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Physics Olympics provides forum for learning

by Les Maxon

The 12th Annual Physics Olympics will take place Tuesday, April 16th, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Besser Tech and Natural Resources buildings. According to Gary Sparks, ACC Physics instructor and director of the events, 5-7 high schools will be represented in the various activities which are based on the principles of physics.

Sparks explains that, for the most part, participants will be using devices they have previously assembled and tested for the events such as the slow bicycle race, coathook cannon, egg drop, and mousetrapracers.

The basic objective to the slow bicycle race, Sparks says, is "trying to make a bicycle go slow instead of fast," and to accomplish this, students "can modify the bike any way they want to, as long as

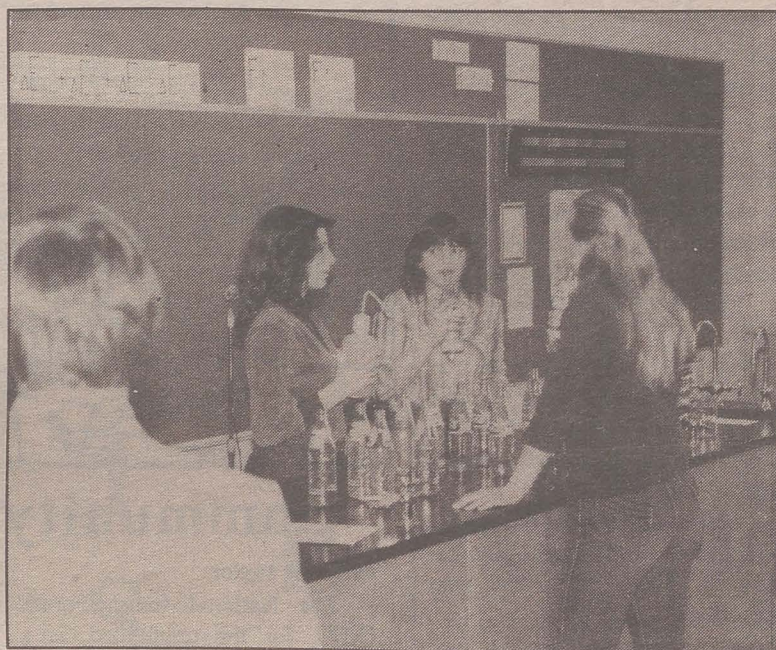
it stays inside this course."

Another event, the bridge building activity, involves creating a structure using toothpicks, and has proven very interesting in past Olympics, according to Sparks.

"Some of the [bridges] span about a foot and a half, and will hold up to 200 lbs., with less than a box of toothpicks." Sparks says while there is the element of competition within these activities, the main focus is on the fun that arises out of simply participating.

"It's more interesting to see what other people are doing when you don't feel quite so threatened by it," he states.

Besides gaining a deeper appreciation for the laws of physics, Sparks believes that students visiting the ACC campus should profit in other ways.



Area high school students participate in unusual, interesting events in the Physics Olympics hosted by ACC each year. Building bridges with toothpicks or tuning up with Coke bottles test the students' physics knowledge in an atmosphere of fun.

ACC's Utility program climbing to success

by Jackie Skaluba

The partnership between ACC and the utility industry which led to the creation of the Utility Tech. program continues to blossom according to a report presented to the Board of Trustees during their regular monthly meeting on March 21.

Department chair Bill Yule and program director Chuck Scheufler

brought the Board up to date on the donations and scholarships provided by the industry.

Donations of money, equipment and supplies as of February 22, 1991 totaled \$86,539.59.

The Utility Tech. program is nearing the end of its first year. Its first students will graduate in May and according to Dr. Newport

companies are making efforts to recruit them.

Other action items before the Board included a report on revenue projections for the 1991-92 school year and a tuition increase to be implemented with the 1991 fall semester was approved. In-district rates will rise to \$35 per credit hour, In-state \$52 and Out-of-State \$79. 60% of the student body is

In-district. These increases will bring ACC in line with Michigan's 29 community colleges. Tuition produces approximately one-third of the cost incurred.

