

Most people are about as happy as they make their minds up to be.



## Christmas Issue



Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills.

### A.C.C. Registration In Full Swing

By Tracy Urban

With the semester close to being over some students may wish to register for next semester now.

The schedule for registration is: Early Registration, November 26 - December 21 from 9 am to 3:30 pm; Central Registration, January 9 & 10 from 9 - 8 pm; Late Registration, January 14 & 15 from 9 am to 8 pm, and January 16 thru 23 from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

The student may make schedule changes due to cancelled sections, other institutional changes, and drops as follow: January 10 from 9 - 11:30 am, 1 - 4 pm, and 6 - 8 pm; January 11 from 9 am to 12 noon; and January 14 & 15 from 9 am to 8 pm.

January 14, 1985 is the first day of classes with the Drop/Add period being January 16 thru 23, from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Early registration is for students currently enrolled either full or part-time, and for new part-time students with six semester hours or less.

To register students should meet with an advisor and work out a class schedule. An advisor's signature is required on the registration forms of those students taking nine or more semester hours.

After filling out the registration form and obtaining an advisor's signature, the next step is to return the form to the Campus Services Office in room 107 VLH for processing.

Any students with a "Financial obligation" cannot register until that obligation is taken care of.

After the student registers he has until December 28 to pay registration will be cancelled.

All offices at ACC will be Closed December 24 thru 26 for the Christmas holiday.

### Residents Take Action

The residents of the Russell Wilson Dormitory have banded together in an effort to better the environment in which they live. This is probably the last year the resident hall will be open, and some feel this has resulted in a lack of concern in the people who take care of the building and administrators.

Charlene Crowe, a freshmen from Peck, earlier this month stated, "We pay a lot of money to stay here, and it's really a dump." Because of concerns such as this, the Resident Hall Association, (RHA) called a meeting with Frank McCourt, Director of Housing. During the meeting, Mr. McCourt was told the gripes of the ACC students who stay at the dorm, and handed a stack of Maintenance requests. Before the meeting took place, maintenance request after maintenance request was being handed in, yet nothing was getting done. He also was informed that the residents will do whatever needed to make the dorm a better place. They proved this by decorating and cleaning the lobby for Christmas.

According to one staff member, one of the major reasons the residents were having problems was the lack of communication between the residents, the staff, and the administrators. This is being resolved by having weekly meetings, whereby the residents can be heard, and discussions for possible solutions can take place.

One freshmen resident summed up his feelings by saying, "Just because we may be the last group of students to stay here, it doesn't mean we

By Connie Allen

The wonder of Christmas through a child's eyes may be quite different than what an adult suspects. While speaking with Mrs. Cannon's first grade class at Ella White School it was quickly evident that was the case here.

This reporter imagined the materialism and frequency of TV advertising, to have the biggest and best toys, would have saturated the desires of these children. This was not the case. Three questions were asked all children, the first being "What are your feelings about this exciting time of Christmas?" Of the twenty-two children interviewed, five spoke of this being "Christ's Birthday". Peter Allen, Jaime Foster, Emily Donnan, Billy Jacobson, and Barbara Zann. Other thoughts on some minds were of the beauty of the season. Lindsey Skiba said she had a tree with "flashing lights and pop corn balls strung on it", and Nicki Cuddie has "rose lights across the ceiling".

Most were impressed with the holiday scene and activities. Michael Freeman likes "colored lights", Mike St. John has "holly around the kitchen door", Melissa Freese likes "blue and green garland", and Jimmy Hayes likes to "hang ornaments".

The second question was "If you could give your parents one gift of anything in the whole world, what would it

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### Christmas Seen A Special Way

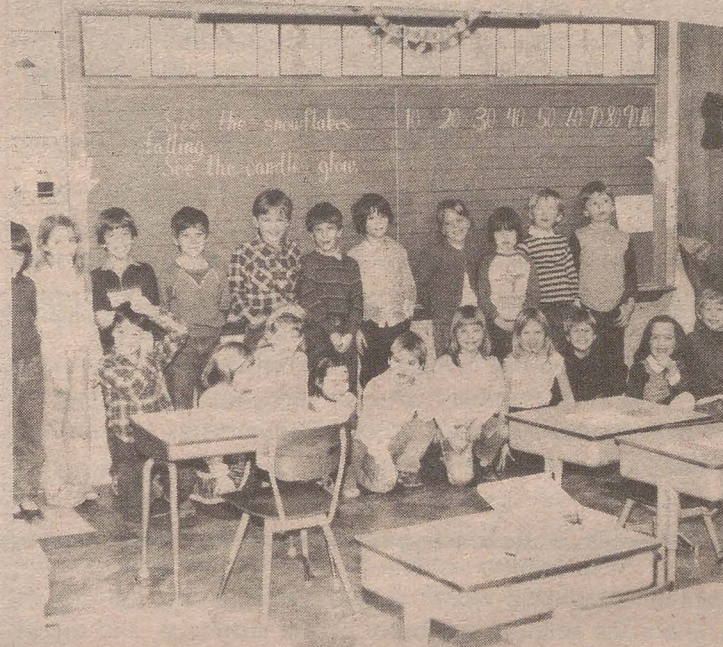
be?" This question was quite interesting as this reporter imagined grand gifts. These little people, however, had other ideas. Kari Utecht wants to give her mom a "perm", Amber Cook wants to give "a plant", Tim Lasecki said he'd like to give a suitcase for their Christmas trip to Florida, Carl Ball said he'd give "a wreath with big fake cherries on it", and Joey Case said he figured his parents "had everything". Lindsey Skiba wants to give her mom a ring and her dad a new wallet to replace the one the dog tore apart and. Peter Allen wants to give his parents "happiness", which you can be sure he does.

Third was asked "If you could have only one gift for

Christmas, but anything you want, what would you wish for?" Six children wanted Cabbage Patch dolls and three wanted Care Bear's. Molly McGuire wants a "bunny rabbit", Robert Williamson wants a "toy gun", Amber Cook would like her ears pierced", and Tim Lasecki wants an "airplane".

