

Cartoon by Jason Cole

Well, at least the Van Lare Hall marshmallow roast was well attended.

Maybe movies might motivate students

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Student apathy is out there, and it's not going away any time soon. But why? Is it because there's "nothing to do around here?" Well, we all know that isn't true, but while digging through the old *Polemic* archives, I found this campus used to have quite a few more recreational activities for the student body.

For instance, in the April 25, 1979, issue of *ACC Campus Update*, there's an article telling what movies are showing on campus. Whoa! Back up! Movies on campus? That's right. Movies used to be shown for students in room 150 of the Natural Resources Center.

That got me to thinking of all the activities we could have, but don't. I'm not saying that some of the activities we have now are bad, but I do see room for improvement, or is it that darn student apathy poking around again?

What if we had movies on campus again? I don't mean the latest flick that's playing at the State Cinema downtown. I mean some of our favorite films. Northern Michigan University in Marquette does it every weekend. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, there's a great movie playing free for students — and let me tell you,

they pack 'em in! I visited a friend of mine up there a couple years ago, and "The Doors" was showing in room 105 of Jamrich Hall, a room similar to NRC 150. The place was so packed, I had to sit on the floor. There were similar sell-outs at showings of "Animal House", "A Hard Day's Night" and a Three Stooges film festival.

That would be a fantastic idea for ACC. Show a free movie for students — and their families — on the weekends. For example, suppose a student

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with two children wants to do something nice with his or her family. The student could take his or her family out to see a movie here on campus at no cost!

Or, what about a fifties and sixties day? They used to have them on campus, you

know. Plus, that's an activity that wouldn't cost a dime! Just designate a day sometime in the semester to be "Fifties and Sixties Day," and watch the costumes people decide to wear to classes. It would be just one of those little things to break up the monotony of the everyday schedule.

Of course, that infamous apathy plays a big part in whether or not an activity looks bad.

Take for example, casino night last year. It was a bust. Not because it wasn't fun, but because for some reason there was no big push for students to go. So, would it matter if we changed direction and offered different activities for students? Who knows? It may be worth trying.

Maybe this year we should forget about casino night and have free movies for students, a scavenger hunt, a battle of the bands.

But let's look into it one step further. In one of my classes last semester, a student suggested to change campus activities to some of the above mentioned ideas. The response that she got was along the lines of, "Yeah, but think about it. Most students on this campus are older and have jobs and families." So what does that mean? That older students can't have fun? Working people can't have fun? There are students in that category who still may have the time to enjoy some new activities. Also, what about the students who don't have children? What about the students who aren't married, and do have the time to enjoy themselves at some campus activities?

As I said, there is plenty to do on this campus. It's just a matter of doing it, if you can. But why don't the students who can, take advantage of it? Is it because the activities ACC has are "boring?" Or is it because some students just don't care?

Anyway, this year I'd like to see the activities on this campus changed completely — just to see what would happen.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I am a prisoner on death row at the Arizona State Prison and was wondering if you could do me a favor and run an ad for

correspondence in your campus newspaper. I'm not looking for anyone in particular to write to, just anyone that would be interested. I don't get much mail and

the mail I do get is from the courts or my lawyer and it's also usually bad news so it's just like not getting any mail at all or worse than not getting any mail depending on how you look at things.

Anyway, if you could run the following ad for me, I would really appreciate it:

Male prisoner on death row at the Arizona State Prison would like mail from anyone that would like to write. I would like to correspond with anyone that has the time to write letters and that would enjoy receiving letters from me in return. Please feel free to ask anything you're curious about and talk about whatever you like. I will answer all letters written to me. Stamps would be a big help since I spend all my time in my cell and am not allowed to work to get the money to buy them with. Anyone interested write to: Michael E. Correll, #51493, Arizona State Prison, P.O. Box 8600, Florence, AZ, 85232.

Again, I would like to thank you for running this ad for me. I do really appreciate any help you can give me. Life on death row can get pretty lonesome and the company through correspondence could change a lot of that.