In other business the Board elected to confer "emeritus" status to Helen Malandrinos in recognition of her accomplishments.

Early registration begins

by Yvonne LaFave

Registration for ACC's summer semester begins April 29 and eager students can also register early for fall classes.

Any student who has ever taken a class at ACC is eligible to pre-register for ACC's 1991 fall semester. The early registration is available between April 29 and August 2.

According to Micheal Hood, ACC's Dean of Administrative Services, "We hope this early registration period will allow students to meet with their advisors and plan which courses will be right for their pursuits. Since advisors are generally swamped during central registration, this advanced planning can be a big advantage."

Hood also points out, "Another advantage to early registration is avoiding the long lines and frustration of waiting for a class that is already filled."

Hood also says, "Administrative Services tries to make the process as smooth as possible, and as accurate as possible. It's not our job to cause problems for the students. We attempt to provide all the help we possibly can."

Students who register early can even defer payment until August 9 at 3:00 pm. Unpaid registrations on August 9 will be cancelled and students would then be forced to repeat the registration process during central registration, August 21 and 22.

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Hearts at work

by Jackie Skaluba

Displaying the volunteer spirit is Rich Hibner who has been selected as a Presidential Leadership Student at ACC. For his community service project Hibner received training as a moderator for the Alpena Community Forum discussing the subject "Growing Up At Risk."

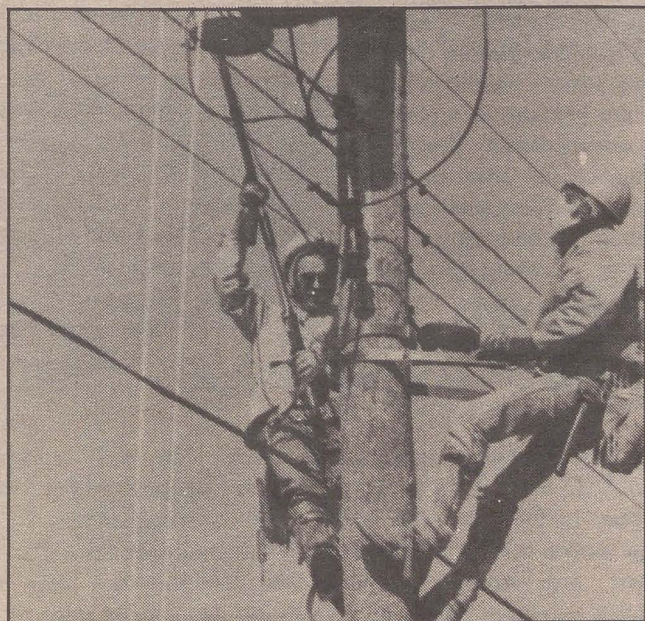
"Volunteers -- Hearts at Work" is the theme of this year's National Volunteer Week which is slated to begin April 21.

During this week especially dedicated to recognizing the efforts of volunteers, Leaders of Volunteer Efforts (L.O.V.E.) invite members of their communities to take the time to thank volunteers for their contributions.

President Bush has called the gift of volunteering "an act of heroism on a grand scale" and the 20.5 billion hours of service contributed annually by American volunteers is very grand scale. These volunteer services are worth approximately \$170 billion.

Volunteers are encouraged to work in their area(s) of interest. If anyone is interested in wildflowers, a new group is forming now. For more information contact Merrill Downs at ext. 272.

Other ACC volunteers include: Mary Goodrich, Anne Moody, Brian Royer, Tony Bruski, George Burt, Jackie Frary, Margaret Gosselin, Rosalie Paul, Judy Schiller, Mel and Vickie ShurLOW, Ava and Sid Stalker, Mary Ann Wesley, and Don Laird's Day Program Group.



These UTT students are climbing to success as the Utility Tech. Program enhances their job prospects for the future.

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