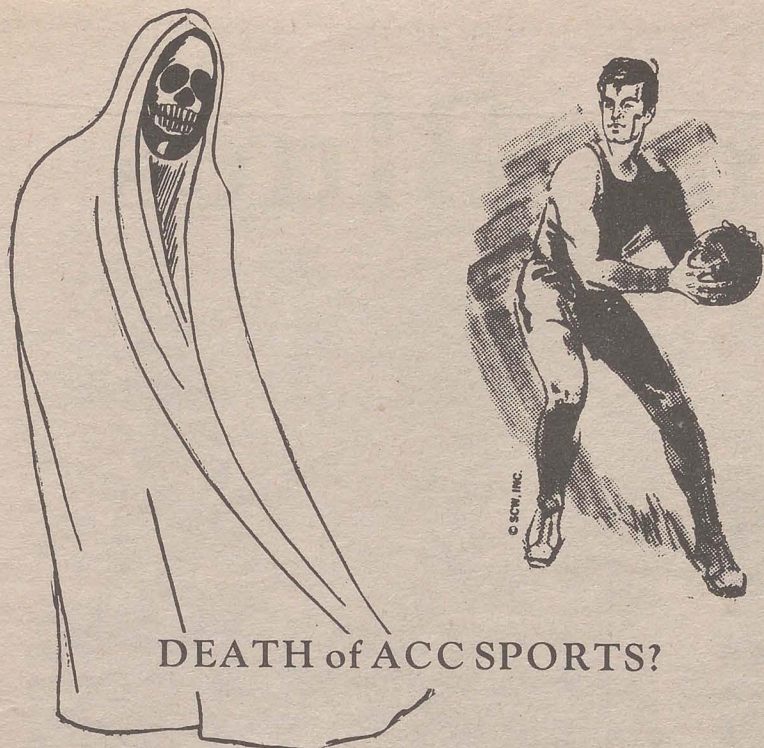


Red Cross Sponsors Ski-a-Cross

by Cindy Robinette



by Bill Garant

DEATH of ACC SPORTS?

It doesn't have a formal name, it's not widely publicized yet, its potential success has not yet been determined, but its impact on Alpena Community College is anxiously being awaited by many. "It is a fund drive, headed by womens basketball coach, Frank McCourt, in hopes of raising enough money to have athletics returned to the budget for the 1982-83 school year.

Athletics were among the cuts made by the board when a decrease in state aid forced the board to trim the budget, which also included the trimming of the forestry program and the pink slipping of some personnel.

That is when Frank McCourt started his drive to raise the \$25,760 needed to fund both athletic programs. He set the deadline of April 15th, as his goal. At that time he went before the board to prove he could raise the money needed. On the 15th, McCourt reportedly had just a couple thousand short of half his target. After some debate, the board allowed the drive to continue, and hopefully by

July 1, McCourt's drive will have raised enough money to fund athletics next year.

Now comes the real test, —and lots of them are needed! Students must decide as well as the community whether athletics are a valuable enough part of education to save by funding locally.

McCourt noted that even though the big pledges are needed, the little ones count too. Give as much as you can, it all adds up, as McCourt noted "I'll take whatever I can get."

The women's basketball team have been aiding McCourt in his drive, and should be commended. More student involvement is needed if the drive will be successful, so let's get involved! This is your college, and athletics and school spirit are an important part of education!

During a time of despair in the community, we must pull together, to unite for a cause, a worthy cause! Athletics is a worthy cause and we must come through and raise the money so a great program and a fine tradition can continue!

The *Update* wishes Mr. McCourt much success in his drive to retain athletics.

Like everything else these days, the American Red Cross is suffering from inflation. The American Red Cross was recently forced to give its local Chapters a choice of either raising or attempting to raise fund monies or lose their charters.

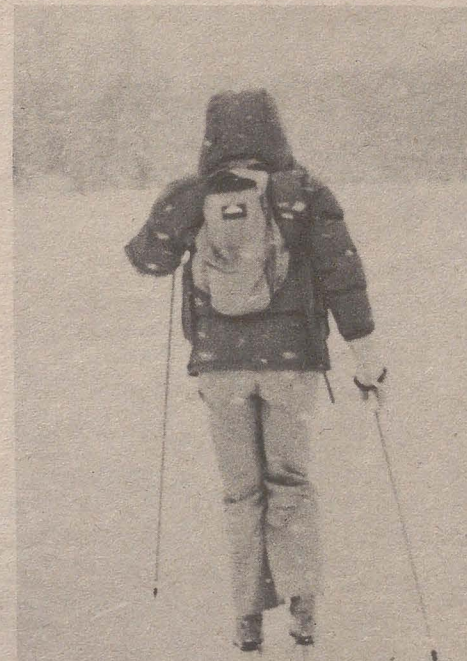
When the Alpena Chapter was faced with this choice it took some brainstorming and tremendous effort of many concerned people.

Dick Miles, a cross country ski instructor at ACC, who is involved with the American Red Cross in Alpena, created and became chairman of the first American Red Cross X-Country Ski-a-Cross in Alpena. ACC ski instructor Phil Schultz and Miles informed their classes of the Ski-a-Cross making participation a total voluntary act.

The Ski-a-Cross was held February 4th from 2-4 p.m. at Norway Ridge, and was the last class session for the students. The total number of participants was 19 with a total of 249 pledges received. The pledge money was raised on a per mile basis within a 2 hour time limit. When all 174.25 miles was skied, \$1,125.42 was raised. Miles estimation before the Ski-a-Cross was approximately \$500.00. "It went overboard in the right direction," exclaimed Miles.

The 19 participants included: Glenda Abbert, Assistant Chairperson, Nelson Finley, Mary Glawe, Linda Grzenkowitz, Ron Harrison, Ginger Hoffmeyer, Willette Johnson, Jackie Konwinski, Val Konwinski, Ann Koss, Glen Kowalski, Jane LaMarre, Dick Miles, chairman, Yvonne Roy, Phil Schultz, Tom Sobek, Denise Suszek, Paul Wegmeyer, and Georgia Wheeler. Barbara Miles was the official lap counter.

The whole event was a "we" thing according to Miles. "Many thanks and praise goes out to the skiers and people who pledged money" said an elated Miles.



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