

Dorm Daze

By #368 (M.W.)

As a result of financial problems it appears this may be the final year the Russell Wilson Dormitory shall be open. At Present, only 62 occupy the building, which can house 240 at maximum occupancy.

This year's residents include students from the local area as well as those who live as far away as Louisiana and Canada.

Dorm life is quite different than that of a typical home. There are many heads of this household, known as Resident Advisors, who act as the governing body and keep order.

The Resident Hall Activity Board plans events to keep the inhabitants busy. Despite the fact that less than one month has passed, students at the dorm have already experienced a scavenger hunt, (won by Roger "The Flur" Fleury's team) a dance with Brian Patin and Eric Hoogendoorn as DJ's, and Mafia Week, in which Rob Robertson was the lone survivor. Weekly activities such as Monday night videos and Wednesday Cedar Swamp parties have become part of the dorm routine.

The dorm may not be the quietest place to study, but it is a fine place to live. The three floors presently open have very distinct characteristics. First floor, for instance, is known for it's strange odor, which is either caused by the men's basketball team's dirty socks or by the charred remains when the guys try to cook a meal on their own. It's also where the best back rubs are given.

Second floor, which is co-ed, smells better than first, (except for one room that reeks of Canadian cigarettes and beer) and usually is the quietest. This may be credited to "Let's keep it down" Loflin, the second floor RA, or might be because everyone is either downstairs with the guys or up on third floor.

Third floor is without a doubt, "the" floor. Upon entering the all female floor, the visitor is greeted with our Early American Erb decorum. Music is usually blaring, and visitors should look out when the women's basketball team starts a quick game in the hall. One should also be wary of the occasional stalker who at times is locked out of her room by her roommate.

Here's an example of a day at the dorm:

- 6:30 am-wake up for breakfast
- 6:35 am-decide cold cereal and doughnuts aren't worth waking up for
- 7:30 am-awaken to roommate's flush, which is equal to the noise made by a small war-head on impact
- 7:37 am-crawl out of bed and into shower
- 7:40 am-drip on the floor, open new bar of soap, yell at roommate for using up last bar
- 7:50 am-look for clean socks; see them on roomy; yell
- 7:51 am-sneak socks from across hall, rush to class
- 10:00 am-come back from classes to take a nap
- 10:10 am-awake to Frank Zappa-tell roomy to crank Frank off
- 10:50 am-rush to class
- 12:00 pm-come back for lunch
- 12:10 pm-see menu, go out for Chicken McNuggets
- 12:30 pm-Open mailbox, see emptiness, shut mailbox
- 12:40 pm-try to make bed, but take nap
- 1:30 pm-decide to wash clothes, but can't find them
- 1:35 pm-hear roomy say "I really didn't think that was bleach!"
- 1:36-2:00 pm-yell and punch roommate

- 2:00-2:10 pm-get punched by roomy's boyfriend
- 2:10 pm-nap
- 2:50 pm-go to practice
- 5:00 pm-come back sweaty and smelly, eat, belch, yell at roommate

Even with all our varied backgrounds, we all get along like one big family. All apprehensiveness of living with a bunch of strangers has dispersed. For those planning to continue their education at a four year college, stay in a dorm-it's a great place to meet some special people, hear some good tunes, and lose weight

ACC Finds Data Processing Instructor

By Monica Jahnke

After a four-year search, Alpena Community College has hired its first full time Data Processing instructor, Robert L. Fournier. He currently teaches Introduction to Data Processing, Cobalt 1, and Business Systems Design 1.

Fournier's objective in his classes is to build student confidence. An analogy he frequently gives students is, "knowledge gives you confidence, confidence gives you interest and interest gives you more knowledge."

Fournier takes his job seriously, stating, "as an instructor I'm accountable to the institution as well as to the students."

A retired Air Force officer, Fournier received a BS degree in Business Administration and Statistics from Ohio State University and a Masters degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University.

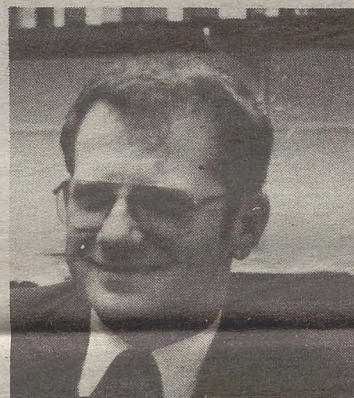
Fournier's experience includes Chief of Air Force Base Data Automation Installations, Chief of Maintenance for over 50 million dollars of computer equipment, Data Systems Design Engineer in the Pentagon for two years, and a computer expert on a base management action group to analyze and recommend changes to improve Air Force Base Operations, world wide.

Commenting on his lifetime goals Fournier replied, "a doctors degree in organizational industrial psychology, retire from ACC as an instructor, have a house on State St. on the waterfront and help with my wife's business."

Fournier is married and has two children. His interests include collecting clocks, cars and motorcycles; he also likes

to golf, fish and hunt.

Fournier is the Owner and Commander of the Spring Hill Composite Squadron, a non-profit, all-volunteer school that participates in search missions carried out by the U.S. Air Force.



Policy Changes For Veterans

By Gregg M. Robertson

According to veteran's counsellor, Policy changes have come in Financial Credit, Associate Degree Extensions and V.A. Advance Payments.

Effective fall 1984, Discharged Veterans and dependants must pay full tuition and fees, unless covered by other financial aid programs. Active Duty personal pay 50% tuition and fees, and can sign a maximum 60-day note for the balance. This policy will run the 1984-85 academic year and then all notes will be eliminated by fall of 1985. Authorized veterans under Chapter 31-VA Vocational Rehabilitation will continue to be able to register and have costs billed to the V.A. by ACC.

The eligibility for an Extension on the Associate Degree for Vietnam Vets is as follows: 1) served between August 5, 1964 and April 5, 1975. 2) Honorable Discharge

- 3) Unused entitlement
- 4) more than 10 years since discharge
- 5) unemployed or underemployed - 6 months
- 6) Pursuing Associates Degree that is vocational

V.A. Advance Payments for the first two months of benefits can be sent directly to ACC. before classes start, under the following conditions:

1) payment is used for initial semester of enrollment or for a semester following a period of non-enrollment of at least 30 days.

2) Students must be enrolled in at least a half-time course of study and cannot receive benefits over a break immediately preceding a semester for which advance pay is requested.

3) Request, signed & dated on V.A. form 22-1999 or on separate sheet attached to form.

4) All paper work submitted 120 days before first day of classes and no later than 45 days before, for processing.

Students are responsible for payment of tuition and fees at registration. ACC forwards pay requests to the V.A. and distributes advance pay to students. There is no control over processing and no guarantee advance pay will be received before first day of classes. Once advance pay is received it can be released 30 days prior to registration, if student has completed registration.

The amount of advance pay is based on the first month of classes and the second full month. The next check will be received at the home address at the end of third month of classes.

No other changes are expected until after elections. If you have further questions, contact:

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