

Air Force Charged with false advertising

The U.S. Air Force Academy is engaged in a massive deception aimed at recruiting high school students, a former cadet charges in the October issue of Penthouse magazine.

To the surprise of most cadets-- and to many civilians--Academy cadets do not routinely learn to fly planes despite Air Force Academy catalogue claims that "the mission of the Air Force is to fly....Since the total mission is based on flying, the aviation training you receive as a cadet is a significant part of your career preparation."

So disappointing is the reality of the Academy-- in contrast to pre-enrollment promises-- that 40% of the Class of 1980 has dropped out, says E. M. Porrazzo, who was midway through his senior year when he dropped out.

"It costs \$100,000 of the taxpayers' money to put each cadet through the Academy," he says. "Can we afford to allow the Air Force to continue with its present false advertising campaign?"

Porrazzo says that "Academy cadets don't learn to fly any aircraft in the Air Force inventory. In fact, the Academy will not even

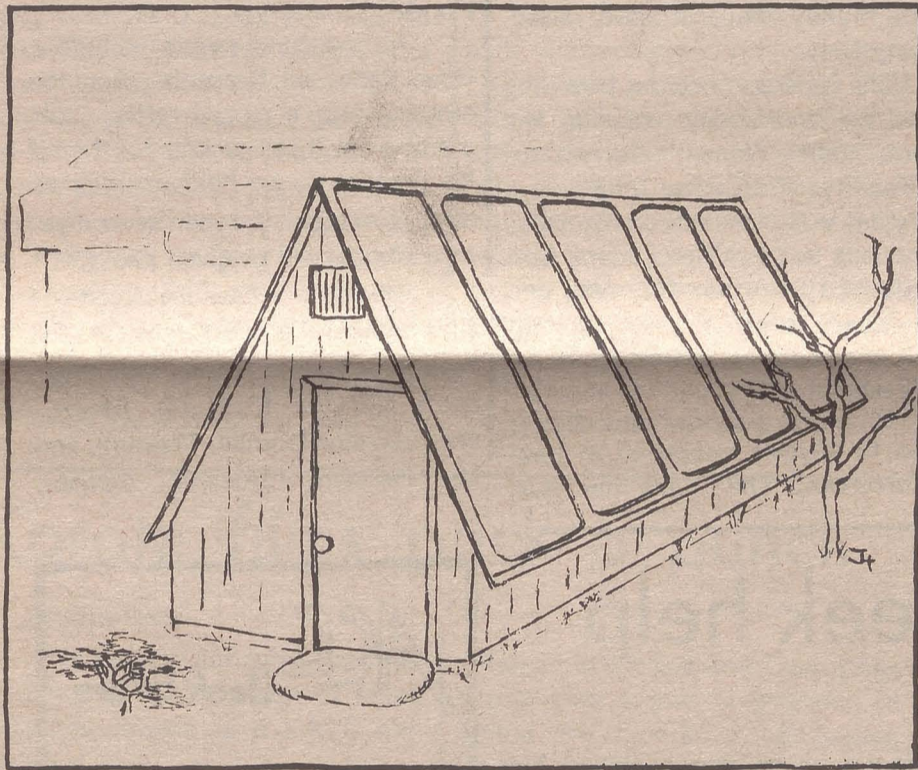
let a cadet pull the stop clocks on any flying machine--from a Curtis Jenny to a hang glider." Advertised "aviation training" consists solely of demonstration flights aboard Cessna aircraft.

A cadet who wishes to learn to fly must pay \$1,000 to \$3,000 of his own money to obtain a pilot's license from a private school.

Promises of free time off the Academy grounds--or to roam the 18,000-acre grounds of the Academy near Colorado Springs, Colo.--are routinely broken. In fact, cadets are routinely restricted to the 1,000-acre Academy campus area. Overnight absences from the Academy are severely limited.

Moreover, the post-graduation commitment to the Air Force has been increased twice in the past few years. Cadets who entered believing they would have to serve for five years (as pilots) after graduation are now committed to serving seven years.

The result of false advertising and recruitment claims, writes Porrazzo, is an enormous dropout rate at taxpayer expense.



Greenhouse demonstrates solar energy

By Cathy Mason

"The ultimate goal is to maintain our standard of living," observed ACC teacher Richard Clute about the solar greenhouse currently being built at ACC. Clute thinks that the practical harnessing of solar power is the answer to the current energy crisis. To go along with this, the greenhouse is a means to an end because it is a practical demonstration of solar energy in Northeastern Michigan. According to Alpena County Energy Coordinator, Tom Kenney, "Our purpose is to demonstrate to people here that it (solar energy) can work."

The greenhouse is a reality because of a grant from the Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency and also because many ener-

gy-conscious persons in the community are devoting their time to build it, including the insulated foundation installed by persons in ACC's Concrete Technology program.

Greenhouse particulars include dimensions of 24 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 12 feet high. Sunlight will be collected by the 240 square-foot roof which is made of Kalwal, which is a reinforced fiberglass material.

Special features to protect the climate of the greenhouse are a double-door entry, an air lock will prevent the escape of warm air and the invasion of cold air; and insulated curtains, to use at night to retain the sunlight absorbed during the day.

Convenes for problem-solving

By Cathy Mason

On Friday, October 19, the ACC Student Senate sponsored Consortium 8 with representatives from eight Michigan community colleges attending, at the Alpena Civic Center auditorium.

A consortium is an association or society which meets for a specific purpose, which in the case of Consortium 8 was problem-solving. The idea behind the meeting is that since all community colleges have common backgrounds, a consortium of these homogeneous organizations would provide insight and answers for all involved.

The student government representatives broke into four small groups to tackle problems. Areas discussed were activities, finances, government, and sports.

These community colleges were involved: Alpena, Bay de Noc, Kirtland, North Central Michigan, Northwestern Michigan, Montcalm, and Lake Superior State.

Time to reset clocks

Before you go to bed Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour as Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday the 28th at 2 a.m.

This means that Northeast Michigan will go back to standard time, instead of the one-hour-ahead Daylight Saving Time we've had throughout the summer.

English citizen William Willett who lived during the latter 1800's is credited with a plan to use the available sunlit hours in his book *Waste of Daylight*. His plan was first adopted by Germany during WWI to conserve energy. During WWII the United States and many European countries also adopted Daylight Saving Time.

Symphony makes beautiful music

By Deb Beroset

Opening this year's Thunder Bay Arts Council season is an appearance by the Philharmonic of the Grand Rapids Symphony.

The orchestra, performing Saturday, October 27 at 8 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium, is the twenty-four member touring unit of the larger Grand Rapids Symphony. They perform a wide variety of repertoire, which includes Baroque through Contemporary.

On Oct. 26, the group will separate into smaller ensembles (quartets or quintets) and will conduct lecture demonstrations in area schools as part of the Thunder Bay Arts Council's residency program.

The Grand Rapids Symphony, a growing organization, is under the direction of Theo Alcantara. Said to be one of the most sought-after conductors of the concert scene today, Maestro Alcantara has dramatically raised the artistic level of the orchestra by attracting higher quality musicians and introducing more challenging works.

The American Symphony Orchestra League featured the GRSO at their national convention in New Orleans as the symphony "success story" of the year.

Tickets for the event are available at Student Services, 107 VLH.