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**Parking Lot Solution**

In last month's issue, a student voiced his disapproval of, among other things, the present parking conditions at this institution of higher learning. Many students disapprove, but none of them has seen fit to present a solution, which can be derived quite easily with a little thought and imagination.

First, student parking in the oval should be abolished. Now what? Complaints will begin to come from students who object to walking the tremendous distance from the parking lot to the school, and the parking lot and oval are usually wet. Disregarding the fact that some students at larger schools must walk more than a mile in rain, snow, sleet, and hail to their classes, the college could set up a boot rental service for those who desire not aqueous arches. The distance problem could be solved by (a) moving the parking lot closer to the college, or (b) moving the college closer to the parking lot. These ideas are obviously impractical.

What is needed, then is a short, dry method of moving from the college to the lot and vice versa. The only solution is to construct a miniature underground subway between the two aforementioned areas, similar to the one between the Senate Office Building and The Capitol in Washington D. C. (Of course, with future expansion, the subway could be extended to different points on the campus.) This subterranean area could serve also as a fallout shelter in event of an atomic attack.

We still are left, however, with the condition of the lot itself. In its present state, it stands as a splendid monument to the few remaining watery and crater filled streets of Alpena. To cover the lot with asphalt, concrete, or bathroom tile would indeed be expensive, and the lot would be inadequate in a few years anyway. The answer is a massive, four-story concrete garage; disassembled on weekends, its separate levels could be used as launching pads for Sunday afternoon rocket clubs.

These two improvement projects could be partially financed by charging five thousand dollar fines for improper parking in the oval, but this method of revenue would be rather undependable. The balance of the funds needed could be obtained from the general public by the sale of those not-easily acquired necessities of life, such as tanks of compressed wind for sailors who run out of hot air, fire proof filter tip cigarettes for people who are always lighting the wrong end, eight-day weeks with two Fridays, 6½ day weeks with no Monday mornings, and parking spots in the oval. The possibilities are endless.

It is clearly seen how problems are easily solved with a little thought and imagination.

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**Dean's Column**

**Ask Not**

You remember the statement in President Kennedy's inaugural message. Ten years ago when the college was established only a few of us expected that it would become one of the leading community colleges in Michigan in ten short years. As Dr. Wilson often says, "The college succeeded itself into a problem." I mention these things in relation to the difference in point of view between students today and students in 1952-53. At the outset let me make it clear that I am not complaining nor am I being overly nostalgic. The difference was anticipated ten years ago. I expected it.

We had a basketball team in 1952-53. Although we were not in the conference, we competed with honor. A committee of men called on me and asked for permission to try to organize the sport. They got it. They offered to pay some of their expenses to help get funds for uniforms, etc. There are three community colleges in Michigan that have been operating for several years that still do not have an athletic program.

A committee of students was named to select three pieces of furniture for the lounge, a small room in the high school that functioned as a library, study area, meeting place, place for parties, and as a lounge. It was the only place we could call our own. Purchasing and selecting three pieces of over-stuffed furniture students felt was an important step and cause for excitement. Students devised ways and means of adding to the facilities of the college, were always willing to give of their time, effort, and funds to help achieve some small advancement in the development of the college.

Now we have our own 85-acre campus. We have our own facilities for most of the academic and non-academic activities of the college.

Construction will start this spring on a new wing and a science, research, and technical building will be constructed across from Johnson Street. Those of us who must look to the future are thinking about and planning for a cafeteria wing, an additional classroom wing, a dormitory with student union, and other developments that cannot as yet be mentioned. We want an overall plan for the long range development of the college. Students have excellent facilities and almost — notice I said almost — everything they want that is needed is either in existence or planned. The 1952-53 student, if he could have suddenly had what we now take for granted, would have thought he was fortunate, indeed.

Again, let me mention that the difference described is to be expected. It is desirable; and as far as I know, no one is unhappy about it. Students can and should expect a quality program at Alpena Community College. We have it. I wonder though, if there is some way we can engender in our student body more of the idea of doing things for the college. This idea is present — I have never known Alpena Community College students to let the college down — but is there a way to encourage more students to feel personally responsible for the welfare of the college. I'd appreciate suggestions.

Stanley E. Van Lare, Director  
Alpena Community College

**Billet Doux**

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