

Student intern receives award

■ Maintains 3.9 grade point average

By ANGELA BEAUBEN
STAFF WRITER

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 classes.

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

Spragg) 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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Don't forget Spring break begins at 5:00 p.m. on March 30 and runs through April 4!



Benefit art show slated

By KENDRA JONES
STAFF WRITER

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

By SCOTT REED
STAFF WRITER

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.

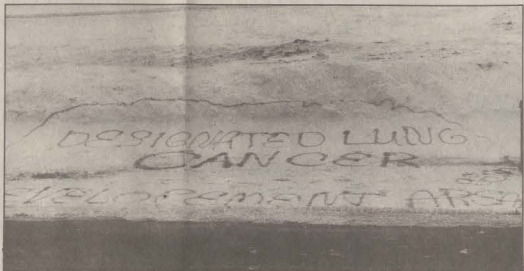
Students and faculty will car pool from Alpena to Flint. From there, they will take an Amtrak train into Chicago.

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

Channel 7 provides new educational opportunities

By JAY McDONALD
STAFF WRITER

Channel seven is on the air! After months of preparation, the educational access channel, which has been showing snow as viewers whipped through their channel stations, now displays announcements of educational happenings within our community.

Channel seven became the educational access station through a negotiated contract between the city of Alpena and the

local cablevision company, TCI Cablevision.

Following deregulation, cable companies were not required to offer educational channels but the city, encouraged by President Don Newport, reached agreement with TCI to make the channel available. The channel became active March 2.

Currently running on channel seven is a bulletin board, representing stage one in the channel's planned evolutionary cycle.

Most of the announcements concern what is happening on

campus, but some other educational institutions are beginning to realize the potential of this space.

St. Ann's Catholic School, for instance, has placed an announcement on the bulletin board.

There are no fees for the use of the bulletin board, but potential users must fill within a definition of educational use.

The usage policy was established by concurrence with the Telecommunications Committee on campus, the department chairpersons, and college

administration. The usage procedure document is available for review by interested parties at the campus library.

Requests for inclusion on the bulletin board can be made with Carlene Przykucki, public information office. Przykucki applies the usage policy to the individual requests.

Chuck Tetzlaff, director of learning resources, emphasized that the bulletin board is not a community forum. For instance, a church's schedule of services would not fall within the definition of educational use.

And, Tetzlaff continued, "If a controversial issue arises, both sides would need to be represented."

Plans are in the works for stage two and three on channel seven.

Stage two will involve airing prepared tapes of educational interest and generating live productions.

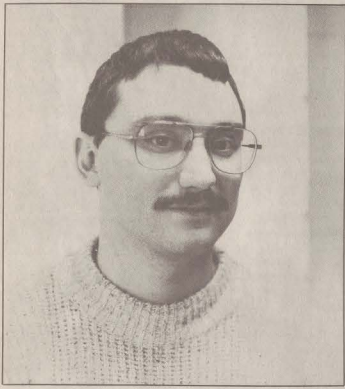
At press time, broadcasts from the classroom had been attempted but sound difficulties prevented their airing. Corrections are in the works and broadcast could be a week or

several months away, according to Tetzlaff.

Stage three will develop, "if a full time telecommunications coordinator is hired," said Tetzlaff.

It would involve "picking off" the satellite and broadcasting from the Mind Extension University programs.

Tetzlaff emphasized that the channel will not limit itself to these programs, however, since the college will "always want the accessibility of the bulletin board, as well as taped and live productions.



Rob Roose concludes his stay at ACC taking a new position at Northern Michigan University. Photo by Linda Simpson

Roose flies the coop

By SCOTT REID
STAFF WRITER

Student Senate Adviser and Financial Aid Technician Rob Roose is leaving ACC after three-and-a-half years, for the position of financial aid officer at Northern Michigan University. He is leaving "because of advancement, better pay and better opportunities."

While at ACC, Roose was also an assistant coach of the men's basketball team for two years and coach of the cross-country team for three.

He received his degree in business administration from

Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

Roose was born in Marquette and raised in Chassell, approximately ninety miles away, so he will be completely at home in his new surroundings.

On leaving, Roose says, "I've enjoyed my time here at ACC, the people I've worked for and with; it's a career move. It'll be hard to leave, but it's one of those things where you have to move up and on."

From here, Roose will be moving to Marquette, where he will join a staff of four professional and five clerical workers.

Campus Clovers

Leaping Leprechauns, it's time to start sharpening those study skills and career goals for the spring. To do this attend the **Study Skills and Career Search Workshop** being offered to students in VLH 127, March 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A workshop will be offered every hour on the hour; the choice of hour is yours. A short-study skills inventory must be completed before March 16 to attend the workshop.

Does it feel like your toadstool in collapsing in on you and you can't dig your way out when it comes to studying? Then leap on over to The Learning Center and get some professional tutoring. It's **FREE** and open to all students. Call ext. 270 to make an appointment.

If you think kissin'-up to the Blarney stone is going to get you passing grades, think again. You could attend improving your test-taking skills workshop which is being offered March 16, 9-9:50 a.m. in VLH 127 and March 17, 11-11:50 a.m. in VLH 105. For more information, contact Jewel in TLC or call ext. 270.

If 'top of the morning' has your head in a spin and you can't quite figure yourself out, then you need to attend the Myers-Briggs workshop scheduled for March 24, in VLH 105 at 11-11:50 a.m. Myers-Briggs is a test that can help you figure out your personality and some of your skills. It's **FREE** and it doesn't even hurt.

Top Leprechaun on campus is Registrar and Director of Planning Mike Hood, who received the honor of **Lumberjack of the month**. Due to his magical appearing and disappearing, an interview could not be had.

Are you having a hard time finding a pot of gold at the end of your rainbow to finance your next project? If this is the case then check out the **Grantsmanship Training**, to learn how to write grants, happening on April 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at NRC #50. Carol Shaffo, AICP, from NEMCSA will be the trainer. Cost is \$68 for training, materials and lunch. Registration forms are available at The Volunteer Center in BTC.

Are ye lookin' for something to do with the wee laddies over the weekend? How about some **FREE** entertainment and **FREE** food? Student Senate is having its annual **Family Day** on March 26. Start the day with the movie "Hook" at 11 a.m. at The Royal Knight Cinema, then on to lunch at EAC. From there, all will be entertained with scenes from the production of "Aladdin" by ACC Players. So bring your Grams, Grams and laddies to a very enjoyable day. This event is open to the entire campus community. Come one and all.

Irish eyes are crying, almost. Due to the resignation of Rob Roose, Student Senate is looking for a new adviser. Staff who may be interested in advising can apply through Student Senate office.

