

Bad Weather Blues

Below Zero Temps Bring Big Problems

Snow is falling, the wind is blowing. Several students listen hopefully for the announcement, "Ashley Community Schools are canceled." Meanwhile, the cooks wait anxiously in the kitchen for the final word so they can either start the meal or go back home.

The custodians, however, didn't have that problem. Though school was canceled, they were here—even on weekends. "I had to come up to the school twice a day to fill up the kerosene heaters in the art, band and shop rooms to keep the

pipes from freezing," remarked custodian Jim MacLennan.

Besides the extra time and work the hard weather demanded, even the normal duties became more difficult. For example, cleaning the bus windshield is never harder than when it is at twenty degrees below zero. And keeping the steps cleared off was an ongoing job with a new snowfall nearly everyday.

The winter of 94 is one that will be remembered by both support staff and students—but for different reasons.

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WINTER BLUES . . . Custodian Duane Saylor can always be found plowing snow on cold, winter days. Duane commented, "I wish I had a heated cab!"

EARLY BIRD . . . Cook Gladys Patrick keeps busy in the kitchen. Preparing lunch every day is quite a chore but arriving at 6:45 on a cold winter morning makes it even more difficult.



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