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Student Senate sponsors presentation Flint native interprets Malcom X

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Free to all-ACC students is the performance of "By Any Means Necessary: The Transformation Through Education of Malcom X" at 7:30 p.m. on September 24, at Thunder Bay Theater.

TBT is donating the use of its facility to the Student Senate, who is providing the program for the students.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with seating on a first come, first choice basis. Student Senate advises those wishing good seats to come early. When this production premiered in Flint, the theater was filled to capacity half an

hour before show time.

Student Senate will provide punch and cookies at an informal reception in the lobby following the production.

The one man play, written and produced by Flint Youth Theater Resident Artist Phil D. Wallace, is the story of Malcom X's many transformations, generated by his desire for knowledge and by certain realities that impacted his life from 1930 to 1965.

Wallace begins Malcom X's journey in the Audubon ballroom in Harlem where he was assassinated. The play then flashes back to his childhood, his street-life during the bustling years, his time in prison, his conversion to Islam, his trip to Mecca. Through these experiences he realizes that what is important is the brotherhood of humankind.

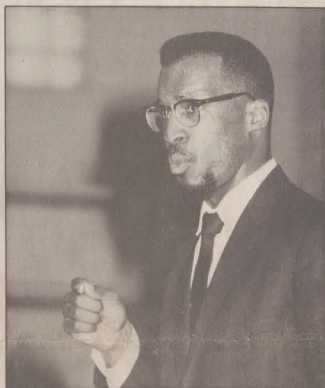
Simple costume changes, action,

dialogue, lights, sound and dance will be used to present the various characters in Wallace's six scene production.

The purpose of "By Any Means Necessary..." is to allow the audience to identify with Malcom X—a man who rose to prominence through the power of education and insight—and will be inspired to try to heal their world as Malcom tried to heal his.

"There is not a lot of black culture in this area and this gives people an opportunity to learn about it, learn about the time and this man," said Student Senate President, Melanie Karschnick.

Wallace was first contacted for a performance by the Alpena County Library for inclusion in their third Annual Thunder Bay Literary conference. He will be presenting the show four times in the Northeast Michigan area.



Phil D. Wallace will recreate the highlights of the life of Malcom X in a special student sponsored activity.

Photo courtesy of The Alpena County Library

Death of missing student shocks ACC

By JAY McDONALD
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Former ACC student Stephan Monaghan, 26, was found dead September 9 a quarter of a mile from his home in a wooded lot in Haynes Township, Alcona County.

Monaghan was reported missing August 29th and was found last Thursday morning by eight K-9 units from the Northern Michigan Police Dog Association. The death is being treated as a suicide.

Monaghan was enrolled at ACC in the fall of '92 in a general program taking English, Speech, General Psychology, Political Science and Physical

Fitness. He was receiving veterans' benefits pursuing an Associates Degree.

Speech Instructor Sonya Titus stated that she remembered Monaghan well. She said he was a student that other students responded to, and he had a great sense of humor which drew people to him. "I could always count on his witty remarks to enliven the class," she adds.

Fellow student Cynthia Argyle recalled Monaghan as a "nice guy" with a "super personality." He spent a lot of time at East Campus working out. He was easy to talk to and loved to tell jokes.

Monaghan was reported to have been depressed and dependent over recent family difficulties.

Classroom expanded by project

By DENISE KONWINSKI
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A new two-way interactive television classroom will temporarily occupy 120 VLH and will be ready for instructional use as early as January 1994, says Learning Resources Director Charles Tetzlaff.

The interactive classroom will allow an instructor to teach at one institution and also to interact and be seen by students in a distant location via television monitors and telephone lines.

The project is possible due to an initial grant of \$2,000 three years ago, allocated for planning, a \$13,000 Kellogg Grant, and a \$40,000 grant from TCI Cablevision of Alpena. Direct costs to ACC are limited, and include the cost of training users, remodeling of classrooms and installation costs. These expenses were prepared for, for the most part, in the initial writing of the grant, according to Tetzlaff. "It's a fairly expensive endeavor," he said. "If you receive a grant, there are always costs that follow," Tetzlaff added.

The initial plan was to install the system in the new Student/Community/Business/Learning Resources Center, but ground breaking for the building hasn't begun yet.

Construction is taking place in the criminal justice classrooms around

students' scheduled classes. This slows down construction, which is already behind by three months.

The system will include a fax/copy machine at each location for distributing and exchanging documents such as handouts. Proctors will probably be utilized for test giving and lab situations.

To also aid in communication, instructors will wear "badges." One of the cameras is programmed to follow that badge. This allows the instructor the freedom to move around and not worry about leaving the camera's field of vision.

The classroom at ACC will hold monitors and four cameras, and will serve primarily as a receiving site in its introductory stage. Tetzlaff sees four year institutions Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie as ACC's main contacts, and adds for, the most part, in the initial writing of the grant, according to Tetzlaff. "It's a fairly expensive endeavor," he said. "If you receive a grant, there are always costs that follow," Tetzlaff added.

Having institutions with vested interests brings ACC President Don Newport's goals for the program closer to reality. Newport would like to see upper level classes from other institutions come to the college, and would like to take ACC classes into the area high schools if contracts allow.

One of the primary advantages to

the interactive classroom, according to Tetzlaff, is being able to merge low student count classes that might have been cancelled otherwise. "That is the intent... it's not the objective... to bring low count classes together."

The new program will also help solve the inconvenience of commuting for some instructors. They will divide their time between sites so that students in one place are not always seeing and speaking to the instructor strictly through technology.

Specific uses for the interactive system will depend on an advisory committee consisting of several faculty members, partners in local educational groups, such as the high schools and four year colleges. "At this point there haven't been any students brought in, but students would be a part of the evaluation," Tetzlaff explained.

The courses decided upon will be open to all students, with tuition at the same level as "traditional" classes. "To involve students at this point as to what courses would be offered is a little premature," said Tetzlaff.

This brings into play TCI Cablevision. When the system is transferred into the new building, there will be more than just the two-way option. Eventually ACC will occupy channel seven through the cable company, featuring classes from universities around the nation and hopefully telecourses.

Potent Quotables

"That was some fire, by George." --Jen's dad on the downtown fire that destroyed four businesses.

"You can see, with a name like Law you can have a lot of fun naming your kids... you can have *Customary Law*, then a *Common Law* and for that unexpected one maybe a little *Criminal Law*." --History and Political Science Instructor J. Wesley Law commenting on his last name.

"I've been teaching for damn near 40 years. You can't tell me there's not a lot of mats out there. I've had half of them in my classes." --History Instructor Richard A. Matteson during a class discussion this past May.