Student Activity Fees Increase

by Karen Walsh

Costs are always on the rise, as college students are well aware of. Beginning in the fall of next year, student activity fees for full-time students will increase from $15 to $25 and from $7.50 to $12.50 for part-time students.

The decision to increase the fees was a unanimous one by both the student board members and also the subcommittee that was appointed for the sole purpose of discussing the fees. It is important to note that commuter students were also represented on this subcommittee.

The board had been talking about such an increase since the beginning of the school year. They encouraged students to come to the meetings about raising the activity fees by hanging up posters about it before Christmas and in the latter part of January, but no one showed up to voice his opinions.

Many students do not know what the fees go towards. Dave Miller, President of the board, said they pay for recreational activities for the students such as comedians, dances, and Parents' Day. This year part of the fees paid for Marian’s film license, which, according to treasurer Jim Meer, costs about $1700 a year. “We’re trying to encourage people to stay on campus,” says Wendy Sloman, Social Planner on the board. “By providing more entertainment on campus, maybe students won’t go home so much.” The fees also pay for discount tickets for admission to attractions in Indianapolis. “We’re trying to reach everyone in the city,” Meer explained. Student activity fees also helped furnish the new student center in Alverna.

Why are fees being increased for next year? Meer says, “Costs are increasing and our budget is decreasing.” It is getting more and more expensive to furnish activities, and compared to other schools, our fees are pretty low. Miller explained that there was a lot of money left over from last year which was used this year for activities, but that there wouldn’t be enough money for next year unless the fees were raised. By increasing the fees to $25 for full-time students and $12.50 for part-time students, they will have “approximately the same amount of money next year to work with as we did this year, and maybe a little more,” says Miller. The fees have not been raised since 1986.

Most Marian students who were interviewed for feedback by the board members seemed to agree with the decision because it would mean increased activities.

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- military expenditures
- military bases worldwide
- military aid to foreign countries
- nuclear warheads & bombs?

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- 5th in literacy rate of adults
- 8th in life expectancy
- 8th in public health expenditures per capita
- 18th in infant mortality rate/1000 live births
- 18th in physicians per population

*among 142 countries
This section of the Carbon will be devoted to hot, controversial topics whether here at Marian or in the world today. We hope to publish only readers' points of view - one for each side of the issue. We invite anyone to compose a short essay or paragraphs to let us know your views -- you be heard throughout the campus. These may be turned in to the Carbon mailbox in the faculty mailroom. Please submit your name and phone number with your essay. Your name may be withheld upon request at the time of printing.

Students view smoking policy from the butt and the filter

by Krissy Abel

Marian College has shown commendable strength in its recently-established smoking policy. Hoping to promote good health and provide a healthy environment for students and faculty, Marian has taken the motto of "The College That Cares," a step beyond mere words. It has taken a firm stand on a controversial issue, and the college's resolution to stick to this stand should be highly supported.

Given, there are those struggling against the addiction who find the new policy to be unfair to them because they do not have a private space on campus. The policy was not meant to be unfair to anyone, but to protect the non-smoker from harmful second-hand smoke. Any respectable college would refrain from providing an unhealthy environment.

The smoker may argue that the policy infringes on the right of free-will, but the college community must ask itself this basic question: Does a person have the right to smoke in an unventilated building where their smoke can annoy and possibly endanger others? Of course not.

The smoker does have the option of leaving the building to smoke or abstaining. Marian would like to influence the smoker to pick the healthier choice, yet by no means, wants to deprive the smoker of a choice.

The argument of free-will is clearly not the issue here. Protecting the right of others to have clean air is the primary reason for the policy. Marian, in no way, wanted to infringe upon free-will or inconvenience anyone. Yet when it boils down to free-will versus human rights, human rights cannot be wrong.

by Karen Murphy

Recently Marian established a smoking policy which inadvertently discriminated against its own commuter students who happen to engage in the "nasty" habit of smoking. The policy took away all rights of these students to smoke in any building on campus, yet resident students are still able to smoke in their dorm rooms -- as well they should be. Dean Woodman reasons that this is the residents' "home away from home" whereas commuters can still smoke in their "home away from home" -- their cars. To me, this seems to be an absurd simile. Picture it: the commuter is huddled up in the cold, compact car trying to study and smoke their cigarette, while the "dormies" who share the same nasty habit, blowing that same hazardous second-hand smoke, are cozy in their warm, spacious rooms studying comfortably. This forces me to ask the question. "Is this policy really a question of the health of the environment or is it the pleasing accommodations for many non-smokers?"

