

EDITORIALS

A SPECIAL THANKS

Congratulations to the Concrete Tech Club, the Student Senate, the Women's and Men's Basketball teams and all other people who made Homecoming an enjoyable success.

From the huge crowd at the games to the electric atmosphere at the dance, we enjoyed every minute of it!

Thanks for a grand time.
Jan and Don Witt

SLIP-SLIDING AWAY?

Have you ever walked outside, in a hurry to get to your next class, and been slowed down by icy sidewalks.

Chances are if you are a student at ACC you have had the pleasure of experiencing the treacherous walks.

One faculty member witnessed two students fall in the same place, at different times, while walking to his own class.

Another faculty member fell on the ice and badly sprained an

ankle. That happened a couple of years ago. Obviously it has been and still is a serious problem.

Yes, the college is busy taking care of other things for the benefit of students and they do a great job of keeping the buildings clean. The sidewalks and parking lot need attention too.

Students are entitled to be able to walk to class without risking injury. Having to walk on slippery sidewalks is not risk free.

COUNTERACT ON ICE PROBLEM

"I think we are doing a super job of keeping the campus ice-free," said Mr. Witt of Buildings and Grounds. Compared with other areas of Alpena, he feels the ACC campus offers some of the best ice-free parking and walk ways in town.

"The most difficult area to keep ice from building up is on the center sidewalk on VLH side next to Johnson Street. We plow and brush access areas every morning from six to seven o'clock," commented Mr. Witt.

In the past, the school has been sued only once due to problems caused by ice, but that case was lost by the plaintiff because the court decided Buildings

and Grounds were doing the best job possible under the circumstances.

Mr. Witt stated that "if anyone has any suggestions, just identify the problem and come up with a solution, and if our budget permits, we will do the best we can."

"My main concern is safety," he said. There is a problem in the parking lot with Mother Nature. With Mother Nature, she seems to get her kicks from sending Alpena a warming trend and then sub-zero arctic winds. This causes build-up before we can deal with the last meltdown / freeze up. "Under unusual weather conditions, we are doing a pretty good job of keeping the campus bare."

HEY YOU, WATCH YOUR STEP

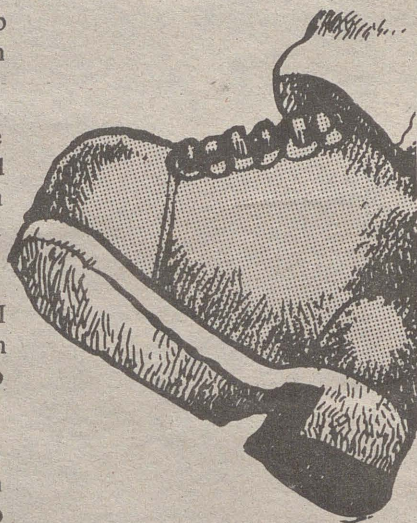
Watch your step, please. If you do not, you may end up with books and body sprawled on the ground, I mean ice.

What I am talking about is the amount of ice on the sidewalks and in the parking lot. Perhaps you have not encountered it yet, but rest assured you will.

Just a couple of weeks ago I was watching out of my classroom window and saw not one, but two people slip and fall.

To the people that fall it can be dangerous not to mention embarrassing. No one wants to skid underneath someone else's feet or shower the people around them with books and papers. It would also be quite easy to break an arm or a leg.

We could look at it from a different perspective though- not every college can boost its students need ice skates to get to and from class. Alpena can!



Slightly Deceiving Descriptions

Are you one of those students who feel slightly deceived by the course descriptions presented in the college catalog? Well, do not think that you are alone.

There is growing concern among students pertaining to the course descriptions. Many students feel an inaccurate picture is being presented, along with several unavailable courses.

The concern that is reflected indicates that many students, after registration, are realizing that the course does not meet their expectations. Some of the courses they register for do not even exist.

Well, some answers have been revealed to help ease the minds of concerned students. According to ACC counselor, Richard Counsellor, the college catalog must be viewed as a brief summary, which highlights the main objective of each course.

The course descriptions are accurate but sometimes they might not appear so due to the different teaching methods of instructors. The brief summary is also used as a guideline by four year colleges to determine transferrability.

According to Mr. Counsellor a number of courses listed in the catalog have been placed on an inactive list. Meaning that the inactive courses still exist, but will only be offered if students generate demand for the course.

The removal of all nonexisting courses will take place when all other corrections and modifications of the college catalog are complete.

A WARM WELCOME

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A welcome. It comes in many fashions... a smile, a note, a telephone call, an invitation to join a table of students for a burger, or sitting down with colleagues to root on our Lumberjacks basketball teams.

But, in every case, a feeling of support and encouragement has certainly permeated the many contacts I have been fortunate to have with students and staff of the ACC community since a wayward Michigander returned to his birthplace. Thanks...you have made me feel a part of something very good very quickly.

With such commitments in mind, I am convinced that we have a solid foundation to build a beautiful relationship upon for the coming years. Certainly, there will always be challenges, but with candor and open communications between each of us that make up this college community, we can



President Newport

tackle just about anything and come out a winner.

My very sincerest thanks for such a gracious and caring welcome to ACC. May we all travel the high road to great accomplishments now and in the future.

ACC DAY AT THE MALL

In recognition of February as National Community College Month, ACC has proclaimed Saturday, February 13, as "ACC Day" at the Alpena Mall. Beginning at 11:00am and ending at 4:00pm, the lobby of the mall will be used by ACC instructors and administrators to present an exploritorium on ACC facilities.

This year's exploritorium theme is "ACC, where Northeast Michigan goes to college". The purpose of this expo is to inform and familiarize students, future students and citizens, about the many programs available to them at ACC.

Under the supervision of Jerry Winder, this expo will give demonstrations and provide

information pertaining to programs available at ACC.

The drafting and design departments will display the latest in technical instruction for the CAD/CAM computer programs. The Fitness Center will display health programs available at East Campus.

Other departments recognized will be nursing, concrete tech, machine tool, auto body repairs, volunteer center, learning skills, educational talent search, upward bound, job placement, and financial aid.

Each booth will provide up-to-date information on each of the departments. Everyone is welcome to attend this expo and extend their knowledge of ACC.

STUDENT SENATE CORNER

Student Senate had its first meeting of the year, January 19, 1988.

Three clubs showed up with representatives; Business Club, Circle K, and Concrete Club. These groups are very active with the student senate.

Business Club is in the process of organizing a support group for single parents. Circle K is working on putting together a movie night this is to be

scheduled only if Circle K receives more funds for this activity.

Student Senate is in the process of planning a reception for Dr. Newport, on February 9, 1988. All Clubs are asked to participate by setting up a table display explaining their club. Students are welcome to

come and meet ACC's new President and ask him some questions pertaining to the college.

Tentatively, Trivial Pursuit will be in March. Also on

their agenda is the winter festival, awards night, graduation, and Spring Fling.

One very important item they are working on is improving the parking lot light condition. They have been getting complaints by numerous night students about not enough light.

Student Senate aims their projects at the student, whether its getting them involved or improving conditions, the Senate is an organization that truly cares about the student.