Only in Michigan . . .

In Louisiana they do it Cajun style. In the southeast they add a touch of Mexican.

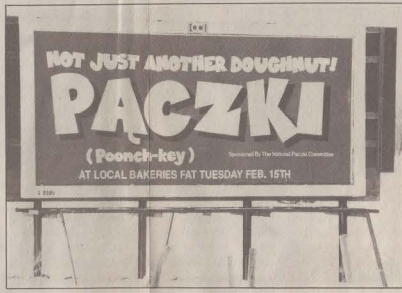
Now the people "up-north" have found a flavor of their own - **Punczki** - traditional donuts, of the Polish.

Punczki originated in Poland as an indulgence before the Lenten season, a time of fasting.

"[The spreading popularity] is unbelievable . . . being Polish on Punczki Day is like being Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Everyone wants to get in on the action," said one Michigan bakery owner.

Many bakeries in the area sold homemade punczki for "Fat Tuesday," the day before Lent, and sold them for as much as \$7 a dozen.

Local bakeries will carry punczki throughout the Lenten season, which ends on Easter Sunday.



This Alpena billboard erected for the first year attests to punczki popularity. Photo by Linda Simpson

Balloon & Gift Boutique
nappies - streamers
plates . . . and much more
18" Mylars \$ 1.92

1101 State Street
356-2217

In store coupon
15% off
paper party
supplies for
graduation
applies to non sale items
exp. 4/6/94

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Superior Forest Trade
Meet the Creators . . .
~ also ~
Trendy Jewelry Minerals
Photography Crystal Wrapping and MUCH MORE!
The Crystal Forest

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W. Chisholm 356-6175
Bring in this ad for 15% off your first purchase

Student Senate announces:
Family Day
March 26, **FREE** to the whole family! See 'Hook' 11 a.m. at Royal Knight Cinema
Lunch at EAC, served by McDonalds
ACC Players will be performing scenes from 'Aladdin' after lunch
This event is open to all members of ACC community and their families.

Softball season starts soon

By JEREMY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

The Alpena Community College women's softball team began practice last week despite mountains of snow that make softball seem months away.

This year's team has two new coaches, Coach Andrea Albert, who is also the co-coach for the Lady Jack basketball squad, and Coach Frank McCourt, who is the athletic di-

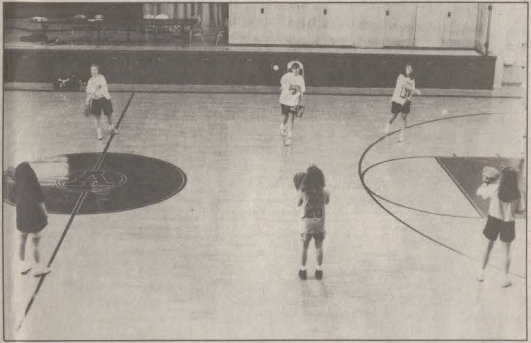
rector and former men's and women's basketball coach.

Returning from last year's softball team are: pitcher, Tracy Haugerud from Alpena; infielder, Lisa Paradise from Au Gres; outfielder, Renae Gates from Johannesburg; and infielder Lisa Wekvert from Posen. The new sophomores are Heidi Haskins from Alcona and Patty Truman from Alpena.

The team is helped by six freshmen, who include, Julie Leeck, Lynn Brege, Amy Samson, and Shannon Bauer, all

from Alpena. Amy Lee from Atlanta and former all-state outfielder Wendy Smith from Hillman round off the 1994 squad.

ACC fields a team for the fourth consecutive year. Albert stated, "We have really good athletes, but with only twelve players we have very little depth. We lack experienced pitchers and catchers. If our pitchers and catchers develop and we can win close to half of our first twelve games (all on the road), we will probably be all right."



Women softball players beat the cold by practicing in the East Campus gymnasium.
Photo by Linda Simpson

Volunteerism provides college credit

By JULIE SMIGELSKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"I think of schools where young people are called out not only to academic achievement, but to work in hospitals and nursing homes, tutoring programs and homeless shelters, as a fundamental component of education." - President Bill Clinton

Service-Learning is a nationwide program which incorporates a sense of civic responsibility and pride in, and for, America's students. It's volunteerism with a twist which is centered around the benefits the students receive as they enhance their community and their college.

Ask Lori Edgar, an ACC student who tutored at Besser Elementary School last semester, how it feels to work an hour a week with elementary students,

Lori says, "I walked into a classroom with thirty-two pairs of eyes staring at me. Children have a unique way of seeing through people's actions and I knew that these children would be able to unmask any facade I was wearing."

Fortunately I was open and honest while working with the class and I quickly gained respect and an opening relationship with the students. The feeling of fulfillment acquired from helping the children work through their difficulties and seeing their achievements made the experience more than I had ever anticipated."

There are many benefits to the student working with Service-Learning. These include:

- Classroom credit (determined by instructor)
- Exploration of a career or major
- Enrichment and application of classroom knowledge

- Improved self-esteem
- Development of teaching skills
- Documentation of volunteer hours
- Development of critical thinking skills
- Ethical/moral development

There are also benefits to the college:

- A broadening nature and role of education
- Enriching curriculum and learning opportunities
- Improved college-community relationships

Benefits to the community include:

- Human needs are met
 - Responsible citizenship promoted
 - College resource available
 - College partnership
- Students can become involved in the project by calling the Service-Learning Center at ext. 373.

Students have a Right-to-Know

■ Current completion rates don't tell the whole story

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
NEWS EDITOR

The 47 percent completion rate for full-time students is not telling the whole story, but future rates will.

The rates, which were mailed to all students and staff, are part of the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act.

The completion rates are required for the part of the act which states colleges need to record their students' and student athletes' progress to inform prospective students of these statistics.

ACC started keeping track of 400 new full-time students in

the fall of 1990 and allotted the students a 150 percent degree completion time (three years to earn an associate's degree). In 1993, the first rates were tabulated.

Since the rates are based on one relatively small class, the numbers are not necessarily statistically accurate.

The statistics don't account for anyone who didn't graduate within the three years.

A 1990 student who became part-time after originally registering as full-time would be reported as a full-time noncompleter. This would not affect the student but would skew the data until those students graduate.

Another problem with the numbers is they don't account for students who transfer without graduating.

Within two years, though, information on the 1990 students will be available from four year colleges. Assistant Dean of Studies Max Lindsay compiles data, and he will know who graduated when and with what degree and major.

Though significant overall numbers won't be available for three to four years, there are current completion rates within majors, races, sexes, and course.

Anyone wishing more information or specific statistics can contact Lindsay in VLH 101.