The most usual comment and impression given this reporter is that these children were very aware of the color of Santa, lights, and trees in a basic way and care little about expensive things. As long as the love of the family is present and a gift or two is under the tree everyone will be happy indeed!

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Mrs. Cannon's first grade class at Ella White School looks at Christmas in a most unforeseen way.

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## Drinking Age Battle Isn't Over Yet

National on Campus report

Those who think a national 21 - year - old drinking age will become a fact by 1986 may soon have to think again. Though federal legislation seems bent on forcing the states into adopting higher drinking age laws by withholding 10% of their federal highway tax money if they don't, a number of observers think some states won't comply. They'll be forfeiting big bucks if they refuse -- a total of \$22 million for Wisconsin in the 1986 and 1987, for example -- but some analysis says the lost highway taxes will still be less than projected losses in taxes and fees associated with liquor sales.

For students, however, the point is justice, not money. Bob Bingaman, spokesman for the United States Student Association, says the law is patently wrong-headed and student associations across the country are gearing up to make their state legislatures understand that. "On a gut level, I think it's a civil right issue," he says. "How can you tell this age group, 'You can vote. You can sue and be sued. You can marry. You can serve in the military, but you can't drink!? It's absurd!'"

Bingaman says his group and others are considering a constitutional challenge to the law in court. The 25th Amendment reserves control of alcohol to the states, and critics see the coming battle over the drinking age as a states' rights issue.

At the U. of Texas- Austin, Rodney Schlosser, student body president, says he expects the battle to break there in January. "I don't want to let the whole world know about all our bullets before we shoot them," he says, but suggests the students' general plan of attack will include lobbying, educational efforts, and the drafting of positive, alternative legislation.

### DWI LAWS THE ANSWER?

Schlosser points to the fact that Minnesota's traffic fatalities increased four-fold after raising its drinking age to 19. Teens had no trouble getting liquor but took to the dangerous and boring privacy of their cars to drink it. It was only when Minnesota passed stiff driving-while-intoxicated or DWI laws that traffic fatalities began to decrease.

That's the kind of legislation Schlosser has in mind, and, in fact, the Texas Student Lobby has been on record behind tougher DWI laws for the last two years. "We would like to have positive DWI legislation ready to go in January so legislators can vote for something instead of just having to vote against the 21 year old law," he says. Schlosser expects no trouble in mobilizing massive student support for these efforts. The law, he says, has raised their consciousness more than any other issue in the last ten years because it directly touches their lives as defense spending and other issues don't.

At the U. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, president of the student body Randy Curtis says they're trying to mobilize the support of private business in fighting the new law. Students have blanketed the supermarkets in town and all the bars on Water St. with petitions, and they're stumping for a public awareness club called "I am driving." Participating bar owners agree to provide free, non-alcoholic drinks to club members who, in turn, act as chauffeur for the drinking members of their group. Memberships cost nothing and participation, says Curtis, is high.



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## Editorial Page

Christmas is a special time of the year and just about everyone celebrates in one way or another, most through the use of alcohol or some other mind altering drug.

We've all heard the scare stories about the tragic deaths that take place on the roads and highways because someone who had too much to drink got behind the wheel of a car and tried to drive.

When people drink too much it not only affects them mentally, it also attacks them physically. A person may literally drink himself to death. Alcohol affects the heart, liver, kidneys and other organs. It destroys brain cells; every drink a person takes, whether he has a drinking problem or not, kills an average of 50,000 brain cells. These cells can be repaired or replaced.

There are no accurate statistics on the number of deaths related to alcohol. When a person drinks himself to death the doctor may put down the cause of death as heart failure, cerebral hemorrhage (stroke), liver failure, etc. This is done to "protect" the families. The doctors, technically, aren't lying; they just don't mention that these things were a direct result of alcohol abuse.

The number of deaths related to excessive drinking in the US alone is estimated at 50,000 to 200,000 a year.

So if you are planning to celebrate Christmas with a party or two and a few drinks, do so in moderation. Let's keep Christmas safe. Don't drink and drive, the roads are bad enough with the ice and the rest of us want to live.

Meanwhile two researchers at Boston U. are lending their support to the under 21-year olds. Research by Robert Smith and Ralph Hingson in the School of Behavioral Science suggests that raising the drinking age has no effect on overall traffic deaths or on the drinking habits of teenagers. "I think teenagers have been unfairly singled out," says Smith.

Smith and Hingson studied fatal crashes in the three-year period after Massachusetts raised its drinking age from 18 to 20 and compared those patterns with New York which did not raise its legal drinking age. They found New York fatalities declined almost as much as Massachusetts. Moreover there was no reduction among 16 and 17 year olds, the group primarily targeted by the new law.

### CONCLUSIONS FAULTY

The Boston researchers have serious reservations about the conclusions Congress drew from the study it looked at in drafting the 21 year old drinking age law. That study looked at statistics from nine states which raised their drinking ages, and found a 28% reduction in single-vehicle, night-time crashes (those most associated with alcohol). But the survey found only an 11% reduction in overall crashes -- a percentage statisticians say could be accounted for by chance variation. As Hingson puts it: "They have 'suggestive data' but not 'conclusive evidence.'"

The Smith-Hingson study included an opinion survey as well, and from the answers to those questions, they conclude that attacking teenage drunk driving through such punitive legislation may simply foster cynicism toward the legislative process and a disregard of law enforcement. At best, raising the drinking age to 21 would reduce fatal traffic crashes by 2%, or 1,500 lives a year.

Ironically, solid data exists to prove that mandatory seat-belt and airbag laws, which Congress has deferred until 1989, would reduce fatalities 15% to 30% or a minimum of 15,000 to 20,000 lives. Also, says Hingson, passive restraints do not require enforcement to be effective as do both higher-drinking-age and DWI laws.

