

Computer Finally Gives Out Grades

After a long delay, Chemawa students finally got their first quarter grades. The computer sent back g.p.a.'s and report cards for 452 students. 153 made the probation list for having less than a 2.0. 74 made the honor list with a g.p.a. of 3.0 or better. The honor roll, 3.5 or above was limited to 15.

For a while the grades looked even grimmer. Someone punched the wrong button on the computer, and it responded by flunking all 271 math students. Secretary Shirley Hendren hand-corrected the mistakes and refigured the g.p.a.'s of all the affected students. "Lord, what a headache!"

she said when it was over.

Why use the computer at all? Well, when it works, it works very well. This quarter it supplied each student's grades on one card and his grade point average as well. They also supplied locator cards, each student's median rank and rank in his class. It also printed a list of all students by agencies, a feeder school listing and a list of all courses and teachers.

Of the fifteen who made the honor roll, eleven were seniors. Three juniors joined them, and one sophomore managed to make it. There were no freshmen--this time.

HONOR ROLL

Rank	Name	Class	GPA
1.	Eleanor Carlitkoff	Sr.	4.00
1.	Ron Morris	Sr.	4.00
3.	Clementine Sheoships	Sr.	3.83
4.	Herman Evan	Sr.	3.80
4.	Mary Stickman	Sr.	3.80
4.	Sharon Watt	Sr.	3.80
7.	Foster Simmonds	Jr.	3.75
8.	Linda Jane	Jr.	3.66
8.	Mary Looney	Sr.	3.66
10.	Lucille Bodfish	Jr.	3.60
10.	Janice Noyes	Sr.	3.60
12.	Jerry Charles	Sr.	3.50
12.	Cora Isaac	Sr.	3.50
12.	Nadine LaClair	So.	3.50
12.	Lynn Miller	Sr.	3.50

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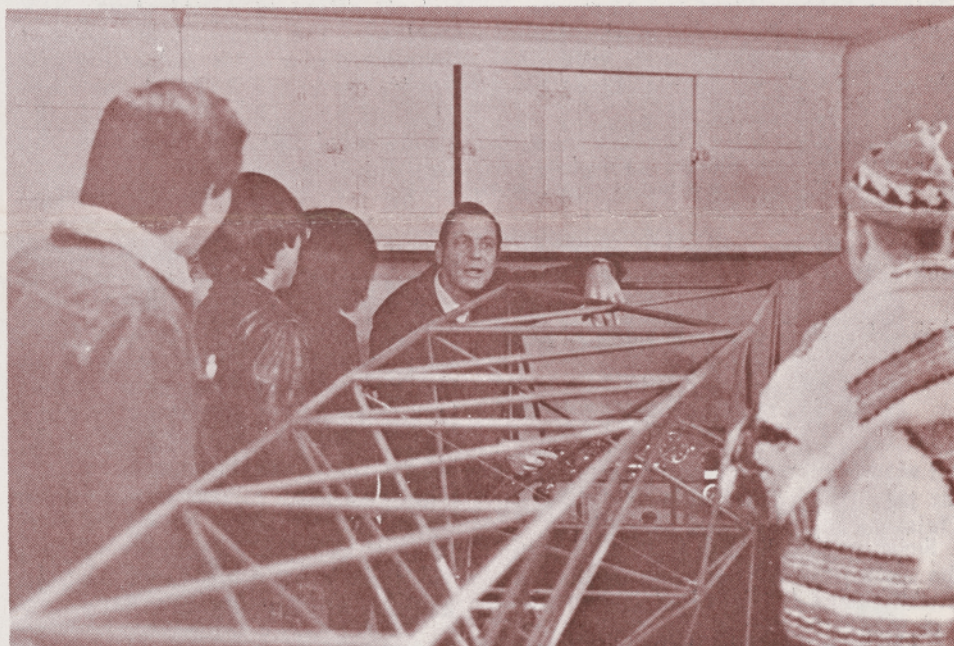
Christmas vacation at Chemawa means travel and lots of it for the students. About 350 students took off for home or other points to spend the three-week holiday. The Guidance Department began working on travel plans for Northwest students on December 1 and the Alaskan student started receiving attention on Christmas travel as early as November 13.

Mr. Tom Wright of Guidance said that about 70 Alaskans flew home for Christmas, and another 50 traveled to see friends and relatives as far away as Boston, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Many Alaskans also spent Christmas with friends from the Northwest.

In order to travel somewhere other than home, Wright said, a student had to have an invitation and parental consent.

Because of the energy crisis and the reduced number of flights, some of the Alaskans had to leave before finals were completed. They had to take their exams early or make up the tests when they came back. Students or their families also had to pay for their fares this time, because the government does not finance the Christmas travel.

"Some kids had their arrangements made when they came here in September," Wright said, "and some we didn't get out until the very last minute. It's the biggest hassle of the year for us, but we see that they all make it."



Mr. Moncrief and his aviation students check the frame design on a plane. For more news on Christmas vacation, see inside. (Photo by Chester Frankson)

Wireless Club Receives Thankyou

The Chemawa Wireless Club and Radio WA7LBO got a thank-you letter from R.L. Echman of Yakutat, Alaska. The club had picked up his distress call from 2000 miles away November 8 and had contacted Anchorage Civil Defense to help him, after his truck had become stuck in the sand and was threatened by incoming tides.

"On the day I talked to you," Eckman said in a letter to Shops Supervisor Charles Holmes, "the truck parts arrived in Yakutat by Alaska

Airlines. My airplane was out then, so a bush pilot delivered the parts Nov. 9, and I moved the truck from the beach with no salt water damage.

"That truck weighs over 12,000 pounds empty, so you can imagine my job to reposition the rear spring on the axle in that frozen beach sand 12 miles from my home."

Eckman told Ham Radio Teacher Don Varnum that, "You do a very rewarding service by teaching ham radio. Best regards to your students."