ACC shows casual inattention to campus cleanliness

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
NEWS EDITOR

Look around. Is the floor in a valley? Is dust accumulating on everything? If so, it must be a level three day.

A level three day is defined as casual inattention on ACC's accepted cleanliness scale.

The scale was established by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators and is detailed below.

The Health Science Center is not at a high enough level of cleanliness to suit 66 nursing students who sent a petition and letter to Director of Facilities Management Don Witt.

Witt plans to meet with the students to discuss their concerns, but he says the problem is not just limited to HSC.

ACC does not employ enough custodians to even keep the campus at level five cleanliness according to an analysis

done by Witt. The analysis, seen at right, is based on APPA guidelines.

ACC employs four full-time custodians, one in each main building. Three of the custodians have two buildings to maintain.

John Berg works in Van Lare Hall and HSC; Jean Nowak works in East Campus and Graphic Arts; Beverly Jones works in Natural Resources Center and Besser Tech Annex; and Dorothy Larson works in Besser Tech Center.

The custodians, says Witt, are doing a good job with the time they have in their eight hour shifts.

Their daily and weekly duties include cleaning and stocking bathrooms, emptying garbage, stocking cleaning supplies, washing chalkboards, locking doors and windows, sweeping and mopping floors, vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning the lounges.

Additional duties not allot-

ted for in their regular schedules include shoveling and salting entrance ways, removing cigarette butts, hauling unburnable trash, and moving furniture.

Their priorities are rest rooms, lounges, classrooms, offices, and halls.

But Witt thinks that realis-

CUSTODIANS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN DESIRED LEVELS OF CLEANLINESS					
LEVEL OF CLEANNESS	VLH HSC	BTC	EAC GRA	NRC BTA	TOTAL ALL BLDGS
I	4.75	4.72	5.37	4.94	19.78
II	2.53	2.53	2.78	2.64	10.48
III	1.81	1.73	2.05	1.95	7.54
IV	1.44	1.29	1.64	1.54	5.91
V	1.27	1.03	1.34	1.23	4.87

tically, because of administrative demands, the priorities are a little different. Offices are often given more attention because of their high visibility.

Another priority is to serve the students. Custodians may be requested to open doors, to help

find lost items, to unlock a car door, or just lend an ear. "We don't have a problem with that," explains Witt, "but less cleaning is done."

In order to serve ACC's growing student population, staff population grows. With growth, the amount of work needed to

keep ACC clean grows. More dirt is tracked in. More supplies need to be refilled. Additional requests are made.

To Witt's knowledge, ACC has the least custodians for its square footage than any other college in the state.

To help, custodians are each allotted three work study students for six hours per week. Unfortunately the positions are basically never filled because, Witt remarks, students don't think cleaning is as cool as grading papers.

Once, in Witt's eight years

and one in EAC. So far this semester, one has stopped coming to work and another is only working about three hours per week.

Work study students are always a help, says Witt. Many do great work but they all - some more than others - require supervision and direction. Some do not want to work and custodians may have to clean after them.

A work study student, Witt believes, gets about four hours of work done during each six hour work week.

While generally maintaining a level three, Witt believes ACC vacillates between level two and level four on the cleanliness scale.

With two to four more full-time custodians, Witt thinks ACC could maintain level two.

In the meantime, if anyone has a complaint, Witt will address it. Hopefully it will have a positive outcome, like more custodians.

CLEANLINESS LEVELS DEFINED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL PLANT ADMINISTRATORS

LEVEL I - ORDERLY SPOTLESSNESS
Only small amounts of litter and ashes in container. Floor coverings are kept bright and clean at all times. No dust accumulation on vertical surfaces, very little on horizontal surfaces. All glass, light fixtures, mirrors and wash bowls are kept clean, only small number of spots visible.

LEVEL II - ORDINARY TIDINESS
Only small amounts of litter and ashes in containers. Floor covering will show periods of peaks and valleys in appearance. Dusting is still maintained at a high level. All glass, light fixtures, mirrors and wash bowls will show evidence of spots and dust.

LEVEL III - CASUAL INATTENTION
Only small amounts of litter and ashes in containers. Floor coverings will show periods of peaks and valleys in appearance. Dust will accumulate on all vents and vertical as well as horizontal surfaces. All glass, light fixtures, mirrors and wash bowls will show accumulation of dust, spots and prints.

LEVEL IV - MODERATE DINGINESS
Waste containers will be full and over-flowing. Floor coverings will normally be dull, marked and spotted with infrequent peaks - dust balls will accumulate. All glass, light fixtures, mirrors and wash bowls will be dirty and spotted.

LEVEL V - UNKEPT NEGLECT
No trash pick-up - occupants of buildings will be responsible. Regular floor care is eliminated. Dusting is eliminated. All glass is very dirty.

How clean is ACC?

Is the campus clean enough? _____

Please list any comments or concerns: _____

Level of cleanliness on scale of 1 - 5 _____

Drop off reply at boxes located at the VLH reception desk, NRC library book return, BTC 110, or the EAC fitness room.
Results will appear in the next issue of *The Polemic*.

Is it laziness or stupidity?

By JEN GOODBURNE
LAYOUT-EDITOR

Sonya Titus was approached by one of her English 112 students last week.

The student asked to be excused from the term paper requirement. The reason: she claimed she would never use the term paper once it was turned in.

Was this an attempt to be honest, or was it a new twist on the "dog ate my homework" routine?

If the experience of writing a term paper isn't enough of a reason to do the assignment, one would think a passing grade should be. And, of course once the paper is graded and returned, it could always be framed and hung in the den.

Maybe the red marks would clash with the color scheme, but it would hang forever as a testament to the uselessness of education.

When parents (or the government) pay thousands of dollars to put a person through college, it's an investment in the future. I wonder if the losses during this academic year are being written off.

A politically correct way to label students at ACC would be Motivationally Challenged. But to accept laziness and responsibility, which is in part the point of education, the correct label would be lazy.

Accompanying the first installment of the series about poor academic achievement at ACC was a survey. The hope was to generate a response from the student body in order to balance the perspective of the instructors who contributed to the series.

- Here is a statistical breakdown of the responses:
- One third of the students who responded received an A.
 - Two thirds of the respondents took a failing grade as opposed to dropping the class.
 - The total number of responses equaled one fourth of the responses received for the "Guess Who" contest (in which the prize was free food).

In truth, these stats aren't an accurate portrayal of the academic situation on campus. (We only received three polls.) But the last stat is a very accurate portrayal of the problem with students: they plainly don't care.

Maybe if instructors attached a value meal to an A, students would do better. Free fries for turning in a term paper may work, too.

