

Student intern receives award

■ Maintains 3.9 grade point average

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AGH Radiology intern Linda Schalkofski received an award of \$500 from the Society of Radiologic Technicians.

She is the first of four students from Alpena to enter the new program offered through ACC, Alpena General Hospital, and Mid-Michigan Community College. Schalkofski maintains a 3.9 grade point average, and works 32-40 hours weekly as an intern at AGH.

Schalkofski participates at AGH working four days a week to learn "tricks of the trade." For example, following textbook procedures, students learn techniques such as taking pictures, positioning patients for exams, exposing patients for flatshots, and centering.

Students also travel 280 miles to Mid Michigan Community College in Harrison, once a week, for a six hour day of class.

The RT program is large enough for twenty-one students. However, they must maintain an 80 percent (a "C" average) in each class. Five hospitals participate in the program this year, with Ludington to be added next year.

Out of approximately eleven applicants for the program, Schalkofski and three other students (John Blanchard, Theresa Bussey, and Cindy

Praggi) were accepted this past summer. Selection was based on scholastic achievement and completion of prerequisites.

Schalkofski admits she has always wanted to go into the medical field. "I started out in the nursing program, lost interest, and began to look into different areas of the field." When she discovered the Radiology program, she found it suited her needs because she likes "technical work as well as working with people."

Although Linda enjoys her clinicals, classes and studies, she stresses the dedication one must have to make it through the program. The RT program does not offer normal college breaks or time off between semesters.

Fall semester for Radiology students ran from August 30 to January 7, spring semester extends from January 8 to June 6, and the summer semester is June 7 to August 19.

In addition, the students must work one holiday and one weekend a month.

What keeps Schalkofski going through this time-consuming, three year program, is her strong desire to get a job as an X-Ray Technologist. "There is a lot of pressure to find a job," Linda states. "I don't want to work for minimum wage."

Schalkofski also said that in the future she would like to perform Cat Scans, an occupation which in most places, involves more on-the-job training.



Intern Linda Schalkofski participates in on the job training at Alpena General Hospital.

Action Line

Why are smokers allowed to take away others' rights to breathe clean air by standing and smoking in doorways?

~ Lisa Shayer

Smoking is not allowed in buildings (meaning within the doorways). If anyone is smoking in a building an incident report can be filed in the Student Services Office (VLH 101) and appropriate action will be taken. See Student Handbook pages 25-26. Currently there are no restrictions on students who smoke outdoors.

Action Line is a regular, informational column which answers questions posed by students. Questions dealing with Alpena Community College may be dropped off at The Polemic office in BTC 110, placed in the mailbox located in the lobby of BTC or they may be given to any staff member.


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Benefit art show slated

By KENDRA JONES
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For the second consecutive year, Laurie Wade's advanced ceramics students are putting on an Art for Humanities show to benefit the low income householders. The exhibit and sale of ceramics will take place at the United Methodist Church on Ripley, April 15 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mimicking a project from the Detroit Free Press article on

the Empty Bowl Program benefiting soup kitchens, Wade's students decided to help Alpena's poor. Profits will go to Bill Daugherty, Department of Social Services, and put into SAFE, or Save Alpena From Fire Emergencies.

"Considering what's going on concerning fires in Alpena, this is a good deal," Wade commented. Profits from the sale of the ceramic products will provide smoke detectors for low income families in the area.

Statistics of families using

smoke detectors in the Alpena area show a low 30-40 percent. In Michigan, 64 percent use detectors, and a total of 84 percent in America are users.

Last year, the Art for Humanities project raised \$2,000 that went into a bank account at the Social Service department. Homeless and low income families used the funds for medical emergencies.

The exhibit will be a gala evening of hors d'oeuvres, music by the Bifocal Brass, and most importantly, the showing of Wade's talented ceramic students.

"The ceramics make beautiful, functional gifts," stated Wade. She described an assortment of vases, vessels and platters. Wade also stressed the purchases are tax deductible, just as a donation would be.

Local businesses such as Print Plus, and the head of the public information office, Carlene Przyucki, are also donating their time and effort to the show by providing refreshments, invitations and flyers.

city college out of the ten colleges attending camp. Teams come from states in the Midwest, including Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio. "One of the most interesting things about camp is meeting other students from different colleges and finding out they have the same problems that we do student apathy," commented Amy Betoski of the current Leadership Group.

In the next few weeks Max Lindsay, assistant dean of students, Vernie Nethercut, director of The Volunteer Center and last year's group, will be choosing this year's participants.

Due to the generous amount of community donations, from foundations and businesses, the cost to students is only \$25 plus food expenses to and from camp.

Anyone interested in developing their leadership skills and in attending this camp, contact Nethercut by March 31, in The Volunteer Center at BTC or at ext. 335.

ACC students take art trip to Chicago

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On Thursday, April 21, humanities instructor Terry Hall and art instructor Laurie Wade will be supervising a trip to Chicago of any interested ACC students.

Organized by Wade, the trip's main focus is to allow students a first-hand experience of viewing major art exhibits.

Wade says, "To be able to look at an original Van Gogh or Serrat is just a wonderful thing." She strongly encourages anyone to take part in the trip.

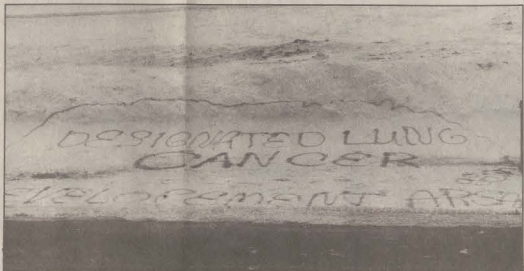
Students and faculty will car pool from Alpena to Flint. From there, they will take an Amtrak train into Chicago.

A number of exciting activities have been planned for the stay. These include visiting the Chicago Institute of Art, the Field Museum, the Shed Aquarium, a special exhibition entitled "One Hundred Years of American Photography," and the play "Shear Madness" at the Mayfair Theatre.

Forty spots have been reserved with quad occupancy, and all of them are filled. There is even a waiting list.

The cost of the trip is \$136, which includes train fare, tickets for the play, and lodging at the Essex Hotel, located on Michigan Avenue.

The students and faculty will return to Alpena on Saturday, April 23.



A protest written in the snow by the health science building draws attention to the outdoor smoking habits of the nursing students. What's next? Tar and feathers?

Photo by Linda Simpson