

**Welcome freshman! Welcome freshman!** (This is being repeated because these two words are so rarely used together that they will never be heard again.) Congratulations for your wise choice of an intellectually stimulating and fiscally less demanding institution of higher learning. Added congrats for (again hopefully) making it through your first weeks of school.

Enough of this. You're here and it's time to start being a successful student, but you're lost (or soon will be), and you need help. And here it is! Everything you need to know but probably won't ask.

**A**CC has plenty of resources available to assist every student including The Library, The Learning Center, The Counseling and Placement Office, The Women's Resource Center, The Writing Lab, and The Volunteer Center to name a few. It is up to you, the student, to find and utilize these resources.

**A**CC also has many organizations and clubs that cover a variety of interests other than school including Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, ACC Players, Concrete Club, Student Nursing Association, Creative Anachronisms, The Polemic and more.

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**Nu Omicron** is Phi Theta Kappa's local chapter of the international Honor society of the two year college. PTK recognizes academic excellence while promoting leadership and fellowship in the college and community. Some planned activities include popcorn sales and trips to regional meetings. PTK will have open, monthly meetings and all are encouraged to attend.

**The Besser Technical Association**

is an active group which is primarily for drafting students but all tech students are welcome. Students do fundraising all year to provide trips to different companies in order to learn about the places they may someday be employed in. They can see how their studies apply to some of the equipment they will someday be using, see the different environments available to work in, and learn about some different fields they may want to go in to. Drafting Instructor Owen Lamb feels the trips allow students to learn much more than just viewing a film.

Some past trips have included the 4-Winns Boat Co. in Cadillac where students observed computerized hull design, an auto parts manufacturer in Tawas, and a vacuum cleaner company. Several trips are taken each year, and a bigger overnight trip is planned for each spring.

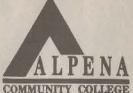
If interested, contact Owen Lamb, club advisor.

Time management is one of the keys to success in Chemistry Instructor Bob Dominic's book. He believes students need to be disciplined, schedule their time in written form, and stick to it.

**The Polemic** is a student engineered paper that is published bi-monthly and distributed at no charge. "Our target audience is the students, and our goal is to inform and entertain them," says Co-Editor Jen Goodburner. Students with a good story to tell are always welcome to be contributing writers, and all letters to the editor that are signed will be run. If you have a story, a thought-provoking idea, or a question you don't know how to get answered, bring it to the editor.

The Polemic office in BTC 110.

Student grumbling already abounds about the parking situation. The fact is, there is plenty of parking on campus, but it is simply not close enough to the right building at the right time, so wait in line like everyone else. And while in line on Johnson Street, take notice of the no parking signs. It is illegal to park there but it is rarely enforced.



**The Learning Center** is a wonderful resource when you need help with class work, developmental learning skills, or study skills. Free tutoring is one option, along with study guides and computer programs, to help with class work and test preparation. Generally, next day tutoring appointments can be made at TLC or by phone.

TLC can also help develop better study and life management skills by offering course work and materials on topics such as time management. Other study skill techniques, like note taking, textbook study, and controlling stress, are also taught.

The Learning Center is located in Van Lare Hall 127 and is open 9-6 Monday-Thursday and 9-3 Friday.

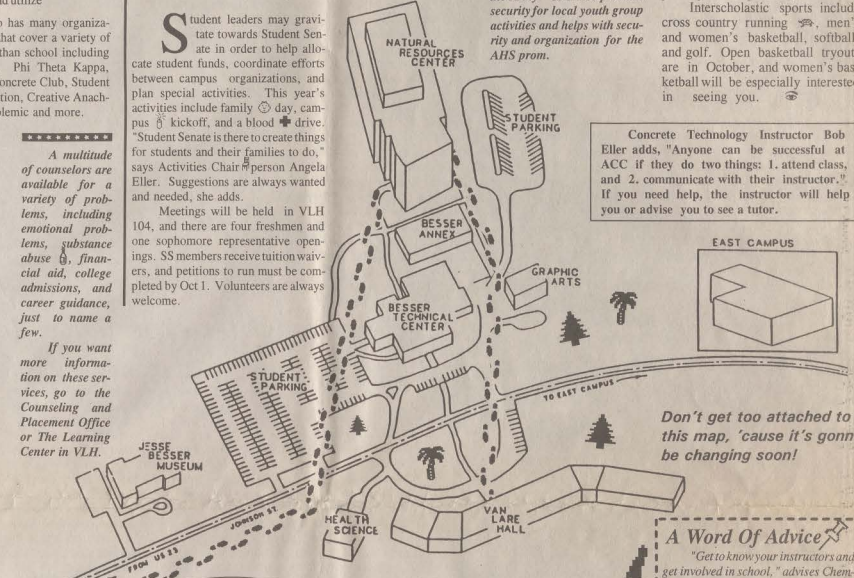
**S**tudent leaders may gravitate towards Student Senate in order to help allocate student funds, coordinate efforts between campus organizations, and plan special activities. This year's activities include family day, campus kickoff, and a blood drive.

Student Senate is there to create things for students and their families to do," says Activities Chairperson Angela Eller. Suggestions are always wanted and needed, she adds.

Meetings will be held in VLH 104, and there are four freshmen and one sophomore representative openings. SS members receive tuition waivers, and petitions to run must be completed by Oct. 1. Volunteers are always welcome.

A multitude of counselors are available for a variety of problems, including emotional problems, substance abuse, financial aid, college admissions, and career guidance, just to name a few.