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## "OOPS"

It was the mistake of the Campus Update not to credit Kevin Moors or Tari Wheelwright for their fine work on doing the layout work for the paper by omitting their names from the credit listing. This mistake has been corrected.

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## A Cabin's View

By Connie Allen

"Heap on more wood!  
The wind is chill;  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Merry Christ-  
mas still."

Sir Walter Scott

The wind sings around the eaves, while head down we hurry out the door, letting in a blast of cold air. This is a "green gathering" expedition and final touch to the cozy cabin welcome. Prepared inside are enough flickering candles to warm the spirit if not the toes. A red table cloth will be laid out for a festive display with a centerpiece of oranges and apples. Piles of fancy cookies, pop corn, and nuts are placed on tables for friends to munch and punch or hot toddies are sipped before the fire.

At this time of year emotions run high. It is traditionally a time of gift-giving and from all ages and beliefs the showing of good will is demonstrated with something special, thought of with care. A good book, hand-knit mittens, writing materials, all gifts carefully matched to the receiver.

Crunching through the snow, arms laden with boughs, memories flow in shimmering light. Past holidays are misty, yet sparkling like lead icicles and candles on a long ago tree. Everyone has had a few special holidays that make eyes go far away, remembering...

This season spread the country charm to family and friends. If from the city take some of our backwoods flavor with you in the form of simple human kindness.

## Information Program Interesting Affair

By Sienna Samp

The Third Annual Student Affairs Information Program was held Thursday, December 6, at the East Campus Cafeteria.

The student affairs information program is sponsored each year by the ACC Student Senate. It is designed to bring students and staff together to exchange information on what is expected to happen around the college during the school year.

This year's program began with a dinner and an opening of the meeting by master of ceremonies, Max Lindsay and Student Senate Secretary, Mary Moreau. Throughout the meeting small presentations were given by such groups as the: Student Senate, Campus Activity Board, Campus Update, Dorm Staff, Residence Hall Association, Intramurals, Men's and Women's Cross Country, and Women's Basketball, in regards to their goals and aspirations for this year.

Each of the organizations gave a brief rundown on some activities which they have accomplished this year. Mary Moreau of the Student Senate mentioned that lockers will be placed in Van Lare Hall on a trial basis for student use. All that is required is that you bring your own lock. John Loflin, who is part of the Campus Activities Board, as well as the Dorm Staff, gave a brief rundown on some of the changes that have been occurring at the dorm since it was put up for sale. Sienna Samp, of the Campus Update, talked on the goals the news staff has set for this year and stressed that the Campus Update is a student paper and should meet the student's needs.

It was the general consensus of all those representing a sport of one kind or another that their teams had gotten off to a slow start, but were working together. A poem read by Jane Levitan in her presentation for women's basketball was certainly fitting of the type of thought not only team members should keep in mind, but each and everyone of us who has a distant goal they are trying to reach. Jane's poem went something like this:

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh.  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must but don't you quit.  
Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And a many a person turns about  
When they might have won if they'd stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup;  
And he learned to late when the night came down  
How close he was to the golden crown.  
Success is failure turned inside out  
So stick to the fight, when you're hardest hit  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

Also in attendance were the Board of Trustee members, Deans of the Alpena Community College, and some staff members.

## Composite Squadron Formed

By Monica Jahnke

The Thunder Bay Composite Squadron is composed of senior and cadet members of the Civil Air Patrol. Members are involved in a trifold mission: 1) search and rescue (SAR), 2) cadet programs, and 3) Aerospace education.

SAR will do three out of four searches for a downed aircraft. They do this at a cost somewhat less than 1% of what the Air Force charges. Members are also called upon by local authorities to search for missing persons and they cooperate with Civil Defense in their Civil Defense exercises.

In preparation for these missions, members must be trained in First-aid, and radiological monitoring.

Members work in two areas: air and ground. Cadets serve in the ground capacity. Cadets consist of young people between the ages of 13 and 18 and are taught in two areas. First, leadership and Aerospace. Secondly, learning all the requirements necessary on SAR missions. They also have an opportunity to participate in special schools sponsored by the Air Force. Such schools are the Academy Prep School and Solo Encampments, where they learn to solo an Airplane.

Aerospace education is an integral part of the cadet program, which also extends to the schools and community. In this program, with the cooperation of the Air Force, cadets can arrange for static display and can develop an aerospace curriculum within schools and other community organizations.

The Thunder Bay Composite Squadron has the advantage of having Phelps Collins International Guard Base and Wurtsmith Air Force Base to call upon for resource assistance with people and equipment. The Alpena Community VFW, and American Legion have been supportive, when called upon.

According to Major Bob Fournier, there are no requirements; Applicants do not need to be pilots, but they should possess a sincere desire to associate with airplanes and those who fly them.

Fournier added, "If you like airplanes, then you are the person we're looking for."

The first meeting was held on Tuesday December 4, 1984. Future meetings will be held weekly on Monday evenings at Phelps Collins Air Field.

For further information, contact Major Fournier, Van Lare Hall.



Thunder Bay Composite Squadron at one of the first of their meetings.

## Ski Club Takes A Vacation

By Jackie Sommerfeld

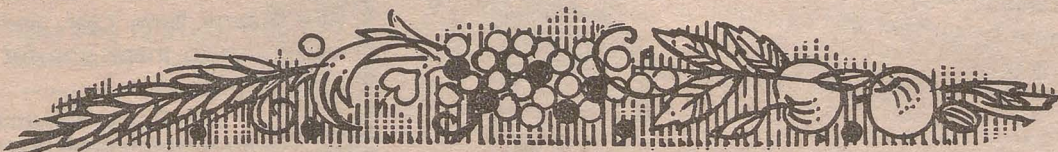
During spring break February 23, thru March 3, 1985, 15 eager ACC Ski Club members will be traveling to Auberge, Canada for a ski vacation.

