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## MCAR FIGHTS FOR STUDENT'S RIGHT TO DRINK

by Elizabeth Littler

On Dec. 22 the privilege of drinking alcoholic beverages comes to an end for the 18 to 20 age group because of a substantial majority vote by the people of Michigan who said "yes" to Proposal D on the November ballot.

An earlier liquor law went into effect Dec. 3, raising the legal drinking age to 19 but, because of a grandfather clause most 18 year olds will legally be able to drink at the Winter Dance.

The later state amendment had no grandfather clause, in fact, it arrived in Lansing unadorned — no guidelines for people owning or working in establishments serving

and/or selling alcoholic beverages, and no penalty clause.

The state legislature, with the aid of the Michigan Liquor Commission spent the last month hurriedly putting the decorations on the law. As speculated in the newspapers, the House decided on a mild penalty — violators of the bill will receive a small civil fine, a maximum of \$25. The Senate will act on the bill by Dec. 15 when the legislature breaks for the holidays.

For some voters the bill is not tough enough, for others such as the Michigan Committee for the Age of Responsibility, (MCAR), it is unconstitutional.

On Nov. 27, the MCAR, chaired by Sen. Jackie Vaughn (D) Detroit, filed a class action suit in Wayne County Circuit Court on behalf of the estimated 500,000 young adults who are soon to lose their drinking privileges.

The basis for the suit is the 14th Amendment, the first and second clauses which state, "... nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

At this time, students living at Wilson Residence Hall who have attained the age of majority are al-

lowed to have alcohol in their rooms. All that is required for a beer at a college party is a college I.D. "It's taken for granted that you are 18," states Larry Habitz, student senate president. When asked about senate action regarding the new law, Habitz replied that none would be taken until the first of the year. The Presidents' Council, however, is considering alternative activities to those centered around beer drinking.

The final word on this controversial law is yet to come, but for the present, there is a law, and a penalty.

## SHARE EXPERIENCE FORMER STUDENTS

The student lounge at Van Lare Hall will be the scene of an informal drop-in rap session for students and faculty Monday, December 18. Six former ACC students, home on holiday and semester breaks, will talk about university life, comparisons of two-year and four-year colleges and other matters concerning the college transfer students over coffee at 11 a.m. in Van Lare student lounge.

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## DISCO PLUS COMING

by Cheryl Beasley

Dance, Dance, Dance. Put on your favorite dancing togs and join in the fun at the ACC Christmas Dance. This event, which is sponsored by the President's Council, will take place on December 15 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Besser Tech. lobby. There will be soft drinks, beer by the glass, and food for sale at the snack bar. We can't promise a visit by Santa and his reindeer or your favorite rendition of "Deck the Halls", but we can guarantee your favorite music and a light show provided by Disco Plus. Admission is by I.D. card. Guests must be registered in rm.107,VLH by noon on Dec.15. Join the party, dance the night away, and maybe steal a kiss from someone special under the mistletoe.



New members are welcomed into the Phi Kappa Theta Honorary Fraternity. Front row (left to right) Irvin Niedzwieki, President, Debra Witter, Brian Blum, Jena Browning, Jeff Johnson and Dr. Charles Donnelly. Back row (left to right) Robert Kendziorski, Vice-President, Thane Whitscell, Lois Lewandowski, Judy Gryniec, Brenda Johnson, Mark Thomson, Steve Richards and Dr. Richard Moreau, fraternity faculty advisor.

## FRATERNITY INITIATES STUDENTS

by Elizabeth Littler

Holding lighted candles and white flowers symbolic of knowledge and life, new initiates were welcomed into the Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity by Dr. Richard Moreau, their faculty advisor.

Irvin Kendziorski, president and Robert Niedzwieki, vice-president told the audience gathered in the conference room at NRC, Sunday, Dec. 3, that, besides carrying a full load and earning a 3.2 grade point average, the student must be judged by the faculty as having good moral character and possessing qualities of citizenship in order to be selected for membership.

After reciting the fraternity pledge, the new members, Brian Blum, Ossineke; Mark Brege, Jena

Browning, Judy Gryniec, Jeff Johnson, Steve Richards, Debra Witter, Alpena; Brenda Johnson, Mikado; Lois Lewandowski, Posen; and Thane Whitscell, Hubbard Lake, came forward to light their candles and receive a white carnation. Mark Thomson, Lachine and Cheryl Zinke, Rogers City, were absent.

Dr. Charles Donnelly congratulated the students on being accepted into such a venerable society. He reminded them that academic excellence is only part of their responsibility and urged them to become leaders and serve their community.

Guests present at the ceremony included Mrs. Charles Donnelly. Following the program, refreshments, provided by Mrs. Richard Moreau were served.

## SENATE CIRCULATES PETITION

by Mary Kelley

Student Senate met yesterday at 3:00 pm in BTC Conference Room. Among topics discussed was the installation of music in the lounges and the raising of the student activities fee.

The Student Senate is in the process of promoting the installation of music, either jukebox or stereo system in the lounges at a reasonable cost to students. The Senate is circulating petitions among the student body to prove to the administration and faculty that students desire music. Paul Meyers will present the petitions to President Donnelly next week.

Also of concern to the Senate is the activity-fee funds. According to Senate President Habitz, the student activity fee has remained the same for the past 10 years. Inflation has greatly inhibited purchasing ability. The present cost for activities has reduced accessibility and availability of student activities. Intramural sports, intercollegiate athletics Student Senate budget monies, EARTH and UPDATE, pop entertainment, Homecoming, Winter Dance, Spring Fling, Awards Banquet, Thunder Bay Arts Council, Speaker Series, open gym, Alpena Civic Theater, Casino Night, are examples of where student activities money is spent. Solutions to the financial problem are still being discussed.

The Student Senate is busy trying to keep Alpena Community College the appealing college it truly is.