

Students Speak

"How do you feel about paying an activities fee during the summer even though there are no activities planned for you?"

Summer fees generally go unquestioned

by Yvonne LaFave

ACC will collect a student activities fee for the first time during the summer semester in 1991.

This new fee may raise many questions, since the fee is termed a "student services" fee, which is defined as a fee which would support as well as assign the responsibility for all student "activities" in a centralized and accountable fashion within the institution.

This definition of the fee is clear cut, but the application of the money collected can lead to confusion. There are no activities, such as student senate events, drama performances, or journalism productions, provided for students during the summer, yet summer students will be assessed the same fee charged to students who attend ACC during the fall and spring. Those students attending summer classes will pay dollars for "services and activities" they will not even receive. Summer students will be charged a fee of \$2 per contact hour, but for no more than 14 contact hours.

According to Michael Hood,

the Dean of Student Services, "The student services fee charged during the summer semester will create approximately \$4,000 in revenue. The money collected will be part of the student services and the activities budget for the next fiscal year(1991-1992)."

When asked about the "services" provided for students who attend ACC only during the

summer, Hood answered, "Students have a tendency not to question fees; summer students home from larger institutions are used to paying a much larger bill anyway."

Maybe this quote will lead students to overcome the "tendency" to blindly dole out dollars before questioning these astronomical fees.

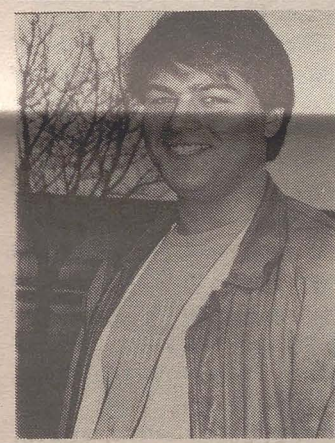


Dawn Roffe

"It doesn't sound fair to have to pay a fee for something you won't be getting."

Becky Dowling

"No. I don't think it's fair that students should pay when it's not even offered . . . money down the drain."



Lisa Becker

"We shouldn't have to pay for something we won't get."

Thomas Crawford

"It's not fair the way all the fees keep coming and adding up, especially the ones we don't use."

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the other coalition countries meet their financial commitments.

When asked if the U.S. had a figure on the total number of Iraqis that were killed, Senator Levin responded it was a significant number, but we may never know the total. When asked if Saddam Hussein must stay in power to assure safety for the Kurds, he said he believed that the United State's job was only "partly done if he's (Hussein) still there."

The Senator was asked what criteria is used by the U.S. in judging what countries are "unjust aggressors", and is that criteria self serving to the U.S. economy. The Senator answered that the criteria is a mixture of economic considerations as well as humanitarian ones.

Levin was asked about the justification of spending millions of dollars to renovate Wurtsmith Airbase only to see it closed. The Senator reminded the audience that the base was not closed yet, proclaimed himself a "Wurtsmith advocate", and is working to resolve that issue.

Levin was asked if he was aware that the majority of Michigan's "Superfund Hazardous Waste Sites" were located at Wurtsmith, and could he assure the

state they would be cleaned up? Senator Levin said the Air Force promised him that they would do so whether or not the base would be closed.

Senator Levin was asked about the future of small business in the Alpena area. He outlined the trade problems facing the nation. Weak trade restrictions with countries like Japan and Canada have resulted in the loss of 200,000 manufacturing jobs in Michigan alone. He advocates stronger governmental policies that would facilitate "free and open" trade and stimulate the economy. Equitable trade agreements are needed, and agreements such as these have been eroded during the last federal administration, an administration that promised deregulation would boost the economy with a trickle down effect.

The Senator was given an ACC ball cap by President Newport. Levin quipped he was a little leary of putting it on, remembering "what happened to Dukakis when he put a hat on." He then introduced Marie Twite, his liaison at the Federal Building. At the question of "Who would be the next Democratic Party Presidential Candidate?" the Senator concluded the session.

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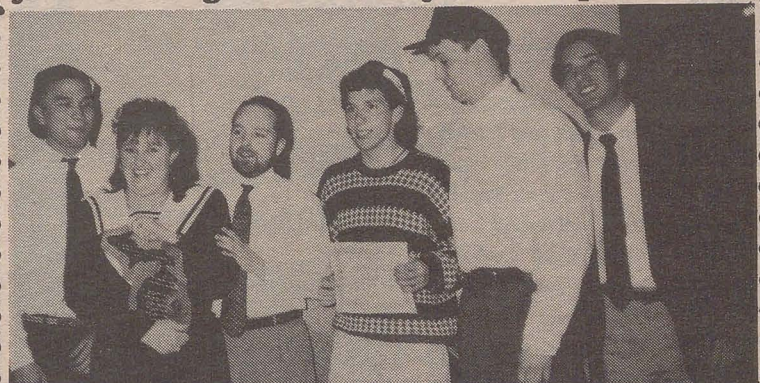
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