The students will travel by train from Sarnia to Quebec City, to ski on Mt. St. Anne in Auberge, which is an all-French speaking community. Mt. St. Anne is 2,650 feet high, with 30 different slopes

for those who like a challenge.

The ski enthusiasts will be staying at Auberge Motel, where they will be offered a free breakfast and dinner daily. The motel is also hosting a special wine and cheese party for their ACC guests.

Funds for the trip are mainly provided by the students, although they've been selling sun glasses and raffle tickets to help ease the cost of the excursion.





By Tracy Urban

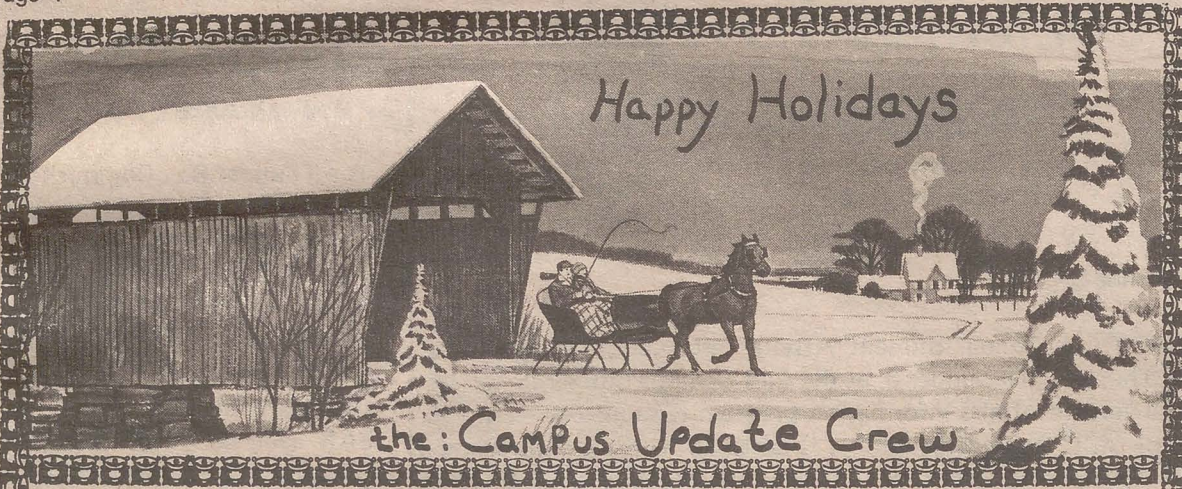
Dear Santa,

Every year at Christmas time I write to you with a long list of material wants. This year my Christmas wishes may be a little harder to fill.

I would like everyone to be filled with peace and joy, I'd like to see someone come up with a way to help those poor people in Ethiopia, I want an end to ALL world hunger, and do you think you could find a way to stop the terrorists in Iran and other places from hurting anyone else.

I know this is a tall order, but with these things you would not only make me, but a world full of others, happier.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



## All I Want For Christmas Is...

By Ursula McClendon

Christmas is a time where we have the opportunity to give others presents. It also is a time to receive gifts. Recently, the following members of the ACC student body were asked, "What would you like for Christmas?"

"A black vette."

Jeff Blust

"A ride in Jeff's corvette."

Julie Brutmeyer

"A blue tone seville, because I want to drive up to Alpena and give Irish-girl a ride in it."

Pam Pringle

"I'd like to get all A's on my next report card."

Andrew Lewis

"I want to have Chaka Khan all to myself."

Alton Hardy

"I'd like to have twelve eligible healthy bodies."

Frank McCourt

"A 1984 Pontiac Fiero- red with a walnut interior."

Candy Hiser

"A red corvette (1984) and a chauffeur (6', muscular build)"

Patti Hallam

"I want to win the Lotto!"

Charlene Crowe

"The ACC cheerleaders for one night. (The other six nights are for the women's basketball team!)"

Randy Darnell

"I want the parties at the Cedars to come back."

Karl Shuler

"I want Robert Redford gift wrapped and under my Christmas tree."

Kelly Gates

"To be beamed somewhere for three days where I could sleep and find my sanity!"

Monica Wozniak

"I'd like to rent a limo with everything in it for one night."

Cyndi Feltz

"My two front teeth."

Todd Dewell

"To make it through college!"

Tom Hastings

"My car payments to be paid for, and a trip to California."

Melissa Burrone

"I want to own the whole country of Cuba."

Dwayne Houston

"The ACC Lady Lumberjack basketball team for one night- that's all I could handle!"

Mike Bouchard

"Love, peace and contentness for the world, and money, a profitable business and a 6'2" eyes of blue for me."

Val Willis

"To dress like Morris Day"

Leiron Chandler

"I want Christy Brinkley's phone number."

John Webber

As for me, I'd like a gift wrapped bunch of hustle, so I could be quicker at basketball practice!

Ursula McClendon



## Jewish Festival of Lights

By Connie Allen

In the Jewish religion the holiday time, between November and December, is the Festival of Lights or Dedication, called Hanukkah or Chanukah. Jewish history relates that in 165 BC a large force of Jews led by Mattathias vanquished an army of Syrians. The Jews were fighting against being forced to worship the Greek gods. They wished to pray to their one God, Jehovah, from the time of Moses. Mattathias and his sons were called the Maccabees. Maccabee means "hammer" in Hebrew.

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev. On the Roman calendar this day falls at the end of November or sometime during December. The holidays last eight days to celebrate the eight days the sacred oil lasted after the Maccabees reclaimed their temple. The Menorah, the temple lamp of old, was used to burn the oil in nine cups, the first cup being the Shamos or servant. Most modern Menorah's hold candles and one is lit for each of the eight days, beginning with one and adding another each night. Each night the Shamos is lit first and then used to light the others.

Small gifts are exchanged during this time, special foods served, games played, and other traditions observed.