Or maybe instructors need to tie in a use for term papers after they've been graded.

How about an eight page analysis of the IRS's tax auditing procedure? (Cheating is allowed.)

Engler strikes education again

By DENINE KONWINSKI
COPY-EDITOR

Through all the haze and shades of gray surrounding Proposal A, one fact - and probably only one fact - is certain. Raise the sales tax and everyone pays evenly.

Some strongly suggest this aspect of the proposal is unfair to the many. If an increase to six percent was so drastic, it wouldn't have been done in so many other states.

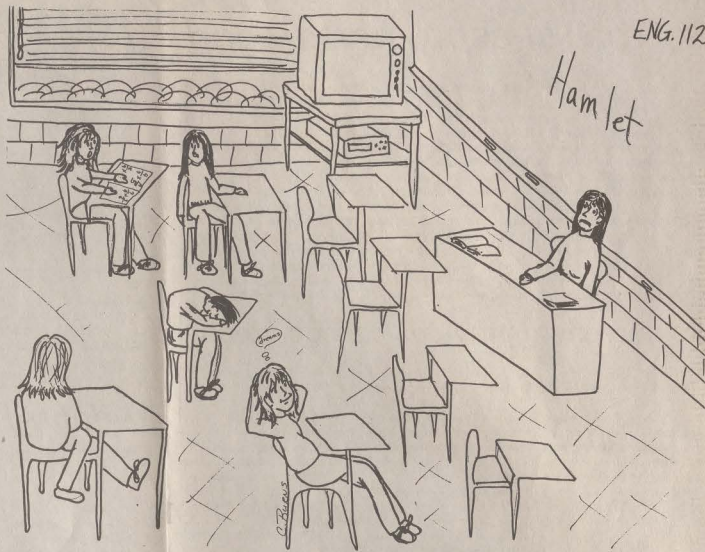
Though a sales tax increase should go for the funding of Michigan schools, the big question is if it actually will.

Governor John Engler has once again presented the tax payers with an "idea" or two that has not been thought through.

Just as he did with school reform, this proposed means of funding the schools is unorganized and presented in an almost impossible manner.

Engler went so far as to change the ballot language after some absentee voters had already submitted their decisions.

If he would keep on a straight track, lets say one that says sales tax monies will go for education, and there won't be any "hidden" taxes involved, and that they'll come up with a lottery that really works for education, we'd be all set.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Polemic Editor,
Mr. Byrley recently responded to the reaction some faculty had towards the language used in the Homecoming campaign. He suggests these faculty members had no right to bring issue nor should they have been offended. He also complained that none of these faculty members attended homecoming or other student sponsored events.

As one of the offended faculty, I objected to having the notice in a classroom. I do not like the word or its connotation but the fact that it is used on television does not make it acceptable to me - there are other ways of expressing yourself. I could not attend homecoming this year, but have in the past so please don't assume I don't care. I attend as many of the functions that I can including: PTK installations, spring flings, games, family days, graduation,

spaghetti dinners and others. I buy raffle tickets, baked goods, flowers, and sub sandwiches from student organizations. I encourage students in my classes to attend events by giving extra credit points. I volunteer my time, money and commitment to this institution because I feel I do care about the students.

I am offended by the language choices of other faculty members and have said so. I

would also request a student refrain from using such language openly. Just because foul language is commonplace doesn't make it appropriate. Crime is commonplace too, but that doesn't make it right.

As to the issue of the apology, I never asked for one nor did I expect one. I brought the issue up because it portrayed a negative image for the organization represented and the

students themselves. Had I known such controversy would arise I probably would have simply removed the signs. I don't "take myself so seriously" that I can't comprehend why someone would belittle themselves publicly; I just don't understand why they would consciously choose to do so.

Thank You,
Dorothy Fancher
Instructor

Mechanical wizard fouls up again

■ Aren't women suppose to know about cars?

By MELODY SHARP
STAFF WRITER

Chalk up another victory for the macho mechanical male world.

Recently on a very needed spring break my car decided to act up. I made an appointment to have it fixed. I told them it was making a loud whining noise in the front of the engine by the alternator. I told them it was out of time because of back firing and starting problems. "Okay," they said, and dropped me off at work, saying it would be done in two hours.

Three hours later the mechanic calls and says, "We can't find any problems." So I relate the story once again and they say, "Okay, we'll take a look." One hour later they call again saying it's the alternator. Duh!

I get a ride to the garage, and it's now two hours later. I walk in and they say, "We won't have that part until tomorrow, so we put the old one back on." I drive home in my ailing car and make an appointment for 8 a.m. the next day.

I am there bright and early, but they say, "That part won't be in until 11:30 on the truck; you can wait, have a cup of coffee."

Meantime, outside, the worst storm of the year is piling up and I just know the public schools are going to be cancelled.

The parts truck arrives.

Anticipations are mounting on whether I get home or get snarled in with these mechanical wizards.

The service manager stalls up an hour later saying, "It's not the alternator, it's the timing belt. We don't have one in stock."

Over the PA system, school cancellations are being announced.

I am seeing red and ask, "Why didn't they test the alternator yesterday when they had it out?" The service manager looks kind of dumb founded, then says, "I really can't tell you." Now is that because it's top secret or because they didn't think of that?

"Okay guys. This is the plan: I need a car in one hour or a ride home before the bus from school gets there," I calmly state.

They opt to take me home and get the part from another local store and promise to have it done no later than 5 p.m. because they close at 5:30.

They got my car done at 5:15, delivered it to my husband at work and only charged me \$44 for a timing belt, and \$115 for labor.

I should have charged them for the two days I lost of my spring break. And if they would have listened to me in the first place, I am sure time would have been a lot less wasted.

Why is it that when a man gets a tool box and a manual he thinks he has the auto world by

the tailpipe, when actually he's been sniffing too many exhaust fumes?

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students SPEAK

How do you feel about the security on campus?



I didn't actually know there was any security, but I don't see it as a problem in this size of a school.

~ Kelly Zielakowski



I don't see security as a problem around here. I don't feel you have to worry about it. ~ Rachel Romel



Basically I feel security on campus is as worthy as a Cracker Jack prize. ~ Carl Prieur



Maybe they should worry more about our security than our parking. ~ Shari Brotzke



What security? ~ George French

ACC faculty showcased at Jesse Besser Museum



Painting instructor Joy Skiba welcomes the opportunity of the faculty art show to release her art spirit. Photo by Linda Simpson

By DEB HASKE
STAFF WRITER

Instructors get to critique, evaluate and comment on students' work daily. March 27 through May 1 students will have the opportunity to turn the tables. ACC art department instructors Joe Donna, Joy Skiba, and Laurie Wade, and Humanities Chairperson Terry Hall will be featured in the second annual Faculty Art Show at Jesse Besser Museum.

