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To - President McCann

From - DTF on alternative transportation

At our March 15 Monday night meeting, six or eight of us discussed the need for public transportation from the college to surrounding areas. This would enable students to escape the isolation of Evergreen and hopefully discourage students from bringing automobiles. Once some form of mass transportation did exist, we would like to see Evergreen adopt a policy of discouraging the community from using cars, unless absolutely necessary for commuting or for some other reason. Ways we discussed of discouraging students from using cars might be: 1) an educational campaign showing that mass transportation is cheaper and more convenient than the operation of automobiles, and emphasizing the importance of not using cars but supporting mass transportation. The more people that drive cars, the more parking lots that are required. None of us want to see nature sacrificed and more money channeled into the construction of and planning for parking lots and roads; 2) charging exorbitant fees to park around campus and only supplying limited parking area. Fees would be outrageously unrealistic (except for special cases where driving was essential and a special ticket was awarded) and would go towards the maintenance of the transportation system; 3) statements in the catalog and other publications discouraging students from bringing cars.

Whether or not our concern over the construction of parking lots, and our concern over the isolation of many students here, reflects the concerns of the community, we do not know. We have planned to take a couple of polls and hopefully find out if we have any support. Whether or not public transportation is feasible for Evergreen in the near future considering the number of students that would be utilizing it, is also questionable. We plan to look into this and organize further at our next meeting, March 27, 7:30, L2503.

We understand that as president you cannot attend all the DTF meetings, but we would appreciate, sometime in the near future, your views on the subject.

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