All Jewish families remember their fight for freedom to worship as they chose, without fear. They share the spirit of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, with all people who love freedom.

To Dr. L. Aufderheide and the Journalism staff:

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, and I would like to thank you for a good semester.

Renee Kaschner

By Tracy Urban

C is for Children everywhere

H is for Happiness we can share

R is for Reindeer prancing and pawing with each little hoof

I is for Icicles dripping down from the roof

S is for Santa, the spirit of giving

T is for the Tree we all help trimming

M is for Mother who works hardest of all

A is for Angels we hang on the wall

S is for Stockings and stars in our eyes, waiting for Christmas sunrise.



# Facts and Fancies

By Connie Allen

Twelfth Night -- Jan. 6, the day the Wise Men visited the Christ Child. These wise men, called Magi, were a sect of priests among the ancient Medes and Persians. They were celebrated for their enchantments, their learning as astrologers, and for great wisdom. It is from the Magi that we have the word "magic" given to the art of enchantment.

Baboushka -- In Russia an old woman was supposed to have misdirected the Wise Men when they asked the way and refused to shelter the Holy Family when they fled into Egypt. Now she journeys through Russia knocking on doors, holding a candle close to each child's face as he lies sleeping. After slipping a toy under the pillow, she hastens away, still searching for the Babe of Bethlehem, whom she has never found.

The First Christmas Card-- It is reputed that the first Christmas card, as we now think of it, was dispatched in 1845 by W.C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters. He sent lithograph copies to his friends.

Boxing Day -- In England, Dec. 26 is known as Boxing Day and it is during this time the English exchange gifts. Its origin antedates Christmas, being traced to a Roman custom of giving and receiving presents during the Saturnalia. Saturnus, who taught the arts of agriculture, was dedicated to welcoming the germinating impulse in nature. It was during the reign of this Italian deity that peace, happiness, and innocence abounded and was indeed, the Golden Age of Italy. The Saturnalia was not a day but a season of celebration given up to revelry.

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# A Christmas Fantasy

By Agatha Sytek

"Blue light special now flashing in the Decorations Department, where we are featuring for the next five minutes Christmas tree ornaments at 10% off the regularly marked price."

The intercom blares its bargains as I patiently wait in the "Express Lane" at the local K-mart store. I glance at my watch as perspiration outlines my cinnamon cheeks. I have been waiting in the eight item or less" lane for the past fifteen minutes and I have exactly one minute to drive through seven minutes of traffic to attend by college journalism class. Creeping around my ankles are bursting shopping carts whose operators are hidden behind the packages.

"Ouch," my lower back has been probed. As I turned to detect the source of my pain, I met a pair of devilish, brown eyes partially covered by an oversized, red ski hat. A high-pitched, boyish voice squeaked, "Sorry, lady, it was this dumb Christmas star. My mom wanted it for the top of our tree. I don't know why, it's so ugly," he grunted.

My attention focused on the scruffy lad and my anger as well as my pain began to melt. "Christmas" I thought, "Is that why I'm here?" "Did he say Christmas star?"

I began to examine the star. "Hmmm," I thought to myself, "the boy has a point. It certainly lacks appeal." "The problem," I reasoned, "was that it was just too simple."

Suddenly the star caught a glimmer of light. Its brilliant hue cast a spell on my emotions. The object's simplicity transformed into a quiet magnificence that enthralled me. The activity around me began to fade. My body relaxed while my thoughts were captured in a web called Christmas.

I closed my eyes as a hum of traditional carols enveloped me. Immediately a wild rush

of fragrant pine, warm spices and bright lights invigorated my senses. Visions of lacy snowflakes and fragile icicles sent shivers throughout my body. The beauty of the sights, sounds and smells seemed to be asking me what I thought about them. I responded with a sigh of satisfaction but then tried to form a definition of the season.

I identify much of my Christmas with the material traditions it involves. For example, the Christmas tree, ornaments, feasting, exchanging of gifts, caroling and religious observances.

In my early youth the holiday season meant the arrival of Santa Claus, Frosty the snowman and a dull Christmas Eve service. As I advanced into early adulthood, however, my conceptions of Christmas have changed.

I continue to cherish the nostalgia because it is a central part of the celebration. The sentiment, however, is superficial when compared to the spirit of reconciliation the season brings. It mysteriously compels one to release his defenses and extend a hand to a stranger. For a brief 24 hour period every year mankind touches the aspiration of peace. Because man always falls victim to his flaws, the concept of "Peace on Earth" will never completely occur. Peace within oneself, however, is the wise man's answer to earthly peace. It is with that peace that I define Christmas.

A smile was beginning to crease my lips as my thoughts travelled from the peace I hope to obtain to the irritating calling now ringing in my ears.

"Ma'am, Ma'am, do you want this or not?"

"Huh, what," I opened my eyes to the impatient questions of a clerk dressed in a pale, turquoise company jacket.

"Will it be cash or charge?" I murmured, "Cash" and nervously collected the amount from my wallet.

Sensing a pair of strangely

familiar eyes penetrating my back, I turned to discover the same boyish features that led me through my Christmas fantasy. Fighting the emotion that constricted my body, I playfully touched the tip of the boy's nose and grabbed the star.

"Tell your mother that I think the star is beautiful." I handed it to the exasperated clerk and added, "Include this with my purchase." I gave the star to the boy, extended my Christmas greetings and fled into the seven minutes of traffic.



Christmas is indeed the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Holy Babe of Bethlehem, who grew into the Christ. He is the founder and center of a religion which proclaims one of the foremost philosophies of human conduct.

The roots of Christmas observance, however, go deeply into the folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans, and Egyptians. What we may read of Christmas in ancient days finds its full flower in the past and present customs of our ancestral homes in Europe. There is not a American home that does not color its Christmas with some European observances - gift-giving, trees, greenery, food, games, or ritual.