The show affords art instructor Skiba, who teaches drawing and painting classes as well as Art for the Class Room Teacher, "... a special awareness to collect, collaborate and cultivate my thoughts and expressions formed within my art spirit. Beyond this I welcome the opportunity to share..."

Skiba used water color, pencil, paint, and a printing technique to create new works for the show.

Ceramic pieces were created by Wade, ceramic instructor. On her work Wade comments, "The form is very important initially but then it instantly becomes a surface to put texture on and to draw on."

"The art show is a way to show what you are about to the students and community..." commented Wade! "It allows the community to come in and see what is going on in the art department. The show lets them know the really talented people they have working at ACC."

Hall, humanities instructor, contributes to the show "because it helps me focus and set goals. It is also good for the college, especially, to showcase the art and humanities program, to have

our work shown locally as well as around the state and nationally."

Hall painted new pieces for the show at his newly opened art studio and gallery, Windcrest.

Design and sculpture instructor Donna is contributing a piece which toured in a national exhibit. He is also showing clay structures and paintings.

"I figure I have to do it to stay fresh -- to show my students I can do it too," commented Donna. "It would be like having a creative writing instructor who did not creative writing. Why would this person be teaching it if he never did it?"

The show will be opening March 27 with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. Wade said she hopes to see a lot of people there, "especially the faculty and administration."

From pop music to popcorn -- don't junk that mail

By SCOTT REED
STAFF WRITER

Junk mail is something we are all familiar with: Publisher's Clearing House, twelve CDs for the price of one, etc. But is it all really junk?

Recently, *The Polemic* office has been overrun with mail that some people might place into this category. Looking at it and taking the time to read it through, however, one might realize that there is some good in those envelopes after all. But some do sound a bit silly.

First of all, there's the Alpine Mint Total Yodol Contest. Sponsored by Care-Free sugarless gum, the Total Yodol is valid until April 30, 1994. Just call toll-free, 1-800-94ALPINE. Contestants will then have sixty seconds to give their name, address, phone number and best yodel.

The first 200 callers receive a free T-shirt and the first 100,000 are eligible for the

grand prize: a six-day, five-night vacation for two to Switzerland! If yodeling isn't your bag, then maybe video production is.

All college students are eligible to enter The Christophers' Video Contest. The Christophers is a New York-based international media organization which produces the syndicated TV series, "Christopher Closeup."

"The contest goes as follows: make a video, five minutes in length or less, based on the theme, "One Person Can Make a Difference."

The grand prize is \$3,000. Second prize is \$2,000. Third prize is \$1,000, and five contestants will receive honorable mention awards of \$500.

Deadline to enter this contest is June 10, 1994.

The Amy Foundation in Lansing is sponsoring a writing contest.

The Amy Foundation Writing Awards program is designed to recognize creative, skillful

writing that presents in a sensitive, thought-provoking manner the biblical position on issues affecting the world today.

First prize in this contest is ten thousand dollars! There are also fourteen other prizes ranging from one to five thousand dollars.

If you're 30 or older, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship from -- are you ready -- Orville Rodenbacher!

Orville's Second Star Scholarship offers everyone an opportunity. For the fifth year the program will be offering adults the chance to receive a scholarship for their efforts in obtaining a "second start" in life via higher education.

Scholarship applications for the 1994-1995 academic year will be accepted through May 1, and can be obtained by writing to: Orville Rodenbacher's Second Star Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 39101, Chicago, Illinois, 60639.

Rolling Stone magazine is offering \$2,500 to college journalism students. Entries may be submitted in three categories: entertainment writing (reporting on popular music and television, etc.); feature writing (narratives and profiles); and essays and criticism (commentary on any subject, including opinion and

humor).

Entries must be published in a college-student newspaper or magazine between September, 1992, and June, 1994.

Students are limited to one entry in each category. Entries must be received by July 1,

1994. Winners will be announced in September, 1994.

So maybe all that mail you receive isn't always junk. You never know what you can find until you look.

If you have any questions or interests about anything mentioned in this article, call *The Polemic* at ext. 264.

East meets West in reunion

By ANGELA BEATRICH
STAFF WRITER

Chika Nakamii, previously a Japanese exchange student at Alpena High School, attended various ACC classes with host Judy Harris, February 28-March 4.

Before she arrived, Chika celebrated her twentieth birthday. At age twenty, the Japanese gain voting privileges and customarily travel. The birthday present Chika received from her

parents was a trip back to the United States for a two-week stay.

Chika wanted to return to Alpena so she could visit students she met as an exchange student in 1991-92. But most of all, Chika wished to stay with a particular friend she met in Journalism class at Alpena High School, Judy Harris.

"I couldn't wait for her to get here. I didn't know when I would see her again," Judy expressed.

Chika and Judy built a lasting friendship during Chika's stay two years ago. Chika promised to visit someday but could not say exactly when that would be.

Through Chika's knowledge of the English language, the two have kept in touch over the past two years and will continue to do so.

The next time they meet will not be in Alpena, but Japan. Judy plans to travel there after she completes her Bachelor's degree.

Solutions to the problem are very simple

■ Instructors clue students for success

By JEN GOODBURNE
LAYOUT-EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part three of a three part series dealing with the poor academic achievement of students during the fall 1993 semester. The instructors who took time to contribute their viewpoints did so out of concern and with the hope of solving the problem.

Complaining about students' academic performances and trying to guess the reasons behind the sudden drop in grades can do nothing to solve the problem. But once the situation is defined and potential causes determined, an effort can be made to offer solutions.

The following are suggestions made by some of ACC's faculty.

■ **Do your homework before you watch TV.** "Students are going to have to rearrange their schedules and set aside blocks of time that they are going to dedicate to these classes," began Kendall Sumexir, physical science instructor.

■ **Be accountable on a daily basis.** Once you fall behind, it's a losing battle. Complete all homework and reading assignments, on time, and stay ahead of the game. "If," according to Keith Titus, speech instructor, "there is nothing else that they are told that will make a difference -- that

they can do -- is to come to class."

■ **Take care of and be responsible for yourself.** "Society's not responsible. It [seems to be] our fault if they don't pass," said Gerald Hardesty, of the industrial technology department. "They're not taking notes or anything, but it's our fault if they don't pass. I don't think the young people are being responsible."

■ **Be happy.** "They think that self esteem has more to do with what they can acquire, or consume, or purchase," commented Roger Phillips, English instructor. Base your self esteem

on education -- what you know, not what you buy.

