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Pioneer decoy cop, Toma, to speak at NRC

David Toma, perhaps the most extraordinary policeman of his time, is the next on-campus speaker, appearing April 16, at 7:30 p.m., in room 150, NRC.

A man with thousands of arrests and a ninety-eight percent conviction record, Toma works mostly on the street, where he pioneered the role of the decoy cop.

He has the unique distinction of having his own television series, *Toma*, named after him, a network series in which Toma himself acts. Though he has been injured and hospitalized more than 30 times from beatings and stab wounds, he has never fired his gun in the 17 years on the force.

In the thousands of talks he has given across the country he has stressed that violence is unnecessary.

Group damage policy challenged

MADISON, Wis. (On Campus Report)—The Rutgers-New Brunswick chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is on the verge of filing suit against Rutgers U. over a housing policy which requires all residents of a damaged dorm to share equally the cost of repairs if the person responsible cannot be determined.

Bob Nasdor, student ACLU director, says the only way the suit won't be filed is if the university changes its policy and refunds students' money.

Nasdor says the policy violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment. Although there is an appeals process, Nasdor says the university's "presumption of guilt" runs totally against the Constitutional grain.

Housing director Charles Waldie says the general policy has never been fully stated and, in the housing contract, is defined as "responsibility for damage to university property."

Damage resulting from careless, mischievous or malicious acts is the type paid for by the students, Waldie says,. "We have to assume the residents are responsible for their guests and for locking their doors at night."

Waldie says for non-payment the university can block registration or hold transcripts. One student who refused to pay \$5.10 and was not allowed to register complained to the ACLU and, Nasdor says, "helped our case a lot."



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One of his lectures is on narcotics.

Toma is a very unusual cop with a passion for people — he becomes involved with the downtrodden, the exploited, the victims of crime. One of the street people himself, Toma sees the top mobsters as his adversaries. He wages his own remarkably personal war against them in the toughest city in America — Newark, New Jersey.

In a cynical era, Detective Toma believes in innate human goodness and strives for what is heroic in man

Students and faculty are admitted to the program free. The general public ticket prices are: adults, \$2; non-ACC students, \$1 and families, \$5.

P.E. Requirement is Confusing

By Rick Sterling

A certain amount of confusion has arisen from the current academic schedule of courses offered here at Alpena Community College. In particular, this confusion pertains to the amount of credit one may obtain by participating in a physical education or health education course.

At the onset of classes last fall, the administration changed a number of the one credit P.E. classes to two hours. This in turn doubled the cost.

This, however, was not what was causing the confusion. Because it is a graduation requirement that a person take two P.E. classes, the confusion most students had was whether they could meet this requirement by taking only one two-credit hours or whether they must take two courses.

In reference to the school's catalog, this question is answered. In order for a person to graduate from ACC, he or she must participate in two courses not paying attention to the amount of credit they will earn.

Why the change and all this confusion? In talking to Atheletic Director Dick Miles, it was brought out that the change was made in order to be fair to the students. He stated that the change in credit resulted from the increase in the amount of time the student spends

in class. Evidently, it was felt that more time should be spent in class for the P.E. courses. So, when the time spent was increased, it was only fair for the amount of credit to be increased as well.

Elderhostel experience is positive

Started six years ago in New England and now found in 40 states, Elderhostel, a summer school for persons over 60 years of age, has reached Michigan.

The first appearance in Michigan of this unique program which combines a worry-free vacation with a mini education, was at Western University in Kalamazoo last summer.

This year, the program will be expanded to six additional campus sites in Michigan. They are Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Oakland University in Rochester, Alma, WMU, Ferris State in Big Rapids and Lake Superior State College in Sault Ste. Marie.

Hostelers spend an intensive week on campus taking at least three courses form the best faculty that schools can muster. But, the neavy academics are broken up by songfests, folk dancing and group travel.

During the 13-week long hosteler period, the seniors share rooms in dormitories and eat in cafeterias. The price, including classes, meals and lodging is kept at \$115 a week. Scholarships are available.

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Interchange ideas between the generations

By Cathy Mason

"I think it's a great idea to get retired people together with students," said Henry Valli at a meeting between the ACC Student Senate and some local members of the American Association for Retired Persons.

The two groups met May 27 at NRC, Room 450 to determine whether there is interest in the community for a Generations Alliance Program, known as GAP.

Apparently there is. Noel Skiba, freshman representative for the Student Senate commented, "I think it's great. I didn't know what to expect...I'm really impressed". Also, there is a meeting planned for April 24 to plan a low-profile GAP program during the summer with a full-scale program beginning next fall.

Objectives of GAP include an interchange of ideas between the generations and community involvement—politically and socially. Chairperson for Community Services of the AARP, Rosella Neumann, states the goals this way, "How can we help each other? And how can we help America?"

A great deal of concern for young people was shown by the Senior Citizens. Chairperson Neumann ended the meeting on a warm note saying, "We love you....We'd love to get together with you."

★ Millage Highlights

By Campus Update Staff

In studying the April 10 school millage election, CU reporters collected information from several knowledgeable sources which they feel will add dimension to the readers understanding of the election.

The value of the average home in the Alpena-Presque Isle area, as stated by Donald Bartosh, CLU, of the Top O'Michigan Insurance Agency runs about \$40,000 to 45,000, however, there are more houses in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range than there are in the \$50,000 and over price range. In the last two-three years, real estate values have gone up about 15%. Real estate value down south is considerably higher—about \$10,000 more per home.

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