

# Editorial

## WHERE TO PARK IT?

Some of us at ACC feel that the distance between our student parking lot and VLH are a great length apart.

When an anonymous ACC student was asked what she thought about our parking arrangements, she replied that "they stink." "We are the ones paying the tuition. It is not fair that we park across the street while the teachers park right outside the door."

She is not the only student that feels this way. There are other students that feel it is not only a long walk but a dangerous one since they have to cross a semi-busy street.

When comparing ACC's parking situation to that of Ferris State University's, it was discovered that they have more parking problems than we do.

They have to pay a \$24 parking fee just to have their cars on campus. The only parking that

is anywhere near the school is reserved solely for faculty members. The first offense for parking in the faculty lot is a \$5 fine.

At ACC, there is no parking fee. Our first offense is only a warning and our second offense is a \$2 ticket.

There is not any street to cross when going from NRC to BTC. The only time you cross a street is going to and from VLH, and the speed limit on Johnson Street is 30mph for the student's protection.

So maybe we do not have it so rough. Next time you get a warning for parking in a "wrong spot", think of the students at Ferris getting a \$5 fine for doing the same thing.

As far as crossing Johnson Steet goes, we are all age 18 or older. If we are responsible enough to attend college, then crossing a street should not be too hard of a task to handle.

## Advance Notice-Class Cancellations

"I hate coming up here for my early morning class only to find it canceled! My next class isn't for 3 hours and I live one hour away so I can't just go home and come back later." reports one student. Another says "I was amazed when I took my first class at North Campus. At South Campus you're called if a class is canceled Why not?"

This is not the opinion of just these two students either. Those students who drive long distances for classes here are all of the same opinion: "Why can't we be notified before the class that it has been canceled? Why do they just post it on a wall or two and that's it"? Some students come for one class, only to find that it has been canceled.

The long distance students aren't the only ones to complain. Students that live right in the Alpena area say that with even as much time as two hours between classes it is sometimes not worth going home.

Both long distance and local students say it would help to know

a class is canceled before taking kids to a sitter, than taking them to a sitter, then going to school, finding out a class is canceled, then having to go back to pick up the kids and having to pay the sitter anyway.

"Why do they cancel classes? The college I just transferred from doesn't cancel classes. If the instructor is ill or unable to come to class someone else is found to teach his class instead of cancelling. We've paid tuition to attend a certain number of classes and when they cancel, you lose part of the time you've paid for." said another student.

Some students feel that one way to take care of the problem is to have the radio. Others feel that a Telephone Chain would be effective, with the instructor calling three or four students and those students calling two more students and on down the line. This would be a pyramid effect with each student being notified at least twice so the chain would be difficult to break.

## Early Registration

### Get On It!

Attention students planning to attend the 1988 Spring semester! Early registration is now in progress at the Campus Services Office in VLH 107.

Preparations prior to registration are necessary to ensure proper selection of courses. Knowing which courses to select can sometimes be confusing, which may delay registration, and may result in a closed (full) course before you register.

To avoid this unnecessary hassle/burden, contact your academic advisor for guidance. Advisors' signatures are required for all students planning to register for 9 or more credit hours.

The number of courses offered this Spring are fewer than the Fall schedule, and most of the popular courses are subject to close early. Registration dates are as follows: early registration now through Dec.23, central registration is Jan. 6-7, and late registration is Jan. 11-12 and Jan. 13-22.

## Campus Activities

### Field Trip

On Thursday, November 4 the Law Enforcement Club went on a field trip to the Huron Valley Men's and Women's Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti, and on Friday, November 5, the club went to the Southern Michigan Correctional Facility of Jackson and also the Cotton Regional (maximum through minimum security). After, they went to W. J. Maxi's Juvenile Training School.

"Everything went well," Ron Hall, Club President stated. There were no problems at all inside the facilities. It was a good experience for all and probably "shocked" a few of the students as to what actually happens and what it is like at these facilities, where Michigan spends approximately \$145 per day per prisoner on upkeep.

Offered at these prisons are such recreational and lifestyle facilities as tennis, a gymnasium, a basketball court, and total schooling: a prisoner could actually get a master's degree while incarcerated.

Michigan, in Hall's opinion, has very good security. The students, in order to enter the facility, had a very thorough search. Only a driver's license is allowed inside (besides clothes).

In addition Law Enforcement is planning another field trip in February or March of 1988. They are planning to go to the State Police Crime Lab in Lansing.

### Senate Meeting

The Student Senate meeting that was held December 8th covered many topics.

Student Senate wants to have a garbage can painting contest at the first of the next semester. Interested students should sign up in the Student Senate office in BTC.

The Robert's Rules Workshop that was held on Thursday, December 3, was "very beneficial" commented President Ann Marie Meldrum. Many administrators attended. There will be another one held in February.

The Earth magazine will be back with us next semester. Students feel free to submit any types of writing. It will be published in the spring.

The art reception will be held December 16th from 6-7pm. There will be an art display in the BTC lobby. The general public is invited. Student Senate will supply cookies and refreshments for the guests in attendance.

Nick Barroco and Rich Melville were appointed co-chairmen for Campus Activities Board. Judy Haselhund was appointed Sophomore Representative.

Remember, Casino Night is the next big college function. It will be held January 30.

### Paint Your Can!

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS ON CAMPUS: Student Senate would like all clubs to participate in an unique painting contest beginning early next semester.

The contest is designed to generate excitement and help liven up the campus. There will be specific rules set for the clubs to follow, and all materials will be supplied.

The objective is for each club to design a creative picture and or saying pertaining to their club. The designs created will be painted on garbage cans.

The creatively designed garbage cans will be judged by an outstanding judging committee. All clubs interested can pick up a copy of the rules at the Student Senate office.

All clubs are strongly encouraged to participate in the contest. It will be lots of fun and very interesting to see how creative each club can be.

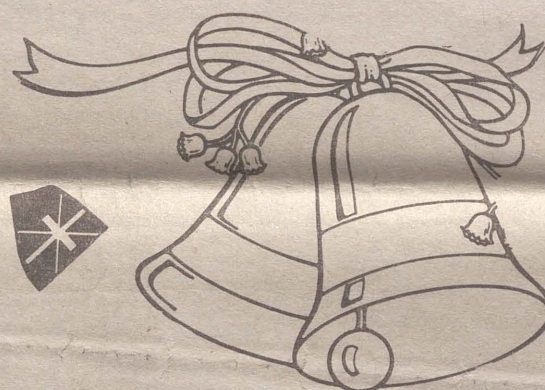
### Earth Revival

If you like prose or poetry and enjoy writing, this article is for you. Earth magazine will be coming to ACC.

John Pines and Rich Melville, students attending ACC, along with teacher Terry Hall, are trying to get enough interest generated among students to write articles and learn how to put together a magazine.

Pines says approximately 15 students have shown an interest so far. Pines will be submitting a request to the ACC Publications Board to organize a magazine and to obtain college funding for the project.

If any student is interested in submitting their writing and in learning how a magazine is put together, they can contact John Pines, ext. 287 or Terry Hall, ext. 306.



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## CORRECTION

In the Nov. 28, 1987, issue of the *Lumberjack*, Joyce Worniak and Aggie Ferguson's quotes were reversed.

We apologize to both Joyce and Aggie for our editorial error.