direction: why can't women enjoy the same privlges and rights as men and still retain some of the more feminine aspects of dress.

I can truly understand that, when living in a northern climate such as Alpena, a dress is not the warmest type of clothing in the winter. But I still believe feminine clothing has its place.

I truly believe that women are equal to men in all aspects of our lives. This is good. It's too bad society took so long to get there.

I'm glad there are two different sexes; it's nice there is a difference. It's nice to see that difference now and then. If it's something subtle, like a girl in a dress, then it's o.k. with me. But then, it's just my point of view.

### MS

Like most female Americans, I am 100% in favor of equal rights for women, too. It just seems like a logical course for society to follow. But my complaint runs in a different direction also. Why can't women request that men dress up too?

I feel that blue jeans and T-shirts are ok, but, men, in my opinion, look more mascu-

line and dignified when they take the time to dress a little more formally.

I would rather look at a bunch of distinguished men dressed up, either in ties, dress shirts, dress pants, or if I am lucky, maybe a suit.

I am not insinuating that men that have the dress code of jeans and T-shirts are not distinguished, but, I would also enjoy a change in men's attire.

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Ed.