

# Committee has hopes for Commons Expansion

by Dayne McAfee

The commons is a place where we all go to hang out, eat lunch, study, play pool, watch TV, and to blow off steam after that horrible exam. Now a new addition will make this place that we have all grown to love even better.

The commons was built in 1959 with the design to accommodate a student population of 250 students. Since then however, the population has grown to an outstanding population of approximately 1300 students. This

growth has made the commons far too overcrowded, especially during the 12 o'clock hour when the majority of the students come to grab a bite to eat.

This problem is being met head on by Dayne McAfee, a member of the Student Government Association committee of Upkeep and Improvement, led by Erik Schaible. Dayne met with Karl Krone, head of business affairs about the problem and was told that the project had already been looked into and an

estimate had been made. The estimated cost was \$1,500,000. This estimation does not seem accurate because the cost of the Graham building was completed with the same cost.

A survey is currently being passed around to determine what the students want. The cooperation of the student body is greatly needed to access whether there is a need for this expansion. Also without students' input the administration will keep the commons on the back burner like it has done in the past.

# Radio gains FM approval from Senate

by Tom Gilligan

The campus radio station has been trying to convert to F.M. for quite sometime. Never has the possibility of F.M. transmissions been as prevalent as now.

The station has recently revised its constitution and changed its call letters to WPSH, under the direction of Tom Gilligan, James Grimaldini, and Reggie Lutz. The station has taken some important steps towards converting.

The station has a petition with 350 students' signatures calling for the conversion to be made by August 1994. The station also has a petition with 42 signatures from faculty and staff of this campus.

The radio station also gained the unanimous support of the Senate to convert to an F.M. frequency. According to Tom Gilligan the president of WPSH, "the only thing pre-

venting us from converting to a F.M. frequency is the money it takes, and the approval of university officials. "There are several meetings starting to take place between radio station officials and university officials.

Those who have any questions or would like to join the push for F.M. call the office at 450-3135 or attend WPSH's meetings in the lower commons on Thursdays at noon.

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## COMMENTARY

# Debate Fuels Abortion Question

## *But Did it Really Accomplish Anything?*

by Amandy Ash

When the word abortion is mentioned, people often cringe. It is usually a word that gets people fired up. That is just what happened last week in the South Hall lobby.

The debate had its good and bad impressions on those students who attended. By talking with the students, there seemed to be more negative responses than positive ones. For example, many thought that it wasn't worth their time and got out of control. Students had many complaints ranging from the sarcasm of the speakers to the redundancy of the discussion. There was also a problem with those students who walked in late. Those who were late would ask questions that were already covered and added to the rising chaos. Some students also said that no one listened to others' views or gave others a chance to comment.

Concerning the information and arguments for each side, students felt that the information handed out to them was more helpful than the debate itself. The films shown in defense of Pro-Life were thought to be crude and tasteless by many. One student said that there were good points for the students' benefits concerning Pro-Choice, while Pro-Life tried to work with the students' sympathetic sides.

For those students who were undecided, many said the debate was worth it. There were those who said it leaned toward Pro-Life and those who saw it geared toward Pro-Choice. Students who were already decided said it didn't change their minds but it gave them something to think about.

One student summed up the whole situation by saying that the issue was worth talking about but not arguing about. The debate had its good intentions. After all, it gave people something to do. It really didn't settle all students' minds, but rather made for a frustrating experience.