

EDITORIALS

BE HEAT SMART

In an attempt to conserve personal money resources, increasing numbers of local residents are altering their oil or gas home heating system to a less expensive wood heating system.

These wood heating systems are not all that complicated; however, if one does not take necessary precautions, one may be the victim of a disastrous fire. To be on the safe side, it might be advisable to gather safety-precaution particulars from written material, the fire marshal, and/or the co-operative extension office. Avoid becoming too confident; be careful!

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"One thing we found in looking at traditional student governments," says the task force's leader, Dean of Students Richard Batdorf, "is that they tend to co-mingle the executive and legislative branches; the student body president often presides over the senate. They end up with a legislative body that wants to execute and an executive branch that wants to make policy."

The TCC model contains three distinct bodies—a senate, a four-person executive branch, and an advisory board composed of six students, three faculty members and two administrators.

Voter apathy should be no problem. In fact, unless called for by student petition, there won't even be any student body elections. The senate will operate on the New England Town Hall concept and any student who wants to may be a member.

However, before a student can sit on the senate, he must complete an "intensive" 20-hour course, covering all the processes and procedures incorporated in the operation of the college as well as certain leadership skills. The course carries two political science credits.

The executive officers will be selected after an interview by the advisory board. The officers, too, will be required to complete a 20-hour course. Theirs will be somewhat more detailed than that of the senators. The treasurer, for example, will learn the operation of the college business office and the secretary will undergo a brief internship with the college president's secretary. All will be taught parliamentary procedure.

Batdorf says about 20 students have applied to be senators and they represent a good cross-section of the student body. "We've got older

CAMPUS DAY SPELLS SUCCESS

By Elizabeth Littler

Increased enrollment and a positive response from participants spelled success for the second annual Campus Day held at the Civic Center and Van Lare Hall on February 7.

Campus Day which is sponsored by the Alpena County Cooperative Extension Service and ACC, through the Students' Activities Fund, provided speakers and a variety of programs for students and people in the community.

Of the 14 different sessions offered, Jennie McLaren, ACC administrative intern, noted that the most popular programs were those

having to do with personal growth and self-esteem.

Speakers for the group sessions were chosen from the University of Michigan and Michigan State as well as locally. Wesley Law, an instructor in history and social studies at ACC and Mrs. Law, co-authors of the book **Home was Alpena**, presented a session on Alpena describing its expansion in relation to the development of the state and the nation. Also included was their experience of writing the book.

Evaluations of Campus Day indicate that the participants were pleased with the experience. "Very

Competing for Pool Sticks

By Mary Kelley

The names of 30 males and 13 females are neatly printed in grease pencil on a board. The board is going to be quite popular for a while as student after student hovers over it getting an idea of who stands in which position.

This board isn't a disproportioned Valentine. It's a list of students who signed up last week for the Intramural Pool Tournament.

The tournament started this past Monday and, according to Matt Northrup who is running it for IM, should end in about two weeks.

The tournament runs whenever they can schedule two people together. It will end when a finalist from both divisions—male and female—has won over all the other pool players in his division. The finalists will each be awarded a pool stick.

adults, minorities, vets, both men and women, as well as the 'traditional student.' The executive officer candidates are "quality" applicants, he says.

The new constitution will undergo one school year of testing before being submitted to the student body for a confirmation vote.

Update Reaching Sept. '79 Students

By Mary Kelley

Thinking well beyond the thawing of the snow this spring, Owen Whitkopf, director of community relations at Alpena Community College, has arranged with ACC Campus Update to have extra copies run off the press for accepted students for September, 1979.

Whitkopf explains, "We thought this would be a way of expressing continuing interest in the students acquainting them with the college."

Update will be mailed to accepted students once a month.

Christmas Tree is up and Growing

By Mary Kelley

Ken Skiba, a student at ACC, and his parents of 930 Ford Avenue, Alpena, still have their Christmas tree up for a reason other than procrastination. The spruce tree, still wearing Christmas decorations in the living room of the Skiba's, is growing. However according to C. Jay Wright, an instructor from the forestry department at ACC, "It's kind of a pseudo growth-- it's not a real growth."

Wright says that as a tree grows, it stores sugars and carbohydrates. The reason the tree is growing is that the buds were set in the fall or summer. All they needed to promote growth was warmth which was supplied by the heated house.

The tree will grow for a relatively short period of time, depending on the size and species. Probably, if

expanding", "liked the topics", "experienced personal growth", "well-organized", "caliber of speakers excellent", were some of the comments received by Carol Garlitz, coordinator from the Cooperative Extension Service.

Garlitz stated that, although it was too early to tell, she felt that the program would "break even". ACC paid half the cost of the day-long program and, as a result, students were able to attend free of charge.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN

LANSING, Mich. (Michigan Consumers Council) — "It's your right to complain to a business when you have a consumer complaint; it's also your responsibility."

That's the message of a new brochure released by the Michigan Consumers Council. "How to Complain" offers consumers advice on how to effectively handle their own complaints.

"Consumers may feel helpless when faced with a produce which won't work or a service which wasn't delivered," said Executive Director Linda Joy. "Often times they don't realize they have influence in the market place or, more importantly, know how to use it."

"Many complaints can be solved simply by explaining the situation to the store's owner or manager and mentioning how you would like the problem solved," she added. "Most businesses are eager to correct a problem if they're aware of it."

Not only does the brochure emphasize talking to the store's management, it also explains how to document a complaint and what steps are available if the business doesn't respond in a reasonable time.

In addition, "How to Complain" gives the addresses and telephone numbers of several federal and state agencies which handle various consumer complaints.

The Council also has brochures on "How to Sue Someone in Small Claims Court," "What to do When You Can't Pay Your Bills," and the "Consumer Protection Act."

For free copies of the brochures, write the Michigan Consumers Council, 414 Hollister Building, 106 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933 or call (517) 373-0947.



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