

Cancellations are campus concerns

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Every semester there is the same old problem of single class cancellation. So far the only way that students know of a cancellation is by the posting on the bulletin boards in all three campus buildings.

This is fine for those students who are here every day, all day, and live close to the college, but what about those students who live a distance from here and have only that particular class? Also to be considered are those students who have to find sitters for their children. Without being notified of this cancellation they may make the trip to school, only to find out they didn't need to be here. These students can become very irate, because they not only traveled to school, but they paid for the time the sitter was used.

As a result of this problem, three colleges were researched for their procedures regarding single class cancellations.

Kirtland Community College puts the cancellation not only on bulletin boards, but also in a student bulletin like our Splinter which is out early in the morning. They also call the students in the classes cancelled so that they, the students, won't have to travel a great number of miles for no class. If the student is not reached on the first try, the office personnel tries again about ten to fifteen minutes later. Sometimes students will call other students in the same class, which cuts down on the number of calls the school must make.

Northwestern in Traverse City has monitors in their resident halls which list the cancellations for that day. Off-campus students can call to inquire about cancellations. They, too, post cancellations on bulletin boards.

Michigan State University puts out a paper with all the cancellations, along with postings on the bulletin boards. The professors at MSU are required to notify the college of a cancellation the day before cancelling so that it can be posted, which will give the students a 24 hour notice. If a professor has to cancel at the last minute, another professor takes over the class.

MSU is looking into a calling system where off campus students can call and receive a cancellation list without tying up the other phone lines. This would be a recorded message where professors call in their cancellations and students are able to dial this extension and hear the recorded message.

According to ACC's regulations, in regards to single class cancellations, instructors are encouraged to call in and cancel as soon as possible.

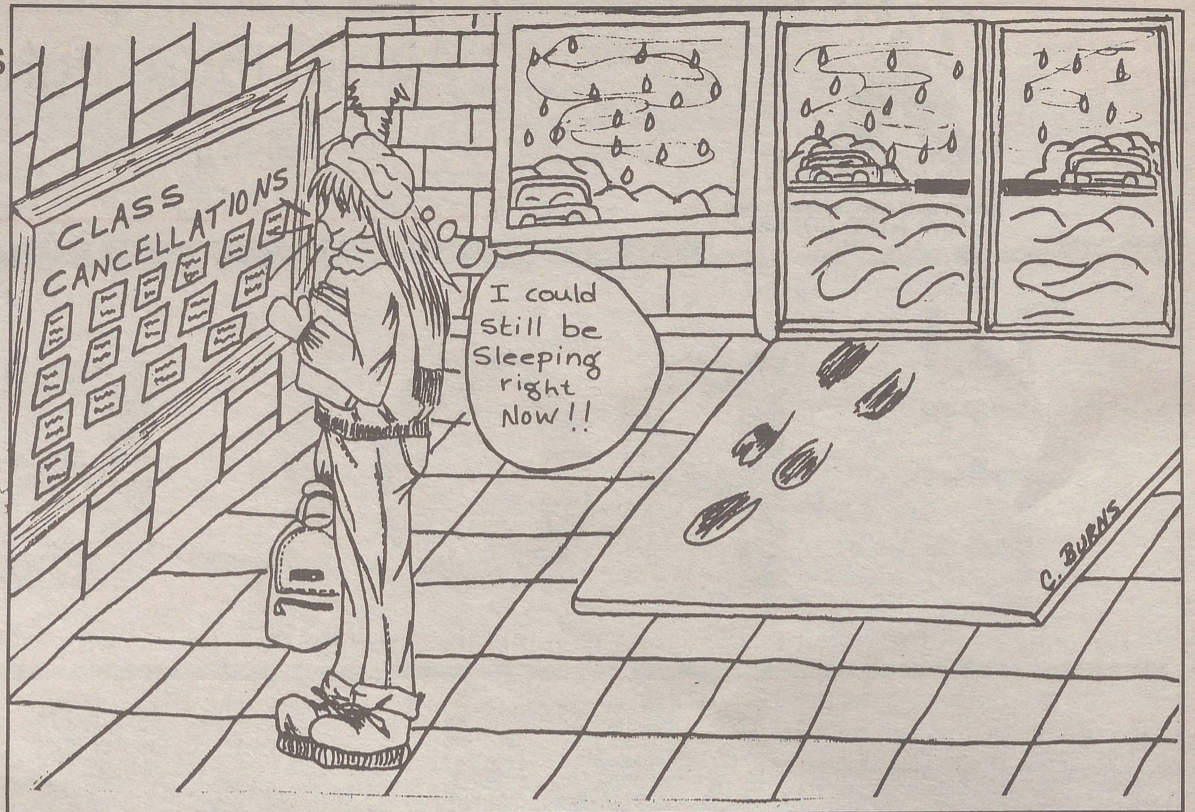
The procedure for ACC instructors in cancelling a class is that they need to contact the personnel office which opens at 7:30 a.m. The office then posts the cancellation on the bulletin boards in all three campus buildings. Some instructors are good about calling the night before, especially if they are ill, but then there are those instructors who do not call until just before class.

