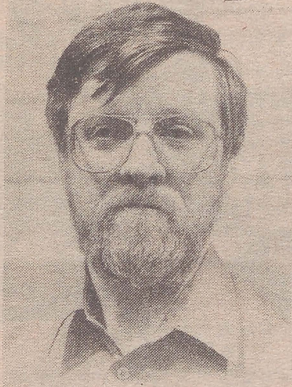


# AUTOMOTIVE

## Automotive Technology upgrades Program

Since 1962, the Automotive Technology department at ACC has provided students with an understanding of the automobile, and in the near future, improvements will be made to upgrade their program.



Ivan McLaren

In a recent interview, Ivan McLaren, instructor of the automotive department, explained where the improvements will take place.

Presently the automotive classes are "limited to a two-hour lecture, four-hour lab situation," McLaren commented, which

provides a very limited schedule of classes.

With the one-year certificate McLaren stated, "the college would still offer the one year certificate and also a two-year associate degree in Automotive Technology."

Offering a two-year degree would enable students a wider range of possible directions and would also prove to be little, if any problem when transferring to other colleges.

Students could better concentrate on specific areas of study within their personal interest. Also the improvements could possibly include a course breakdown into smaller and more specific classes-perhaps night classes.

With these changes, which hopefully will begin in the near future, working students with limited class time would be better accommodated. Local businesses that want to expand their automotive knowledge will also benefit from these improvements.

## Bombarded with Information

As a student of Alpena Community College I find myself constantly being bombarded with all kinds of information; some rather interesting and some intensely drab and boring.

In one of my more recent learning excursions I ran into an area that has seemed to have eluded me throughout my many years of existence.

Upon stumbling into the Auto Body Shop at ACC, I found myself mystified by the endless array of tools, parts and other automotive equipment. As perplexed as I was, I noticed that intrigue had gotten the better of me and I sought to expand my worldly wisdom and learn more about what had, up to this point, remained a mystery to me.

I finally managed to speak to the instructor, and within a matter of minutes I felt as if I had been a member of the Auto Body program.

Tom Winter, Auto Body instructor, gave me a clear and

crisp insight on the activities involved in the Auto Body program.

First off, Winter explained to me that students having a general



Tom Winter

background in the field of automation make up the program and basically the first eight to ten weeks of class are spent refining and developing mechanical skills.

"The first 3/4 of the term is generally pretty tedious because I do more instructing and explaining to the students than I do the rest of the year," was how Winter put it.

Some of the things the Auto Body program is involved with is the amalgamation of an annual car show held sometime after Christmas at the Alpena Mall.

The show consists of 20 autos, some vintage as well as modern models are included and as Winter commented, "It is a lot of fun to work on but it also takes a lot of time and effort to put together."

On a more general note, the Auto Body program bases most of their time and energy servicing cars brought in by paying customers. Customers who simply have contacted Winter and have the work done at a pretty "descent price," Winter mentioned.

The bulk of funding for Winter's program comes directly from customer service with other monies flowing in from tuition fees.

As uninteresting and dull as I perceived the field of automation to be, I can only wonder how my thirst for knowledge has led me astray.

## Committee for Nuclear Policy

SANE is the committee for a sane nuclear policy. It is an anti-nuclear organization, founded in 1957 by concerned citizens.

Currently, their two major goals are: 1) non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and decreasing the chance of a nuclear war, and 2) opposing U.S. interference and support in foreign countries (for example, the Contras).

The local SANE chapter was established here in July of 1986. Keith Titus was the founding member of the local chapter. A SANE field representative contacted Titus who then began the group.

Locally there are approximately 100 to 150 members. SANE is mainly composed of average citizens. Very few business people are involved.

Titus stated that he would like to see the community commit themselves more to contacting their representatives and senators about limited nuclear testing.

SANE has recently merged with FREEZE, another anti-nuclear organization. When this merger is complete, this will be the largest peace group in the nation's history.

The local SANE chapter covers

all of Alpena, Alcona, Presque Isle, and Montmorency counties.

Currently, the local SANE chapter needs help in many areas. A volunteer coordinator is needed along with people to help with the Rapid Response Network. Also needed are mailing help and people to write newsletter articles.

The board meets the second Thursday of every month and the educational program meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, except December. Membership is paid. The cost varies from \$25, to \$10 for students and people with low incomes.

## Students may be "forgiven"

Detroit, MI.--October 8, 1987--College students who owe National Direct Student Loans may be eligible to have a percentage of those loans "forgiven" by volunteering for the Peace Corps, says an agency spokeswoman for Michigan.

According to Peace Corps Area Manager Alice Cooper, the Higher Education Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-498, approved on October 17, 1986) provides authority for the cancellation of National Direct Student Loans owed by Peace Corps volunteers. The exact amount cancelled will be based upon the length of service overseas. The forgiveness provision applies only to National Direct Student Loans made after July 1, 1987. Other terms and conditions apply. Cooper recommends that individuals contact her office to obtain complete details.

All Peace Corps volunteers will continue to receive student loan deferment.

"The Student Loan Forgiveness provision is exciting because it corresponds with a

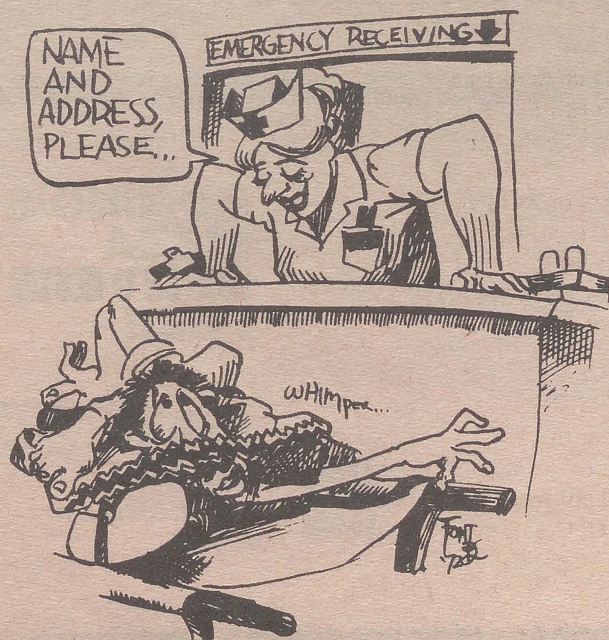
record number of Peace Corps openings anticipated in the next 12 months," Cooper said.

"Individuals graduating with degrees in the areas of science, math, education, home economics, French, and other disciplines, are in great demand overseas," she said. "Liberal arts majors are also sought, particularly if they have leadership and community service experience. Individuals with backgrounds in agriculture, forestry, gardening, or skilled trades--regardless of their academic major--should also consider applying."

Round-trip transportation is provided to orientation sites and overseas assignments as well as for home leave in the event of a family emergency. While in language training and during service, all day-to-day living expenses are provided through a monthly allowance. Medical care is also provided.

To obtain more information, or an application, individuals should contact the Detroit Area Office at (313)226-7928.

## Nursing Association Underway



The Student Nurse Association of Alpena Community College, which encompasses classes of ADN and PN students, elected their officers on Wednesday, September 23.

Pam Wade, an ADN student, was voted President. Tom Schramm was elected Vice-President; Tammy Bricker, Secretary; and Linda Canfield, Treasurer. Schramm, Bricker, and Canfield are all members of the PN Program.

Editors of the Nurse Newsletter, "The Pulse", are Della Gordon and Tammy Van Pamel.

Representing nursing in the Student Senate are: Michael Schaffer, Glenn Wagner, and Sarah Burns.

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