"I don't think, for most of my students, that ability is the limiting factor," said Sumexir. "They lack the motivation."

Hardesty agreed. "It's their work ethic. They lack self confidence in doing something on their own."

Study. Go to class. Take responsibility. Rid yourself of Depression Demons, Confidence Thieves, and Motivation Moochers.

"One thing we can't do is lower our standards," said Phillips. "I have felt that temptation in the past, but I don't

feel it anymore because there has been such a drop in student performance. If anything, we need to raise standards."

One asset of a community college is the faculty. They are much more accessible than university professors. Their advice is based on years of classroom experience -- and they are the ones who give the grades. The instructors who contributed to this series want their students to succeed.

"Universities should be safe havens where ruthless examination of realities will not be distorted..." -- Kingman Brewster.

College Wide Grade Distribution

Grade	Fall '92 %	Fall '93 %		Grade	Fall '92 %	Fall '93 %	
A.....	25.0	22.8	(DECREASE)	D +	0.9	1.3	(INCREASE)
A-.....	9.9	8.9	(DECREASE)	D	1.6	2.0	(INCREASE)
B +	9.4	7.0	(DECREASE)	D-.....	0.6	0.6	(NO CHANGE)
B	12.5	11.9	(DECREASE)	E	4.5	4.9	(INCREASE)
B-.....	5.9	6.0	(INCREASE)	S	3.5	6.6	(INCREASE)
C +	4.8	4.5	(DECREASE)	U	0.0	0.0	(NO CHANGE)
C	7.4	6.7	(DECREASE)	W	1.6	1.5	(DECREASE)
C-.....	2.7	3.0	(INCREASE)	AU/NG	0.1	0.2	(INCREASE)

Statistics courtesy of Dean Curt Davis

There once was a pretty good student,
Who sat in a pretty good class.
And was taught by a pretty good teacher,
Who always let pretty good pass.
He wasn't terrific at reading.
He wasn't a whiz-bang at math.
But for him education was leading
Straight down a pretty good path.
He didn't find school too exciting,
But he wanted to do pretty well.
And he did have some trouble with writing,
And nobody taught him to spell.
When doing arithmetic problems,
Pretty good was regarded as fine.
Five plus five needn't always add up to 10,
A pretty good answer was nine.

The pretty good class that he sat in,
Was part of a pretty good school.
And the student was not an exception,
On the contrary, he was the rule.
The pretty good school that he went to,
Was there in a pretty good town.
And nobody there seemed to notice
He could not tell a verb from a noun.
The pretty good student in fact was
Part of a pretty good mob.
And the first time he knew what he lacked was
When he looked for a pretty good job.

It was then, when he sought a position,
He discovered that life could be tough.
And he soon had a sneaky suspicion
Pretty good might not be good enough.
The pretty good town in our story
Was part of a pretty good state,
Which had pretty good aspirations,
And prayed for a pretty good fate.
There once was a pretty good nation,
Pretty proud of the greatness it had,
Which learned much too late,
If you want to be great,
Pretty good is, in fact, pretty bad.

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Drug free campus policy examined

ALCOHOL Facts

1) **Size of body** - The smaller the size, the quicker the absorption.

2) **Competition** - Alcohol competes with everything else that is in the stomach.

3) **Type of alcoholic beverage** - A mixed drink influences more than a beer. (One ounce of alcohol has the same effect no matter what form.)

4) **Rate of drinking** - 4 drinks per hour influence more than 1 drink per hour.

5) **Metabolism rate** - A high metabolism rate increases alcohol's influence.

Anyone who drinks should know how his or her body will react to alcohol.

**DEB HASKE
STAFF WRITER**

Recently a packet of information was mailed to students, staff, faculty and Board of Trustee members concerning the Student Right - To Know & Campus Security Act, and The Drug-Free Campus Policy.

ACC has had a drug and alcohol free campus policy since 1989, and although there have been no reported violations of this policy since the 1991-1992 school year, there is still a problem, according to Assistant Dean of Students Max Lindsay.

"It is a fact that there is an alcohol problem in the community and we (ACC) are part of the community. We do have a problem," stated Lindsay. "The problems are just not being reported."

The amount of empty alcohol containers found by the custodial staff varies from building to building.

John Berg at Van Lare Hall has seen a marked decrease in the number of alcohol containers found in his area, recovering two in VLH and one in the Health Science Center

this year.

Dorothy Larson in Besser Technical Center reported a decrease from seven to eight per week to only four containers since August.

On East Campus Jean Nowak has seen a slight increase the last three years. As the number of students taking classes there increased, so did the number of containers. Now she is finding on average one container every two to three weeks.

Marge Hoppe, who cleans the Natural Resource Center, reported a sharp increase at the beginning of this school year, but has found no containers since November.

"In years past I often used to see persons who had obviously been drinking walking in the halls," said Larson. "This school year I have not seen even one. I think there is less of a problem now that we have a drug and alcohol free campus policy."

Counselor Bonnie Urlaub, who works with students with drug and alcohol problems, reports no increase in the number of students she consults.

"We live in an area where the community attitudes about

the use of alcohol are very set and involved in the ethnic culture of the area," commented Urlaub. "At every occasion there has to be alcohol or you can't have a good time."

"In order to break the cycle," Urlaub continued, "a change has to be made, not only in what we say, but in what we do. This change will take time."

Part of Urlaub's program to affect this change involves the placement of posters on campus to expose students to the problems of alcohol/drug abuse. The program began about three years ago in cooperation with the Community Partnership for Prevention of Presque Isle, Montmorency, Alcona and Alpena counties.

The partnership coordinates efforts to change community beliefs and practices which lead to the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

ACC encourages the reporting of ANY type of substance abuse to VLH Room 100 ext 200. This and other violations should be reported by faculty, staff and visitors.

Staff in the office will fill out an incident report and direct it for the appropriate follow up.



Preventive substance abuse posters are part of an awareness campaign on campus. Photo by Linda Simpson

Crime rate is low, but growing

**BY DENISE KONWINSKI
COPY-EDITOR**

ACC's campus is a small one, and students aren't faced with a great number of darkened corners in the trek between early morning and evening classes.

But a sense of security is still an issue to many.

Within a year, the number of reported burglaries on campus has quadrupled. The number of larcenies and thefts tripled. Simple assaults stayed at a steady number.

It's not as bad as it seems when one looks at the actual numbers, but percentage-wise it makes a person wonder.

While crime seems to be going up, the number of students attending ACC is down.

Max Lindsay, assistant dean of students, feels there are definitely more incidents than the number reported.

The fact that the crime rate, small as it is, is growing, presents a reason for concern.