Sincerely,
Michael E. Correll

Dear Editor:

If students want to know where the hold-up is with the library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base they should look no further than Oscoda Twp. Many people want to see this library open, AuSable Twp., Iosco-Arenac Regional Library, Alpena Community College, Friends of the Library and some

private organizations. According to Mike Jones of the Air Force Base Conversion Agency, "Oscoda Township has put other leases as priority, ahead of the library, the library is not a priority." Yes, once again, leasing bunkers to "Grayling Generating Station", dealing with Sage International Control Ordinance who will employ all of 3 people, and making sure people have a place to "work-out" is more important than citizens getting an education at an institution which, by the way, is one of the biggest reuse agencies on the former base. For those that do not know... the Air Force left the wonderful collection of books inside the library. . . now, if we could only have the lease signed we might be able to open the door. How difficult is it?? I would urge concerned students to start having a voice, call your local representative.

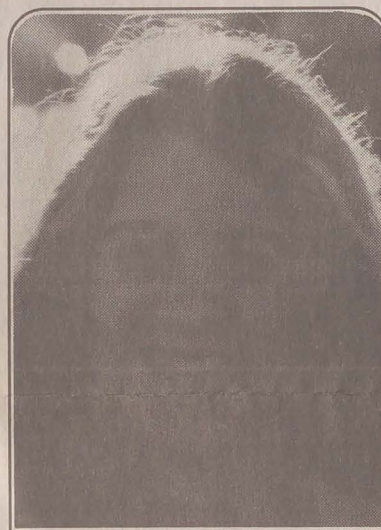
Dear Editor:

I want to remind all students that the VLH parking lot is one-way only, going south. The only exit from VLH is onto the oval drive to Johnson Street; the only entrance is off of Johnson Street into the parking lot.

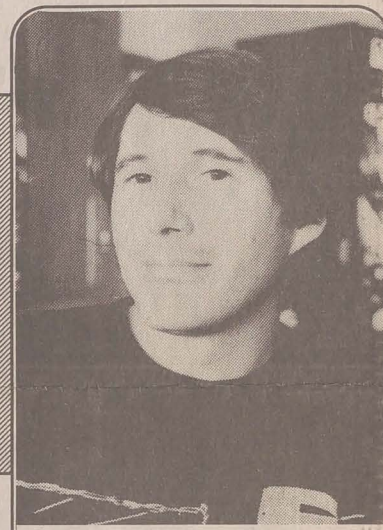
Please abide by these regulations. Any students driving the wrong way, entering the lot the wrong way or exiting the lot the wrong way will be issued a ticket.

Thank you,
Ted Kruse
parking supervisor

Margie Matts
Student



I really don't care for them. They are so messed up.
- Stephanie Guy



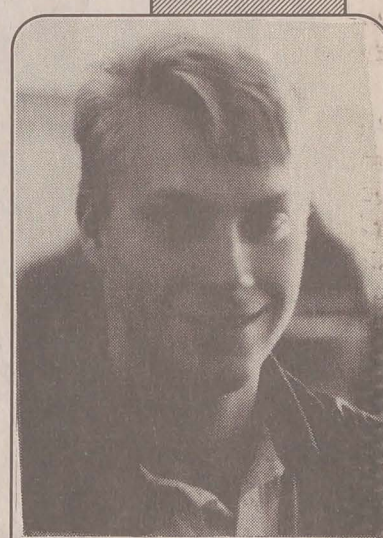
No difference at all.
- Paul C. Young

Students speak

What do you think of the new class times?



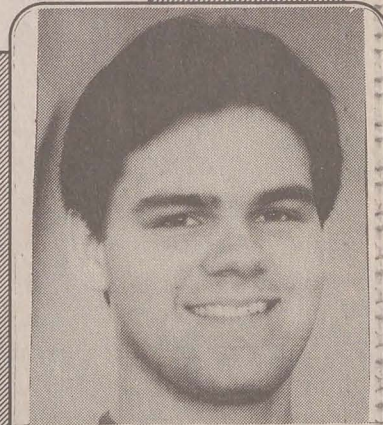
Time is time, class will go on regardless of when it starts and ends.
- Katie Zbytowski



They're hard to get used to, but they haven't messed up my daily schedule so far.
- Alan Polaski



I don't like them. I mean, why 11:04, why not 11:05 or even 11:15? It's just really stupid!
- Amanda Ludwiczak



They're all very confusing and are hard to get used to. It would be a lot easier if they were back to what they were like last year.
- Chris Denmark

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