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## Welcome Freshmen To A.C.C.

As president of the Student Council I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each new Freshman student to A.C.C. You may have already become aware of the great difference between life as you were used to it in high school and the life which is carried on here at A.C.C. As college men and women you will have an obligation both to yourself and to the college. To yourself you will owe the desire to advance your present knowledge; to the college you will owe your interest and ability.

This is your college and it will become only that which you strive to make it. The administration can spend millions of dollars for classrooms and other tangible assets but without the spirit and enthusiasm of the student body, the college cannot possibly achieve all of its objectives.

In previous years it has been stated that apathy was present at A.C.C. This may well have been true in the past but it does not have to exist now or in the future. It is up to each and every one of us to stamp out apathy before it begins. There are many student activities and college organizations which could use your support this year, but you must take the initiative to join and contribute to these organizations. Also the Student Council welcomes any suggestions or criticisms which you may consider to be of importance. In order for the Student Council to be a useful tool of the student body you must work with the council to help achieve your goals. Only by taking an active part in your college can you hope to receive a complete college education.

Denny Fuerst, President, Student Council.

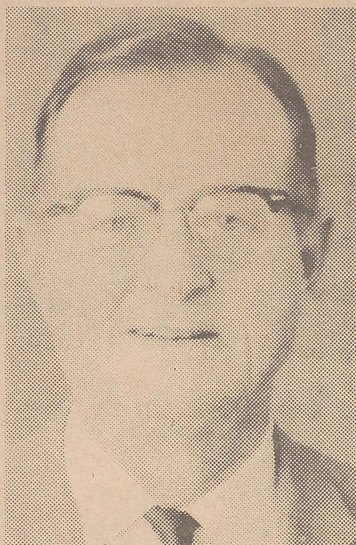
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**NEWCOMERS GUIDE TO ACC** — Which group of students on campus works the most assiduously? Which group has the widest background in liberal arts coupled with a specialty? Which group is the most sought for employment upon graduation with an Associate in Commerce degree? And which group manages to combine pleasure with diligence in the classroom? By this time, you've guessed the answer. Yes, it's the two-year Secretarial Science majors. (Ed. note: Personal opinion in a news item?)

The Secretarial Science program has been identified with ACC since its inception in 1952. Being so closely related to the "front office" of the business community, the secretarial program has constantly sought to keep pace with changing office trends. As offices become more thoroughly automated, the secretary increasingly finds herself placed in the role of an administrative assistant. This means that the current secretarial student must have a wider background, must be mentally agile, and most adaptable.

As a result, the girl next to you in Introduction to P and B, History of Western Civ, psychology, or any liberal arts course may be a potential "gal Friday". She strives to perfect her English, spelling, and punctuation. (This one concept alone would endear her to an employer.) Her vocabulary must be above average. She must be able to compose a letter, answer the telephone, or greet a client with equal equanimity. She must learn to live with innumerable interruptions and maintain efficient production. Her secretarial skills of shorthand, typewriting, and transcription — including machine transcription — must be high enough to meet the needs of the most discriminating employer.

Profile of the perfect secretary? Perhaps. These students have a professional goal toward which they are working. A snap course? The secretarial students don't think so. But the brightest friendliest smiles in the building come from them. They're interested in their progress, but they do have fun in the process. You'll find they make excellent associates.



Lloyd Devol

Lloyd Devol, who teaches economics and accounting at A.C.C. came to Alpena from Bay City, where he had taught at Delta College. Mr. Devol received the degree of Master of Arts in Economics from Ohio State University.



T. W. Jeffries

Additions to the faculty this year include Mr. T. W. Jeffries. Mr. Jeffries will replace William Stinchcombe as instructor of Western Civilization.

## DEAN'S COLUMN

It is my pleasure to again welcome students to Alpena Community College. The college is happy to have the sophomores returning for the 1963-64 academic year and freshmen entering their first semester in an institution of higher learning. There are also a number of transfer students who have spent from one semester to three or more semesters at other institutions of higher learning and are now coming to Alpena Community College.



DEAN  
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I believe students this year can anticipate an exciting and interesting experience. A number of things suggest this. The faculty has been enlarged and instructors are teaching courses more closely related to their major field of interest. A counselor, Mr. Valli, has been added to the staff to provide special counseling services to students. This does not take the place of the faculty adviser but is designed to augment the counseling services provided by the faculty-adviser system. The Besser building is in final stages of completion and will be used by students this year. The expanded technical education program provides a wider range of choice for students and training in greater depth. A librarian has been added to the staff, working with Mr. Hartwick half time and as librarian at the technical library the other portion of her time.

It is hoped that the college can be of greater assistance in student activities this year. Mr. Ritter will have more time to work with the student council administering the program of student services. Mr. Dutcher has been assigned to the college full time and with Mr. Ritter will conduct a full program of intramural activities as well as administering the athletic and physical education activities of the college.

The Student Council last year took many precedent breaking steps designing a new constitution and in general exerted a major leadership role in student activities. They faced their problems with a mature point of view, taking into consideration all elements of the problem and carefully considering the effect on the college as a whole both for the present and the future.

It has always been my feeling the students at Alpena Community College have a unique opportunity to participate in a great historical event for Northeastern Michigan. Many times people with great discernment tell me that the

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