Christmas is today's name for the Yule, or Jul of the northern Europeans, the Noel of the French, the Nochebuena of the Spanish, and the Weinachten of the Germans. The name given by the Roman Catholic Church is Christ Mass, the feast in honor of the Nativity of Jesus. Sometimes Christmas is written "Xmass" because "X" is the Greek equivalent of "ch" and, therefore, is taken to represent the word "Christ".

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## Former Student Makes Good

By Monica Jahnke

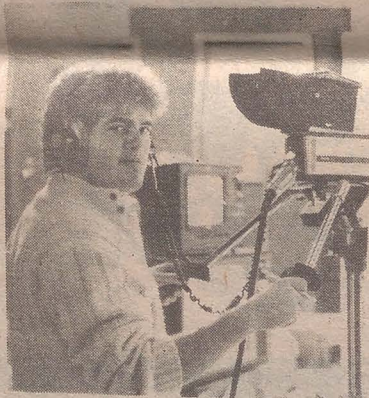
Kevin Schalkofski, a former ACC Journalism student, is presently employed at WBKB TV. He left college in October 1984, to pursue a position as cameraman at WBKB TV. This placed him in a situation many people face at one time or another during their lives. His situation required him to cross a picket line in order to obtain the job he wanted.

His feelings regarding this difficult decision involved positive aspects and negative aspects. The positive aspects ranged from the camaraderie between many of the co-workers and himself; he enjoys the work immensely, and, above all, enjoys the weekly paycheck. The negative aspects are: he lost his Pell Grant eligibility, the insecurity of his job, because of the ongoing strike and he expressed a concern for the lack of understanding between he and former employees.

When asked why he did it, he said "it was for the money." The financial burden he had been placing on his parents would no longer be necessary. Kevin stated, "There were many times when I felt confused about my decision to cross a picket line, but I no longer doubt my decision. I decided I must stand behind my decision and there would be no turning back".

Kevin feels his job is much more secure than it had been. His schedule has been changing. His responsibilities are now more along the lines of technical work, like camera work, as the daily tasks, which were necessary during the early part of the strike, become unnecessary.

Kevin wrote articles for Campus Update in a humorous, down-to-earth style during the 1983-84 school year.



Kevin Schalkofski, former ACC Journalism major has joined the ranks of the WBKB News staff.



## Hunter's Helper Available

By: (MUCC) News Release

LANSING--The most comprehensive guide to hunting in Michigan will soon be available to sportsmen and women throughout Michigan and neighboring states.

The Publishing Division of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) today announced that "Hunt Michigan! How To, Where To, When To" will be off the press in mid-December.

Written by Tom Huggler of Otisville, nationally prominent outdoor writer and photographer, the 350-page book is a veritable encyclopedia of hunting in Michigan, according to Thomas L. Washington, MUCC executive director.

"Nothing of this scope has ever appeared in print before," he said. "We are proud to be able to bring to resident and nonresident hunters in Michigan this definitive handbook of their sport."

"Hunt Michigan!" contains chapters on how to hunt every game species found in the state. It has a separate chapter on hunting in each of Michigan's 83 counties. Other chapters are devoted to hunting opportunities in all of Michigan's state game and recreation areas as well as state and national forests.

The book is generously illustrated with game and hunting photos and contains numerous maps of areas open to public hunting throughout the state.

"Hunt Michigan!" is available until January 31 at a special prepublication price of \$9.95 plus \$2 for postage and sales tax from MUCC, Box 30235, Lansing, MI 48909. After January 31, the price will be \$12.95 plus postage and tax.

All proceeds from the sale of the book will be used for MUCC's conservation and education programs.

## Wurtsmith--appreciation greater than inconvenience

By Gregg M. Robertson

Law enforcement instructor, Herm Bordewyk believes equipment shortages are far less than they were before, but stronger faculty ties with Wurtsmith are important.

Beyond the significant monetary value Wurtsmith has to ACC, stronger faculty ties will increase the equipment supply between both schools and create a positive working commitment between the two, Bordewyk added.

According to biology instructor Russ Garlitz, students at Wurtsmith AFB appreciate the ACC teachers for the inconveniences they endure while teaching at the base.

These inconveniences, according to Garlitz, include some run-down classrooms. Painting is needed and the lack of plug outlets for equipment is a problem.

In transit, winter temperatures results in the destruction of many glass slides used in biology courses and make the 45-minute drive quite hazardous.

Although teacher compensation for these inconveniences is small, and reimbursement for mileage less than adequate, both Garlitz and Bordewyk get self-satisfaction from the gratitude shown by their students.

These are the many dedicated ACC instructors traveling to and from Wurtsmith during 1984; Keith Titus, Speech Communications 121; John McGill, Anatomy 202; Russ Garlitz, Intro. to Bio. Science 114; Robert Fournier, Intro. to Data Processing 110; and Herm Bordewyk, Intro. to Law Enforcement 121.

## Trivia

By Gregg M. Robertson

The court jester and the court fool were entirely different of-fices. The fool was a kind of village idiot, who was often physically misshapen and was kept because the courtiers found his stupid antics amusing. The court jester was physically normal and had a superior mind. His office was to amuse the court with his intelligence and sarcastic wit.

The phrase "to run the gauntlet" comes from a British corruption of a Swedish punishment dating from the time of the Thirty Years War. It has nothing to do with gauntlets (gloves) except by derivation. The Swedish word for it is gatlopp, or gate-run, used to describe a particular ordeal in which a man must run a certain length while other men are placed with switches or other weapons alongside it, beating him as he runs.