To discourage prospective intruders, alarm systems were installed throughout campus approximately five years ago following a break-in when \$1,500 worth of property was stolen.

The exact number of alarms and their locations cannot be disclosed "for fear people will use that information to get around it [the security system]," said Head of Maintenance Don Witt.

The system is able to detect intruders and rings in at the local police station.

The alarms are an asset, but may not do a lot to actually protect students. The lack of light at the Graphic Arts building is still an ongoing concern. There has been talk of installing lights for quite some time.

While there technically are no "Security People" on campus, Witt suggests it is the responsibility of the students and faculty to keep an eye out for suspicious intruders. Incident reports are to be submitted to Van Lare Hall room 101.



Despite some illumination, darkness hovers in many buildings at certain times of the school day. Photo by Linda Simpson

Polemic cartoonist Carol Burns has drawn this caricature of an ACC faculty member. If you can identify him please fill out the entry form and drop it off at *The Polemic* office by 5 p.m. on March 31, 1994. The winner will be selected at random and notified on April 6. He/she will receive a free extra value meal, courtesy of McDonald's® Restaurant of Alpena.

Clark Gates was the winner on March 2 with the correct guess of instructor Joe Faber.

Guess Who?

Entry Form (Please Print)

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The price is not monetary but emotional in ACT's "The Price"

By MELODY SHARP
STAFF WRITER

Alpena Civic Theatre is once again taking to the stage. On March 17, ACT will be performing the classic production "The Price" written by Arthur Miller.

Miller, an American playwright, has written many plays, including, "Death of a Salesman," shown in some English 112 classes at ACC and "The Crucible," recently presented by Alpena High School Masquers Club.

"The Price" is a drama dealing with family relationships focusing on two estranged brothers who meet in their deceased father's apartment to dispose of the goods in the estate. The one brother's wife and a second-hand dealer complete the cast.

As typical of good drama, no one in the cast of characters is the same after this critical, fateful meeting.

Pat Jacques, AHS English instructor and one of the directors of AHS drama, plays the role of Victor, a policeman, who arrives on stage first with his wife Ester.

Jacques is a veteran ACT actor with numerous musical and acting credits including Stanley in "Streetcar Named Desire," and the lead in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Lol Rouleau is new to ACT's stage. Rouleau, originally from Alpena, stated, "Acting is something I've wanted to do for 20 years." Rouleau did some acting in high school and college.

Bill Maxwell, playing Solomon, has been a member of ACT, serving often on the board of directors and in other capacities at the theatre for the past 31 years.

Maxwell's list of credits is extensive, including acting in "God's Favorite," and "H.M.S. Pinafore," and directing "Arms and the Man."

Roland Fancher joined ACT last season appearing in the drama, "A Shayna Maidel." He was a member of the cast of "Sound of Music" and has become an active member of the group.

Director of "The Price" is Glenda Asland. Returning to Alpena after earning her teaching degree at University of Michigan, Asland was a former member and secretary of ACT. She has appeared in "Shadow Box," "Midsummer Night's Dream" and has been involved in children's summer theatre.

"The Price" is scheduled for performances March 17-19 at 8 p.m. and March 20 at 2 p.m.. To make reservations phone 354-3624. ACC student admission is free paid from the student activity fee.



Lol Rouleau (at left) and Roland Fancher (third from left) look on as Bill Maxwell (second from left) deals for the right price with Pat Jacques in ACT's "The Price".
Photo by Linda Simpson

TOP TEN : Inventive inventions predicted

By SCOTT REED
STAFF WRITER

It's 1994 - the Space Age! Twentieth century technology has blessed us with so many wonderful things to make our lives increasingly more hectic. But, still there are a lot of things we don't have. Here is an excerpt from a catalog that we may see some time in the future containing some great 21st century gimmicks. That's right - the TOP TEN INVENTIONS OF THE FUTURE:

#10: Super-Suck World-Class Cordless Vacuum Cleaner. This little gem has 250,000 big amps of power. That's enough to pull the bark right off of a petrified tree! And there's no cord to get tangled up in. Hurry! Supplies are limited. (ORDER #2550109, \$759.99)

#9: Automatic Ripper Diaper Wiper. For those of you who are mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and baby-sitters with highly sensitive olfactory nerves, this will come in handy dandy! Just plop the baby with soiled diaper onto our specially equipped machine and watch it do the dirty work for you! You'll never again have to change a

diaper or wipe a messy infant! A blessing to a budding household! (ORDER #6103824, \$99.99)

#8: Voice-Activated Hand-Held Computer Keyboard Controller. A must for anyone who hates to stare at a screen and type. This highly modern device is well ahead of its time. Anyone who hates to type or can't type will never have to worry about typing again. As small as a TV remote, the computer keyboard controller automatically types out every word you say into its built-in microphone without spelling errors. And with its state-of-the-art eight billion word dictionary, you'll never have to get up and check for mistakes in names, places or any word you say. Please specify English, Spanish, Dutch or Alien. (ORDER #7330900, \$2,100)

#7: Patented Removable, Interchangeable Designer Steering Wheel. Not only does this device enhance the interior of any vehicle, but it is also a great theft deterrent. Simply remove the steering wheel when you exit your vehicle and slip the included steel padlock through the steering column. This makes your vehicle immovable because

no one can drive a car without a steering wheel. Available in pink, blue, green, red, plaid, clear, mauve, stripe or chain. (ORDER #5430912-B, \$23.95)

#6: Deluxe Mace-Emitting Bow tie. A simple yet practical hands-free way to defend yourself from would-be muggers. Simply face would-be thief and raise hands in the air. Tie sprays sharp jet of mace directly at attacker. (ORDER #1205298, \$9.95)

#5: Practical Joke Inflatable Mack Truck. A great gag for pranking motorists! Slip inflatable tube over an unsuspecting driver's exhaust pipe. When driver takes off, exhaust fumes from his car cause life-like Mack truck to inflate, scaring the piss out of driver. Truck stays only one inch away from rear of driver's vehicle. A must for pranksters! (ORDER #9046784, \$10.59)

#4: Actual Bronzed Human Brain Bookends. These make for a great conversation piece. Live up any room in your house with someone else's mind! (ORDER #0107802, \$49.99/pr.)