Dean of Instruction Curt Davis is concerned about the problem of single class cancellations and the problem that it can cause for out-of-district students. Davis stated that ACC's phone lines are capable of handling a calling system where students could call the college and receive a message of all the cancellations of the day. This type of system can only be used with touch tone phones.

When Davis was asked about the college personally calling all the students of the class being cancelled he replied, "Calling could become quite difficult, especially if there are several instructors cancelling in one day. Also, we might not be able to reach everyone before they leave for school. We do contact those students who have evening classes, but we can try to contact the day students and see how that type of system would work."

Being an out-of-district student, I feel that some form of communication should be devised between the college and the students. It is very irritating to arrive at school and find that you didn't have to be here.

Whichever system the college decides on, students can and are encouraged to call the college to inquire if any of their classes are cancelled.



Fans battle at Battle of the Bands

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The question is posed constantly by young people, "What is there for us to do? We're not old enough to go to the bar and listen to music; there's nothing for us to do." So the chance was given.

On Sunday, October 25, the Alpena Mall Merchants Association, Coke and WKPK put on a Battle of the Bands for area youth (ages 13- 20). Proceeds went to the Alpena D.A.R.E. program.

Seven bands participated including two bands from Traverse City, one band from Atlanta and four bands from Alpena. Winners were: first place, Critical Mass from Traverse City; second place, Psycho Pirates from Alpena and third place, Chainsaw from Atlanta. Losers were anyone who wanted to come without the night being interrupted by about 50 adolescents who were thrown out by security guards during the evening.

A Battle of the bands. Only a few simple rules-no moshing (slamming into one another at full tilt), no smoking and no fighting. Not too steep it would seem for 750 young adults?

Apparently it was. Were they just being rebellious?

Was it cool? Hey, I got kicked out of the Alpena Mall, pretty cool huh? I guess it was cool outside because that's where a lot of them ended up.

There were some complaints issued by some of the bands and fans because they wanted to mosh. Fifty out of 750 wanted to mosh. Maybe somebody could organize a mosh contest for them. Last one standing gets free dental work.

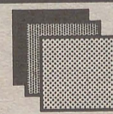
Maybe I'm old fashioned (at 22) but I think that when asked not to mosh for the safety of others, and for obvious insurance reasons, I would comply and just bang my head

or go home after, (if needed) and mosh with a wall until I was mashed.

Needless to say, there almost definitely will not be another Battle of the Bands at the Alpena Mall and the losers are the young people who still ask, "What is there for us to do?"

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 23 issue of The Polemic, New Anti-Drunk Driving Legislation should read, "As of January 1, 1992 new anti-drunk driving legislation created tougher penalties." This was incorrectly reported as 1993.



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