If you want more information on these services, go to the Counseling and Placement Office or The Learning Center in VLH.



**Humanities**  
Instructor Terry Hall tells us that the number one reason students do not succeed is failure to attend class. He states, "If [students] don't come to class, they won't make it."

In your travels around campus, you may have discovered the elevator which can lead to The Library on the second floor of the Natural Resources Building. The Library is an excellent place to study because of its many resources, one of whom is Library Director Chuck Tetzlaff. Tetzlaff will most likely guide you through an English class orientation designed to make the library seem less threatening. The written exercise, kind of an information scavenger hunt, is a two part training tool that, best of all, cannot be failed.

Other library features include a computerized card catalog which will tell you if the book in question is available, pathfinders which are designed to guide you through an information search about common topics, and ProQuest which is a computerized readers periodical.

Interlibrary loan is available to access books and articles not found on the premises, so if you can't find something, ask! It may be located by GAC, which can search most Michigan libraries, and then shipped or possibly faxed to ACC.

ACC also boasts a direct link to North Central Michigan College's card catalog, which gives us access to all of their information and services. These services are offered free to other libraries and students, but a fee may be incurred if the participating library charges for the service.

The Library will be open 7:30a.m.-8p.m. M-TH, 7:30a.m.-4 p.m. F, 8a.m.-12p.m. Sunday.

It's goose season so watch your step.

The Career Center, in VLH 102, may be the key to picking a career. They offer books, tests, and other information to help with career selection and planning. One option, The Discover Test, is an hour long computer test designed to show which areas a person is most interested in and most suited for. When the test is finished, information about the different careers in the specific areas can be printed out. The Strong Interest Inventory takes longer, but is more specific in the careers it calculates. If you already know what you want to be when you grow up, there are numerous college guides available to help you.

English Instructor Lawrence Boyer states, "Two-thirds of the career selections students originally make are incompatible with the student's skills and interests. If I were a freshman, I would do all I can to investigate and use all the information processes concerning career selection that are available."

Until you make a major decision, "Take a general enough curriculum of transferable credits so that when you change your mind, as three out of four do, you will still have transferable, applicable credits," advises Math Instructor Charley Roushsh.

Another way to aid the career selection process is The Volunteer Center, located in BTC, where internships in certain fields are arranged to earn college credit. Internships or volunteer work can provide valuable experience for those immediately seeking a job life experiences, not to mention providing a good feeling by helping others.

appet slip, and the kind, fair parking patrol may reconsider the grievous injustice.

Of course, every cloud has a silver lining, as does the parking patrol. Be it wind or rain or dark of night, they will turn your headlights off, unlock your doors, or help you change a tire. There is a reason to register your vehicle after all.

If you're into a different cup of tea, there is The Criminal Justice Club which is open to all students interested in law enforcement.

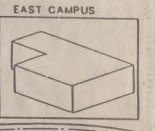
"We try to keep it open to all students because successful law enforcement depends on society," says GAC Advisor Michael Roy. A previously successful activity coming up is career day which features eight in-line speakers from areas including FBI, Secret Service, Alpena Police, State Police, and even the Army. CJC also provides security for local youth group activities and helps with security and organization for the AHS prom.

"School isn't everything," says Instructor Bob Dominic. "Have a balanced life between the mind, body, and soul."

How about sports? Intramural flag football is coming up this fall, followed by many other including co-ed volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, bowling, and softball. Director of Intramural Sports Jeff Duncan says, "As many people are encouraged to participate as possible."

Interscholastic sports include cross country running, men's and women's basketball, softball, and golf. Open basketball tryouts are in October, and women's basketball will be especially interested in seeing you.

Concrete Technology Instructor Bob Eller adds, "Anyone can be successful at ACC if they do two things: 1. attend class, and 2. communicate with their instructor." If you need help, the instructor will help you or advise you to see a tutor.



Don't get too attached to this map, 'cause it's gonna be changing soon!

**A Word Of Advice**

"Get to know your instructors and get involved in school," advises Chemistry Instructor John Singer, and "play volleyball."

Math Instructor Steve Lewis adds, "Work hard and take school seriously. Watch what you eat in the snack bar."

"Expect a world of change. Everything you knew will change," says English Instructor James Miesen.

"Remember, this isn't high school," says Math Instructor Herb Gamage. "Things go twice as fast, and there is twice as much work. Students get into trouble when they hang on to high school study habits."

"Assume primary responsibility for your education. Don't let higher education or instructors push you around," advises Criminal Justice Instructor Michael Roy. "Don't demand an A, earn an A."

"Study! Grades are important!" declares Computer Science Instructor David Dierking.

"If you have any questions about anything, ask. People are here to help," explains Drafting Instructor Owen Lamb. "Use your advisor to help you stay out of trouble. Talk to people."

"If [students] spend less time listening to [their] friends and more time listening to an authority, they would be a hell of a lot better off," states History Instructor Richard Matstos.

But, says English Instructor Sojira Tius, "Don't expect your advisors to live in their offices. They have posted hours."

"Psychology Instructor Joseph Faber and Sociology Instructor Richard Clute advise their students to take strong background classes in other areas besides their area of concentration.

Counselors and advisors are here to help but ACC alumni Kristine Tius offers this sage advice. "Don't rely on your advisor. Double check your transfer requirements. It's your job."

Add Political Science Instructor Wes Law, "Education is the student's responsibility."