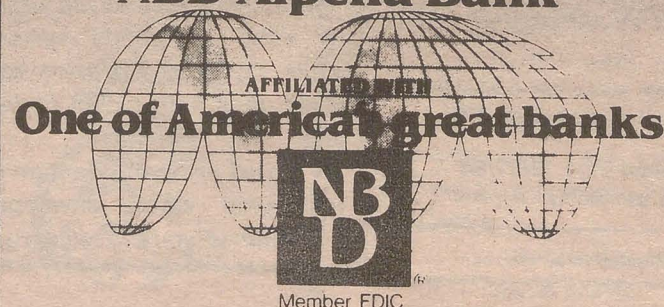
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- 1717 Prussian colonies in Africa sold to Dutch
- 1839 First celestial photograph taken
- 1865 Slavery officially abolished in US
- 1903 Treaty gave United States Panama Canal rights
- 1931 Jack "Legs" Diamond murdered
- 1933 Chaco Truce ended border dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay



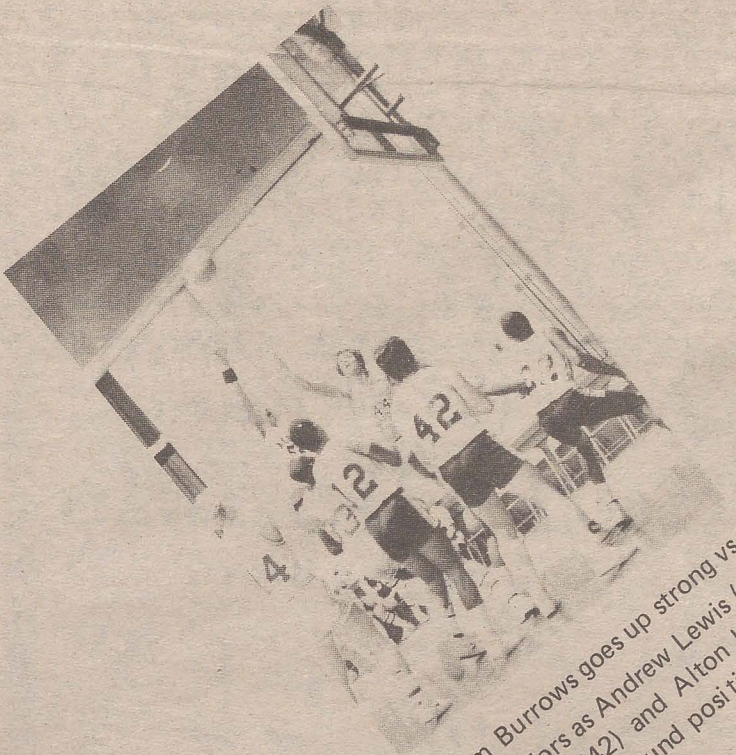
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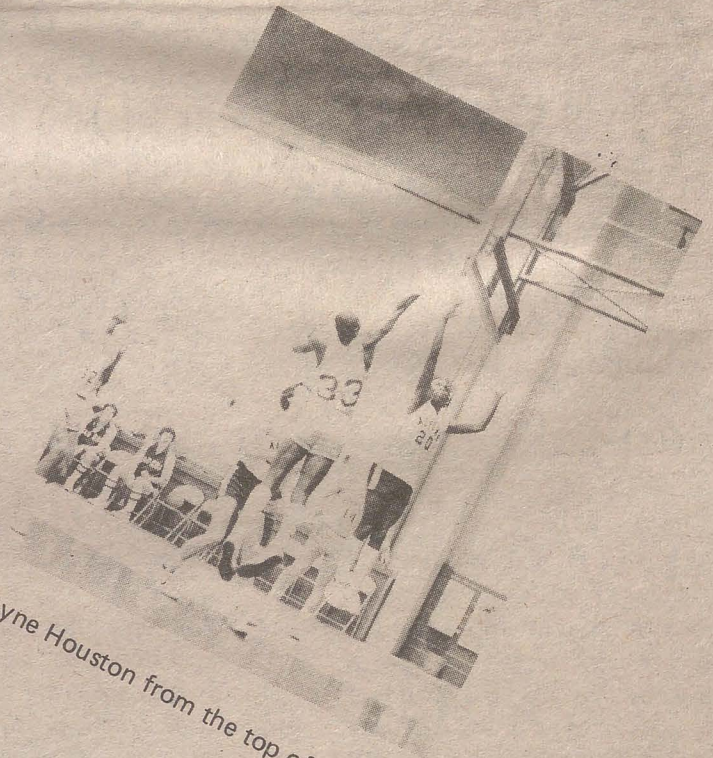
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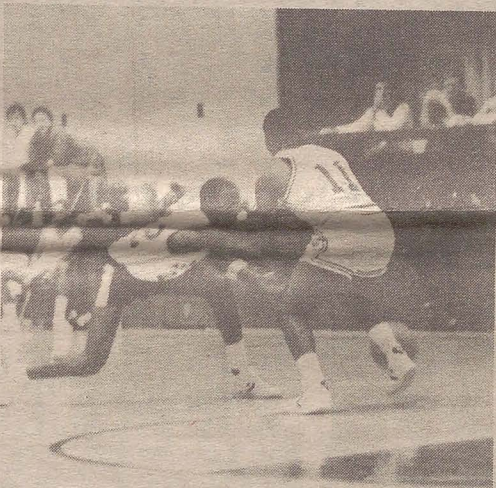




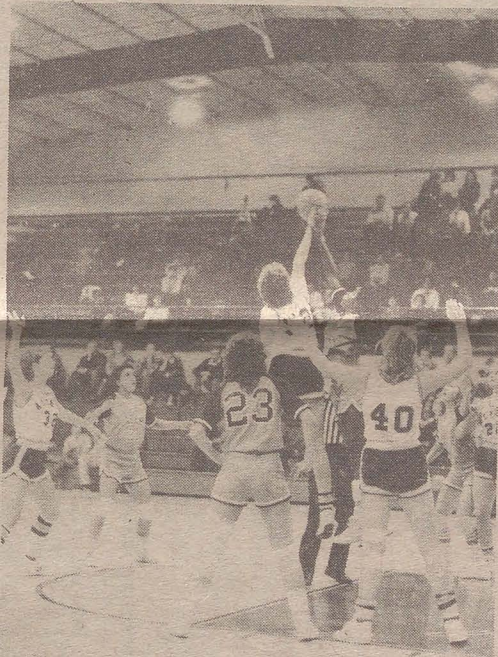
Tim Burrows goes up strong vs. the Warriors as Andrew Lewis (12) Steve Haggart (42) and Alton Hardy (22) get into rebound position.