Being a commuter myself, I have spent a lot of time in the commuter's space, the canteen in Marian Hall. You could say I have had a "peek" into many of these students' lives. Most commuters work or have children; many both. They need their breaks at school to get the amount of studying in that college demands. Smoking is an addiction, which many have had for years and have not been able to free themselves of for whatever reason. This is not our business. The point is that they pay to go here too. Should we send them out in the cold during such little free time.

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I apologize for any offense taken by any woman regarding my recent advertisement. Believe me it has been made very clear to me that times have changed. My intentions were not for skimpy outfits or making our situation a "spectacle." The advertisement now calls for any student wanting to help on game day or our recruiting efforts to all me (ext. 321) before February 15.

-- Coach Shambaugh
Students should nominate teachers for the Sears Roebuck Teaching Excellence Award

Marian College is participating for a second year in a national awards program to recognize outstanding college teachers in independent colleges. The Sears Roebuck Foundation has invited over 700 colleges to select an outstanding faculty member "who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of the college in such areas as: model classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development and/or instructional support."

Each distinguished teacher will receive a $1,000 award and each institution a grant of $1,000 to support faculty renewal efforts. Last year's award was shared by Dr. Fayed Plascak-Craig, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Mr. James Larner, Instructor in Music.

Full-time faculty members may nominate one colleague. Baccalaureate students who have completed 90 semester hours of course work at Marian College or Associate degree candidates who will complete course work in May or August of 1991 are invited to recommend a professional staff member for recognition. Forms are available at the Academic Dean's Office.

According to Faye D. Plascak-Craig, PhD., "This award recognized that varied styles of teaching and modeling are valued means to the transmission of knowledge and of modes of decision-making that lead to personal commitment by the prepared and motivated student of higher education."

Jim Larner added, "One of the greatest aspects of being a teacher is being in a learning environment. There is a real sense of sharing among students and teachers; it is not a one-way street. The significance of this award is that it affirms the effort to do your best work. This award has let me know that people do notice and care."

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they have so they may enjoy such a basic freedom?

The administration has had to choose what is best for the college community. But this did not have to mean either taking away a smoker's rights or a non-smoker's rights. There is surely a reasonable way to accommodate both. Dean Woodman also referred in his article to many who applauded the purposes of this policy; I applaud its purposes, but I reject the policy.

Next week's topic: dorm visitation hours
NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST open to all college & university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded the top five poems. Deadline: March 31. For Contest Rules send stamped envelope to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

EXTENDED EVENING OFFICE HOURS for Financial Aid, Business and the Assistant Academic Dean will occur as follows: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays on the month; 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The offices will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

TRANSITION CENTER PRESENTS: What is a Friend? on Wednesday, Feb. 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Stokely Mansion Drawing Room. FREE REFRESHMENTS! ALL ARE WELCOME.

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Power Play includes the following: Dr. Daniel Felicetti, College President, presenting "Professionalism" at noon, Feb. 14; Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF, Vice President for Planning and Mission Effectiveness, presenting "Ethics in Leadership" at noon, Feb. 26; and Andy Murphy presenting "Image and Promotion" at noon, March 5. Each segment of the series will be held in room 205 of Marian Hall.

Leanna Pelance is the new student representative for Instructional Computing Committee.

SENIOR SEMINAR BUSINESS PRESENTATION: "Money Management." Wednesday, February 13, 12:30 p.m. The seminar will be in Marian Hall, room 206. Maria Grossman and Angie Wissel will speak. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

THE NEXT TRANSITION CENTER PRESENTS will be on WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13th at Stokely Mansion. The topic will be: The Road to Successful Relationships. Time: 6:00 p.m. Free refreshments! Everyone is welcome.