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I hope this poem comes out after exams,
If I'm graded for *this* I'll be in a jam.
I don't want this poem to end up uneven, so
"Honor the Light Brigade, Noble Six Hundred."

by Joel Reeves

There's probably good reason why they call final exams final exams. Though this may seem a little hard, I believe there is probably poetic justice in there somewhere. At least there probably is. Therefore, I've written a poem.

Due to popular demands,
Comes the return of the final exams.
Oh why did it take us so long,
To learn we're in classes where we don't belong.

Maybe students wouldn't be so mean and surly,
I they'd start to study a little bit early.
You can bet it doesn't pay,
To read ten chapters in a day.

There are multiple choice, true/false, and computer dot tests,
But teachers who like essays are really quite pests.
On most of these there are ways to cheat,
But essays, boy, they are tough to beat.

All those term papers are coming due,
Better get started or you'll never get through.
The teachers told you at the start of the year,
You better pick a topic or they'll kick in your rear.

They'll never believe that you weren't stable,
Spending all those hours at the pool table.
And even though euchre's a wonderful game,
When you fail the test you'll know who to blame.

Cramming and repetition are good methods of study,
Though for an A, sit behind a smart buddy.
Some teachers don't give exams which is fine with me,
But those that do should be put out to sea.

PREDICTIONS FOR 1982

by Malcolm Hohlman

Never before have Americans expressed such deep rooted fear in the face of the coming year. 1982 holds more mysteries than we can imagine. In trying times like these, the entire world must be prepared to seize every opportunity that can work to their advantage. In order to accomplish this, we must have up to the minute information; better yet, beyond the present information. Here in an *Update* exclusive are ten major events that will shape our lives in 1982.

1. The Pacific Ocean will sink into California following a UFO sighting in Boulder, Colorado.
2. Ed Teckman, *Update* editor, will accept a post on the Alpena school board. Though his views will be considered ultra-radical, his programs will instigate reforms with fantastic results.
3. The S.T. Crapo will collide with an iceberg just north of Port Huron and be subsequently hijacked by Lybian commandoes. Before U.S. forces can intercept, however, the freighter will disappear in the Bermuda Triangle.
4. Designer jeans will lose their popularity after the new wave band DEVO wear them during a surprise appearance on "Hill Street Blues". Less than six weeks later, a well known actress-model will undergo intensive psychotherapy in a semi-successful attempt to overcome depressive psychosis brought upon by the "Devo incident".
5. A now unknown leader will rule the world, with Posen becoming the "Omnicapitol".
6. The Rev. Jerry Falwell will arrange and co-produce a "Stars on 45" type medley of "treasured hymns and gospel favorites". The five minute record will be moderately priced and reach no. 17 on the singles chart before Falwell pulls it off the market, charging his record company with 'overcommercialization'.

It has become clear that the decision to separate Alpena Community College from the Alpena K-12 schools was one that benefited the college in a way that wasn't apparent at the time. The Alpena Public Schools and its financial problems are separate from the college, yet have taken their toll on the entire community. It may become apparent in the future that even though the college is separate from the other schools, it may suffer in other ways. Certainly the extensive news coverage by all of the major news networks about the Alpena school dilemma wouldn't have left a positive view of the community to any person considering moving here to attend college or for any reason.

The passage of the millage solved one of the problems and opened the schools but the scars left behind will last for some time. The apparent hostility between those in favor of millage and those against is splitting this community in half. Though elections are over, the hostility is still very apparent. The question of busing has been left up to the courts. It's disheartening to see that we need the court system to tell us what is right for the community.

Alpena Community College may be separate from the K-12 school system, but it is not a separate part of this community; it thrives only if this community thrives. It is the students of ACC who must do anything and everything possible to pull this community back together, for the town's sake as well as for the college. Alpena is not a bad town, nor are the people heartless. The last half of the word *community* spells out what this town needs: unity!

It's time we joined together for the good of this city and its educational opportunities. Many of us received our education in this city's schools and know how they rank in quality. Isn't it time that we, as college students at ACC, show the rest of the community that it's time to unite for one cause, saving the dignity and pride that comes with being a citizen of Alpena, Michigan?

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