

Winter Springs to LBJ award

by Rich Spicer

Tom Winter, entering his 10th year as the man in charge for ACC's Auto Body department, is the Lumberjack of the Month for April. When asked his reaction to winning the award, he grinned and said, "It doesn't get any better than

this, does it?"

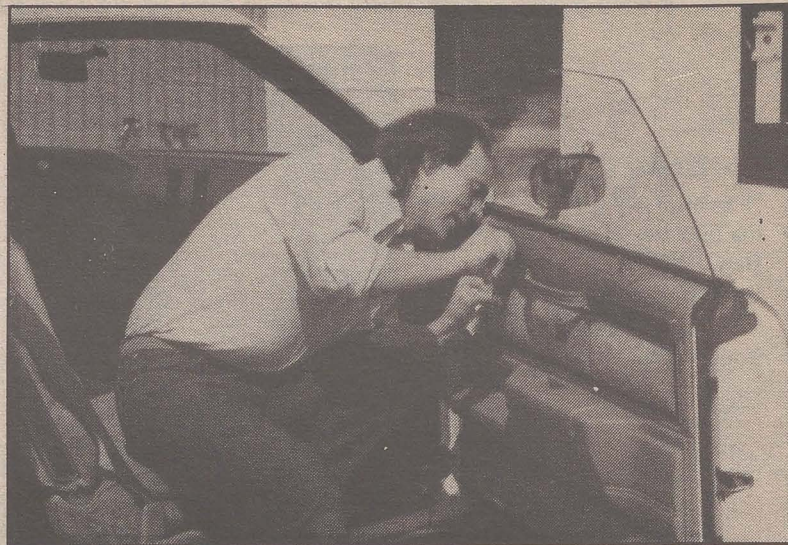
Winter's course is a "one year program, 30 hours a week with live lectures and 25 labs. It runs 44 weeks with two 17-week sessions and one summer session."

He described the class as "entry level" enabling enrolled students to "go to work in the auto body

profession. We do collision work, painting, anything having to do with the auto body profession."

Winter went through the very same program at ACC before transferring to Ferris State where he majored in Vocational Education. He had a line on a couple other jobs when the opening came at ACC, and he took the job. Winter spends his "summers and time off working in industry."

As the LBJ winner for April, Winter receives a mug, a gift certificate from Holiday Inn and preferred parking during the month.



Winter demonstrates proper assembly technique to his students just outside the Auto Body Lab where he can be found most days, all day.

Electronics program to be unplugged

by Larry Lisiecki

As of next semester the Electronics program will be phased out at Alpena Community College due to lack of enrollment.

Mr. Bill Yule, who has been an instructor of electronics at ACC for 21 years explained that the enrollment has dropped gradually over the last three years. He went on to say, "the last two years' classes have carried ten or less students and in last year's class only six of ten completed the course."

Mr. Yule trains students in the field of Electronics Technology. Electronic Technicians are people who build, test, repair and modify electrical equipment and components. The projected yearly job openings in the State of Michigan for Electrical and Electronic Technicians between now and 1995 is 370.

Growth in the employment of these Technicians is expected because of greater use of electrical power, industrial expansion, the need for more technicians to assist the growing number of scientists and engineers, the increase in electronic automation, and the growth of such fields as environmental protection and energy production. Employment is expected to increase much faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2000.

An air of solemnity fills the room as Mr. Yule continues to speak. He conveys the news that the Electronics course will not be offered to freshmen next semester. The next two semesters are for sophomores only to enable them to complete their curriculum towards a two-year Applied Science

Degree.

Mr. Yule is not leaving ACC, however. He will continue to teach other classes related to his field such as Utility Technology courses.

Curriculum stretches to meet demands

by Karen Belt

Does college have to mean English, Math, and Science? Well, hopefully it does; but it could mean much, much more. Alpena has expanded its curriculum in the last five years to encompass a wide variety of Fine Art courses.

Terry Hall, the Fine Arts Department Chairperson, stated that five years ago the college literally shut down the Arts Department. From one music class, and virtually no art, dance or theatre, the department has made a tremendous come back in just a few years.

ACC now offers six art classes, including ceramics, painting, drawing, art for the classroom teacher, and two design classes. The department also includes two music classes, two drama, and one dance class.

Though language may be the toughest to fill, Hall adds that there is a small Spanish class on this campus and plans include offering a French class on the Wurtsmith A.F.B. campus.

Hall feels the department's resurgence is due to the cooperation of the staff advisors and to the instructors. He states, "the dedication of the part-time teachers is the key to the success."

Despite the vast expansion of the Fine Arts classes, Hall does admit that it is sometimes a struggle to get the number of students involved that he would like. "The students don't see the immediate relevance of these classes, like they do with a business course," says Hall.

He feels students should understand the benefits of these classes in preparing for life and the work area. The classes may seem just fun but as Hall points out, "drama may help future teachers or business people overcome fears of audiences and help with the art of dealing with people."

Also these classes are an alternative option in fulfilling the humanities requirement for a degree. Instead of the general humanities class, a student may pick an art or acting class.

In closing, Hall urges students to look into the Fine Arts Classes and make their education experience a little more "well-rounded" as they register for the fall semester.

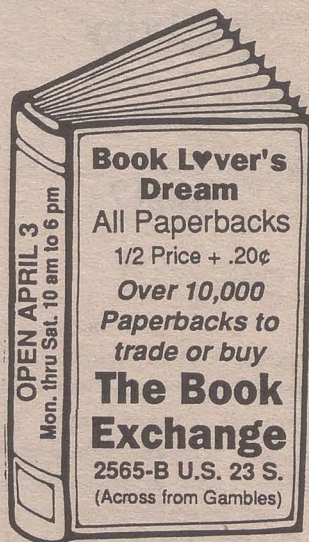


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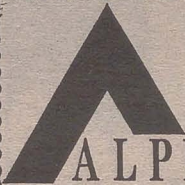
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