



Regulars at The Learning Center may have noticed that Audrey Voight-Julian was conspicuously absent during the fall semester . . . the truth is that she was on a sabbatical. She spent the time working on her master's degree in counseling at Central Michigan University.

She has been working on the degree for a year and a half to two years, and will finish in December of 1993.

Her degree will allow her to council in the personal field; she already councils in the academic and career fields.

In order to finish her degree, Voight-Julian will travel to CMU one day a week. Let's wish her 'welcome back and good luck!'

The TLC Topic of the Week is tutoring. Tutoring at The Learning Center is free to any student at ACC.

Whether you're having specific problems or just want to keep in good review, there is a tutor waiting to sit down and work with you. All subjects taught at ACC are covered at The Learning Center.

The tutors employed by TLC are students who have taken the course which they tutor here at ACC. TLC policy matches tutors and tutees by subject and instructor, so you can feel comfortable that you won't be led in the wrong direction.

Each tutoring session ends with a quick evaluation; these may be confident. If the tutor you have been matched with does not fit your needs, or you don't get along, you may say so in your evaluation or simply request another tutor.

If you would like to set up an appointment, contact Tutor Coordinator Jewel Lancaster at Ext. 270 or drop by The Learning Center anytime.

Former staff told to take a cruise

Today the paper is yellow and frail, but its pages still tell quite a story of speaking out for one's own beliefs

By SCOTT KING
STAFF WRITER

The year was 1969. Protest over the United States involvement in the Vietnam conflict raged in many universities and colleges across the country. Alpena Community College was not an exception. This is a story of how the college newspaper *The Timber-Cruiser*, evolved into the first incarnation of *The Polemic*.

In 1959 the *Timber-Cruiser* was created. This publication was to be used as a training aid for journalism students and also as an outlet for news, but one thing the *Timber-Cruiser* did not have was an explicit policy guaranteeing freedom of the press. By late 1969 this lack of policy was to cause controversy and ultimately the demise of the *Timber-Cruiser*.

In the fall of 1969 Myron David Orr, advisor of the *Timber-Cruiser* since its inception, resigned and in November, Terry Quinn, an English instructor assumed the position. The main job of the advisor was to check all the copy that the editor submits to see that it was journalistically correct, which means free of any libalst content or other matter deemed unacceptable for publication.

Editor John Taber and his staff were putting together what ultimately would be the last publication of the *Timber-Cruiser* - the infamous "moratorium" issue.

As Taber and his staff were assembling stories for the paper, two features were submitted and turned down. These rejections prompted Taber and his staff to put out the issue

without approval of the advisor.

In a recent interview Taber reflected, "What killed me was, who were they [the administration] to tell us [the press] what we could and could not do?" So he published without advisor approval.

The issue itself contained stories that encouraged students to boycott classes in order to attend moratorium functions. Since the stories were not labeled editorial and since the paper carried the school seal, concern was expressed by the administration. It was thought there could be confusion in the general student body, that the articles reflected the college's official policy. This made for a serious situation at the *Timber-Cruiser* office.

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John Taber, former editor of *The Timber-Cruiser*.

Lawrence Boyer, head of the English department at that time, had to react to this breach of journalistic ethics. Boyer reflects today, "I didn't want anything to do with this." But being the head of the department Boyer and the Dean of the college had to act.

Taber and his staff were suspended for a short time and Taber was also relieved of his duties as editor. Publication of *The Timber-Cruiser* was suspended temporarily.

Changes came about as a result of the "moratorium"

issue. The *Timber-Cruiser* was no longer a paper exclusively produced by the journalism program. It became a paper that the student body could express its views in. The name of the paper changed to *The Polemic* to reflect the new policy. Polemic, which by definition means of or involving dispute, fitted this purpose. A publications board was formed in light of the "moratorium" issue. This board, comprised of students, faculty and members of the community would now hire the editor and advisor to the paper and also settle disputes between the editor and advisor thus preventing another

incident like the "moratorium" issue. Though the board would have come into existence eventually, Boyer said "[Taber's] action certainly hastened it to happen."

Whatever became of John Taber? He now resides in Florida with his wife and two children. He works at a hospital as a Diagnostic Ultrasound Technician. Asked if he would he have done it again, Taber replied, "I'd have done the same thing again for sure. The climate was right."

Find out what's a Buzz on campus

By ELAINE KOSLOSKI
STAFF WRITER

ACC's Buzz Network can be heard several times daily on WATZ AM and FM radio.

The station's goal is to keep the community informed with these 30-60 second spots on college events, sports, clubs and forums.

"The station is making a generous contribution to ACC by running these spots free of charge as a service to keep students informed," says Carlene Przykucki, director of ACC's public relations.

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