



## FILE EARLY FOR FINANCIAL AID MINI SEMESTER RETURNS

By Elizabeth Littler

With the recent passage of the Middle Income Assistance Act, 17 percent more ACC students will be eligible for financial assistance next fall.

Max Lindsay, director of financial aid, said that the Act, signed into law by President Carter in Nov., raises the maximum income level for families requesting aid for college-bound dependents to \$25,000. This will enable an additional 200 ACC students, an increase of 50 percent over the total number of students now eligible, to apply for financial assistance.

Lindsay added that there will also be a 26 percent increase in federal money available for College Work-Study.

Robin Harris, student services assistant, who arranges jobs for students participating in College Work-

Study, said that approximately 175 students were employed around campus. The total is expected to reach 200 as more applications are processed.

Besides the work-study type of program, there are four other federal financial aid programs. Two are in the form of grants which are gifts and the other two are loans which have to be repaid.

To determine eligibility for a grant, the student fills out a single form available at the administrative offices. For the loans and the work-study program, an additional "needs analysis" is required. The cost of the analysis is \$4.75. "A very good investment", says Lindsay.

Lindsay also noted that on-

campus veterans, which number 200, can now receive grants.

Students are advised to file for grants early, even if they may find later that the assistance is not needed. Federal aid allocations are based on a projected number of recipients, and, although past estimates by the college have been accurate, there is always the possibility that there will be no money on hand for a late applicant.

The deadline for this school year is Mar. 15. Applications for the 79-80 school year can be filed now.

In order to inform students about the changes in the federal aid programs, Lindsay is working on arrangements for some informal seminars this spring.

Alpena Community College opens its 1979 mini-semester February 12 with 56 classes in eight areas: occupational, liberal arts, fine arts, business, personal development, learning skills, home management, physical education and dance, occupational and vocational technology. Most classes will meet one evening a week at the college for eight weeks.

Registrations are being accepted beginning Monday, January 29 at the college's East Campus, Community Services Department, contact Jenny McLaren, 356-9021, extension 273. Owen Whitkopf, extension 216, will handle information on traditional college credit courses. Course listings, mailed to Alpena county residents, are also available upon request from the Community Services Department.

A special television series on *Shakespeare* is also being offered. One credit may be earned for the course which will be aired over WCML-CMU TV, Public Broadcasting Service, Channel 6, Alpena. Students must purchase a textbook from the college bookstore and view programs. Six hours of lecture will be provided by Dr. Margaret Lee.

Another new class this semester is folk dancing with dances from Greece, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Israel and Scotland taught by Susan Holnav.

The \$15 per credit hour in district and \$24 per credit hour out of district tuition rates will apply. Scholarships of \$10 off the credit hour rate will be available to persons 60 years of age and older.

### Senate Seat Vacant

By Mary Kelley

The Student Senate met yesterday at 3:00 in BTC conference room.

Of main concern is the vacant freshman representative position.

The senate is still taking appropriate measures to acquire music in the lounges. They anticipate the final decision from President Donnelly early in February. Henry Valli, student services director, commented, "The concept of music is great. But, (the question is) how are we going to do it?" He also said that there is positive interest shown by the student services staff.

### TEST COACHING IMPROVES SCORE

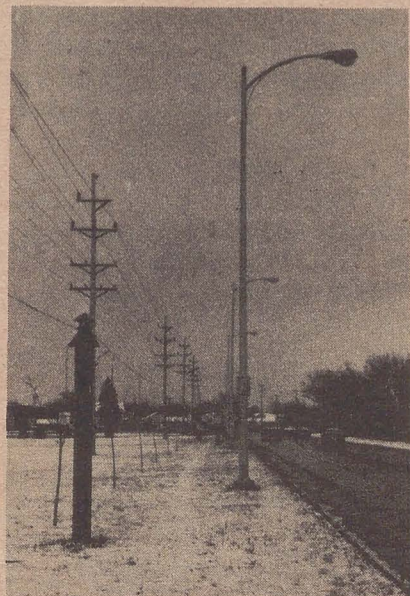
MADISON, Wis. (On Campus Report)—Leaks of portions of an unreleased Federal Trade Commission report on the effectiveness of schools that coach students on how to take standardized tests, indicate that the coaching may indeed improve a student's score.

The Educational Testing Service has steadfastly contended it is useless to attend coaching schools, such as the Kaplan Educational Centers, to prepare for their tests. The FTC report seems to contradict ETS's claim that their tests accurately measure a student's inherent ability.

The FTC report, some believe,

may never be made public because of its implications. Others believe the report may prompt new efforts to involve the government in standardized testing. Rep. Michael Harrington (D-Mass.) recently failed in an attempt to win passage of a bill to open testing company records.

One researcher who has been working on a Ralph Nader investigation into the \$70-million-a-year ETS operation says the FTC report also has implications of income bias in college admissions, since poor students can't afford to take the cram courses before taking their Scholastic Aptitude Tests or other standardized tests.



Path to East Campus beckons.

### UPDATE Reporter Challenges the Elements

By Elizabeth Littler

After the holidays, nearly everyone makes resolutions to diet and get more exercise. What better way to burn up excess fat and shape up than to walk to class—not the NRC-BTC-VLH Triangle but the big one, the trek to East Campus.

The distance covered in a return trip (I must confess, I made it only one way) is approximately two and one-half miles. It takes about 40 minutes at the rate of two miles per hour.

These figures were worked out by your brave correspondent who ac-

tually made the trip in the style of George Plimpton, that crazy writer who played football for the Detroit Lions just to be able to write an authentic, firsthand account of the experience.

The reader will be spared a detailed report of the harrowing journey. I shudder to think what might have happened if I had made the trip in January rather than December when there was little snow and the worst climactic condition was a sprinkling of rain.

I would like to mention, however, that I had no difficulty following

the path between BTC and EC (but that was before the deep snow arrived), that 60 oncoming cars were counted on that same stretch (just as many passed going the other way), and that I spotted one hubcap.

I briefly considered exercising my thumb to hitch a ride but figured that might mean walking the whole distance backward.

All this data will now be subjected to pseudo-scientific study—after all, this is college. There will be no charts or lists of statistics

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