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Merry Christmas!

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Spring Schedule Finds New Classes

by Christy Preseau

Scheduling for second semester is and will be going on until January 8.

Mike Hood, who is head of records, was asked if there was a significant amount of classes not being offered for the coming semester compared to previous years. His reply was, "Not really, but there have been reductions in some areas, such as English, due to lower enrollment. The Art courses have been completely removed from the schedule because of a decline in enrollment. There have been reductions in the Physical Education Department because it has been dropped as a requirement for most programs."

Even though the P.E. requirements have been eliminated from ACC's programs, P.E. is still required for graduation at at least six state colleges.

Although there have been a number of reductions, there have also been increasing numbers of classes pertaining to other departments which include: Business, Data Processing and Mathematics.

'Death Trap' Auditions

by Kelly Fitzgerald

The ACC Players would like to announce try-outs for the comedy / thriller "Deathtrap". Auditions will be January 18th and 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at East Campus.

The play has three male roles and two female. Everyone is encouraged to come in and try.

Candle flames tall and eerie,
Christmas lights bright and cheery,
Joy and love, peace on earth,
Music and a flaming hearth,
Tinsel draped around the tree
Completes the yuletide fantasy --
And in the hearts of young and old
There's warmth negating
December's cold.
This season of love once more in
Full swing
With egg nog, plum pudding and
Caroling,
Gives us a fine opportunity to say:
Have a wonderful Christmas --
Every Day!

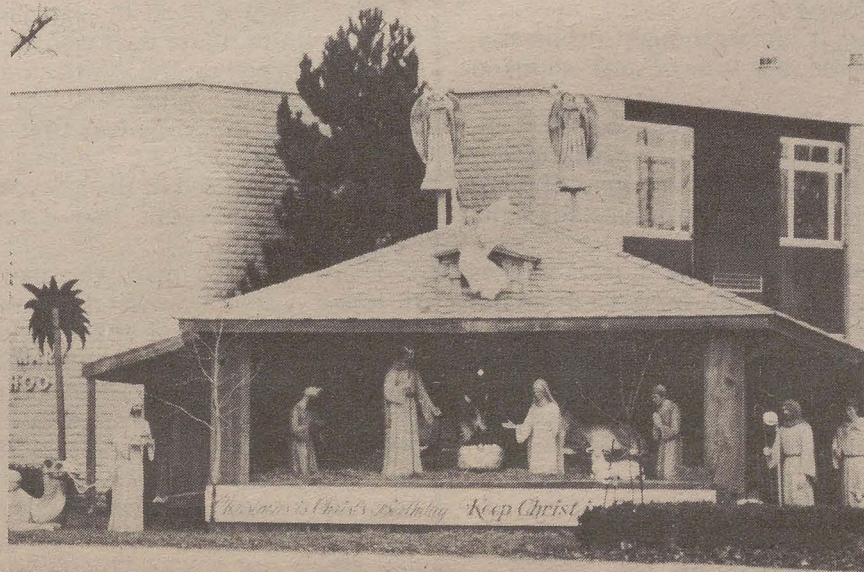


Photo by Andy Trego

Fighting Heating Costs at ACC

by Jenni Ritzler

Beating rising heating costs is a tough job, as Alpena Community College faces another long winter.

According to Dale Ilsley, Director of Buildings and Grounds, conservation measures over the past years have helped tremendously in reducing fuel usage. However, it is hard to stay ahead of the game when fuel costs have doubled in the past five years.

Statistics for 1977-78 indicate that ACC utilized over 357,960 cubic feet of fuel at a cost of \$69,912. Figures for 1981-82 indicate fuel usage down at 319,349 cubic feet, but at a higher cost of \$136,883.

Ilsley stated that weather conditions of this year are comparable with last year's temperatures. Fuel usage has been down 11.7 percent over the previous year, but fuel costs have risen .005 percent.

Conservation measures have been taken in the following areas: All boilers are frequently checked and kept tuned for higher efficiency. Thermostats at the college are dialled down to 68 degrees during the day and reduced to 55 degrees at night. The time period for the overnight heating reduction has also been extended by several hours to conserve.

According to Ilsley, 60 percent of the outside of Van Lare Hall is encased in glass. These are single strength glass windows set in metal frames. A large percentage of that building's heating loss is attributed to this window space. The college is gradually eliminating this problem by blocking off several areas. Future plans include bringing the number

of windows in each class room at Van Lare Hall down to two.

Ilsley added, "We're saving in every possible way we can think of. We know that there are a lot of things that could still be done. But it takes money in order to save money and we're almost at a point where we just don't have it."

Safety for the Holidays

by Debbie Specht

The Christmas Season is in full swing. The town is fully decorated, people are out buying gifts, as well as the traditional Christmas tree. And, of course, the traditional Christmas parties have begun.

However, every year communities are struck with the loss of a life due to a drunk driver coming home from parties.

The 1982 Fall Issue of Family Safety magazine published a report concerning drunk drivers and how to get them off the road. "Statistics show that seventy families a day are devastated by the loss of a loved one due to drunk driving," states Vincent L. Tofany, president of the National Safety Council. "In the last 10 years alone, more than a quarter of a million families have suffered this nightmare. More than 6.5 million families have seen a member seriously injured by a drunken driver during the period."

An organization called MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) has been formed by the relatives of innocent victims. MADD now has fourteen chapters around the country, which lobby state legislatures,

monitor court cases involving drunk drivers, and give advice to victims and survivors.

Several points can be offered in order to insure protection for yourself against drunk drivers.

Use your safety belts and insist that everyone riding with you also buckle up. Wearing a safety belt is the single most effective countermeasure.

Never get into a car with a person who has been drinking. Use the concept of the "designated driver." Select one person in advance to drive for the evening. Remember, "Friends don't let friends drive drunk."

Time is most essential in order to sober you up. Taking cold showers or drinking black coffee is a myth. The National Safety Council recommends that before driving you wait at least an hour for every drink consumed.

Avoid dangerous driving times during the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Statistics show that one out of every 10 or more drivers on the road is dangerously drunk.

Practice defensive driving. Keep our eyes moving as you drive. Keep a sharp lookout for impaired drivers and be ready to take evasive action.

If you give a party, stop serving alcoholic beverages at least one hour before the end of the party. If anyone is impaired, find them safe transportation home or allow that person to stay overnight to sleep it off.

Christmas Dance

The Christmas dance this year is being sponsored by the Forestry Club at ACC.

Valis from Grand Rapids will be the band performing on Friday, December 17th. The dance starts at 9:00 p.m. and ends at 1:00 a.m.

The Alpena Armory downtown is where the dance is being held. Admission is free with a student I.D. card. The evening promises to be an exciting one.



DON'T FORGET!!

There are 10 shopping days until Christmas.