Dwayne Houston from the top of the key.



Tight defense by Alton Hardy.



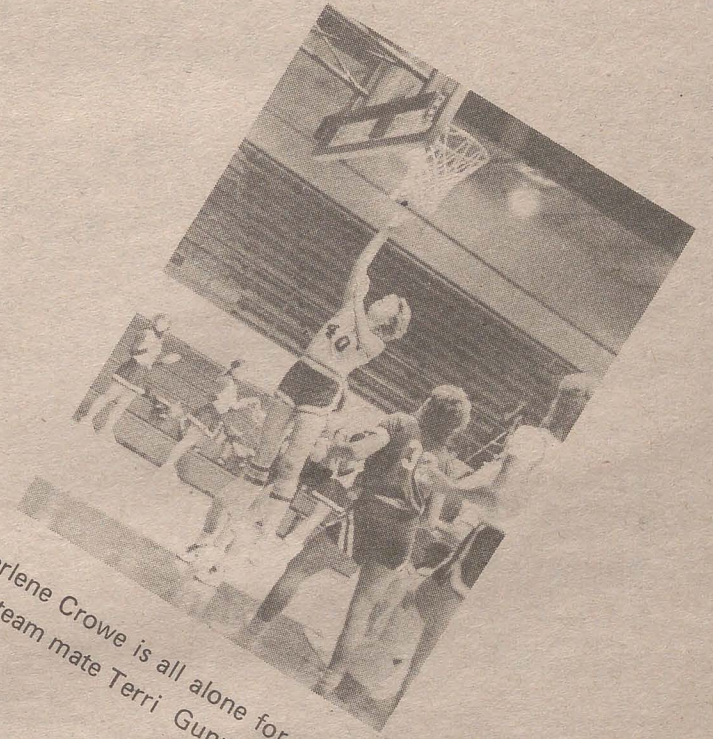
Terri Gunningham skys to win the jump as Val Willis (22) Charlene Crowe (40) and Michelle Campbell (32) await the tip.



Lou Ann Mahalak in action vs. Kalamazoo Valley.



Dwayne Houston lays one up.



Charlene Crowe is all alone for an easy bucket as team mate Terri Gunningham looks on.





# campus activities



## Lumberjack Men Take Loss

By Sherry Clark

The ACC men's basketball team was dealt its second straight loss as Michigan Christian College defeated the Lumberjacks, 78-70. Early mistakes proved costly for ACC as Michigan Christian threw a full court press at the Lumberjacks that enabled them to jump way out in front and land 42 to 25 at halftime. In the second half the Lumberjacks came out in a man-to-man defense and cut Michigan Christian's lead to 13 but that's as close as they came until the closing minutes. Leading scorers for ACC were Dwayne Houston with 20 points, while Steve Haggart canned 13 and Andrew Lewis chipped in with 10.

## Lady Jacks Fall Short

By Kevin Moors

The Alpena Community College Women's basketball team went down to defeat for the fifth straight time Saturday evening, losing 60-53 to the hands of Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The loss gives the Lady Lumberjacks a 1-5 record on the year.

The Lumberjack failure to work the ball inside for the score contributed largely to the setback. The Jacks also had two players foul out, while both teams were into the one on one bonus midway through the second half.

The Lady Lumberjacks narrowed the score by two with 7:34 remaining but were un-

able to overcome the hotshooting Kalamazoo Valley attack. Leading scorers for the Lumberjacks were Terri Gunningham with 16, followed by Michelle Campbell with 11.

The Alpena Community College Lady's basketball team will travel to Cleveland Thursday for three-day Lady Laker, the Invitational hosted by Lakeland Community College, along with Hilbert (NY) Community College and Sinclair Community College. The Lady Jacks will play Thursday at 9 pm, Friday at 4 pm and Saturday at 12 noon in the roundrobin tourney.

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## A.C.C. Basketball Schedule

### Women's

### Men's

Sat., Jan. 19, 1985	Schoolcraft	2:00 p.m.	Livonia
Sun., Jan. 20, 1985	Madonna	1:00 p.m.	Detroit
Wed., Jan. 23, 1985	Oakland	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Fri., Jan 25, 1985	Schoolcraft	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Wed., Jan. 30, 1985	Highland Park	5:00 p.m.	Highland Park
Sat., Feb. 2, 1985	Delta	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Wed., Feb. 6, 1985	Mott	6:00 p.m.	Flint
Sat., Feb. 9, 1985	Henry Ford	6:00 p.m.	East Campus
Sat., Feb. 16, 1985	Oakland	6:00 p.m.	Pontiac
Sat., Feb. 23, 1985	Madonna	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Tue., Feb. 26, 1985 through Fri., Mar. 1, 1985	State Tournament at Glen Oaks C C		
Mar. 5 - 7 - 8, 1985	Region XII Championship		

Sat., Jan. 19, 1985	Schoolcraft	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Wed., Jan. 23, 1985	Oakland	7:00 p.m.	Pontiac
Sat., Jan. 26, 1985	Macomb	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Wed., Jan. 30, 1985	Highland Park	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Sat., Feb. 2, 1985	Delta	8:00 p.m.	Univ. Center
Wed., Feb. 6, 1985	Mott	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Sat., Feb. 9, 1985	Henry Ford	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Wed., Feb. 13, 1985	Schoolcraft	8:00 p.m.	Livonia
Sat., Feb. 16, 1985	Oakland	8:00 p.m.	East Campus
Wed., Feb. 20, 1985	Macomb	8:00 p.m.	Macomb
Mar. 7 - 9, 1985	Region XII Championship		Schoolcraft

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