#3: Portable 3-D Virtual Reality Murals. Brighten up any room in your home or office with one of these babies! Never

worry about buying the right picture or poster to hang on the wall anymore! Just choose from any of our fine scenes: old west, outer space, tropical island, ocean front, Antarctica, and many more! (ORDER #2431056, \$999.99)

#2: Deluxe Swiss Army Survival Backpack. Students going from one class to the next will never have to be concerned about anything ever again. This Swiss Army backpack has ninety-two brilliant features, including food dehydrator, Geiger counter and, of course, a toothpick. A necessity for any student body on the run. (ORDER #1863009, \$49.95)

And the number one invention of the future: Remote Control Dull Professor Stimulator. A necessity for any high school or college student. Just push the button on this handy device and watch any dull professor's personality change. Never worry about monotone lectures again! You'll have semester's of fun by choosing any of the following personality types: comedian, whiner, rock star, paranoid, homicidal maniac, game show host, and more! (ORDER #8481352, ONLY \$4.99!)

Latest CDs previewed

Giblets of sound sizzle

By JIM BALLMER
STAFF WRITER

Instead of dragging out one review, I have created little knowledgeable "giblets" from various tapes I've heard recently for your inspection. It is my hope that this will offer some insight.

■ Alice in Chains/Jar of Flies. Seattle's darkest demons of musical madness have revealed their third release apparently painted with different colors on the same palette.

Alice in Chains has evolved and I see it this way: Their debut album, Facelift, was like a first time experiment with beer. It's curious,

exciting, and "Man in the Box" gives you a delightful tingly feeling. The second album Dirt, is a complete disorganization of the senses with a staggering black-out at the end. And now Jar of Flies comes on like the next morning's hangover. You don't feel right, but at least the sun is shining.

Rich timbres, a new bassist (Mike Ness), strings, and the legendary harmonies make Jar of Flies a much needed additive to your collection. ■ Rage Against the Machine - As a band, these guys blend rock and rap. Then they fine tune it to a musical tank that carries an angry message against injustice in society. Like a tank, Rage is very heavy and lead vocalist Zack de la Rocha screams like a hyperactive adolescent.

■ The Ball Busters/No Jerk'n Off-Alt...those rebellious teenage years. Brings back memories, huh? Remember the real daring kids that would make prank phone calls and record them for future reference? Well, some of those kids grew up and

made a business out of it.

The most popular pioneers of this art came from last year's release from the Jerky Boys. This previously underground tape has surfaced and shot these wild men into stardom. They also have a movie in the works.

As you know, with any great innovation there will always be a cheaper copy. Enter: The Ball Busters.

If the Jerky Boys were the Steve Martin of prank calls, then the Ball Busters would be Cheech and Chong. The Jerky Boys trailblazed a childish past time into a hilarious art, while the Ball Busters ride on their coat tails. I have to grudgingly admit some of the new schtick does hit its moments. In "976-Johnny" a 37 year old degenerate calls a sex line and misinterprets everything the woman says. Another laugh is in "Sir Pete's Ticket" when a British knight tries ordering a plane ticket while the attendant tries to understand through his heavy accent.

The bottom line: buy the Jerky Boys first. ■ Believer/Dimensions-If I ruled this world, I would make a law stating that no creature be permitted to listen to the second side of Believer's latest, but be able to crank the first side as loud as possible anytime, anywhere.

Why? Imagine a heavy metal rhythm from hell with pristine operatic singing top. A disjuncting paradox. This describes Dimensions second half when Believer brought in a classical opera singer.

Do not fear though, side one gunks with unprecedented power and Kurt Bachman's vocals sound like a '77 El Camino minus the muffler.

Oh yeah, I would also rule this tape he half price.

IM can add zest to student life

By DEB HASKI
STAFF WRITER

At a time in life, when much of a student's time is devoted to sedentary activities such as studying, intramural programs can be a life-saver. Even if the student is on overload from a job, school, family activities, exercise can be worth the time, and competitive exercise can be a lot of just plain fun.



Harry Guentenberg prepares to loft a free throw in IM competition.
Photo by Linda Simpson

Harry L. Guentenberg plays IM basketball on the Kaminake, which beat out the first place team in the semifinals but lost to Ego Trip in the finals.

Guentenberg has been a student in the criminal justice program for one-and-one-half years. He completes the program in May and is planning to transfer to a four year school.

After completing his education, he hopes to become a

U.S. Marshal.

After graduating from Rogers City High School in 1986, where he participated in cross-country, track and basketball, he then joined the Marines for six years.

While in the Marines he participated in their IM basketball and softball program. Guentenberg stated, "The IM sports, especially basketball, at ACC are better organized than the Marines' IM sports."

Commuting from Rogers City, working, and a full class load prevented Guentenberg from participating in Intercollegiate sports, but he has enjoyed participating in IM sports.

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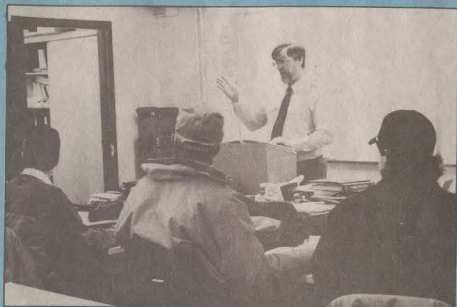
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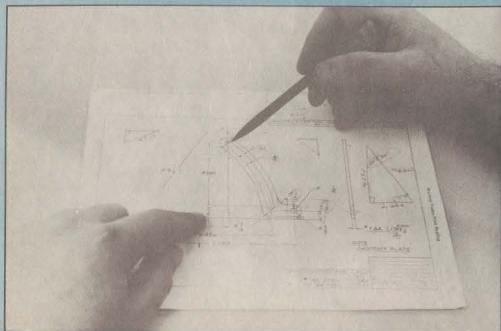
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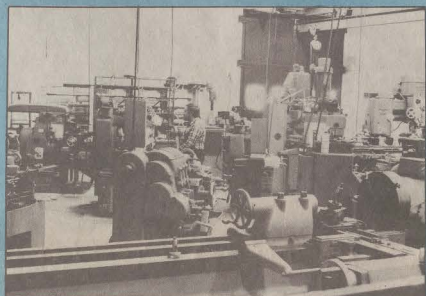
Instructor Ivan McLaren describes the new CNC/CAM processes to his class.

Learning the nuts and bolts of

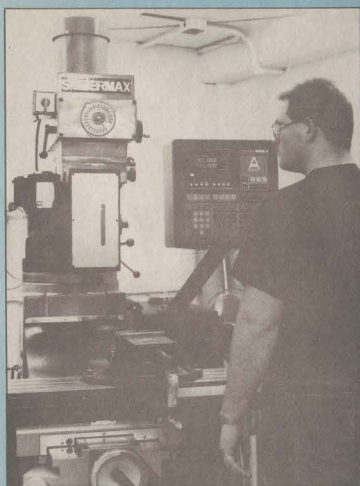
MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY



Starting with a blueprint and using right angle Trig, a student solves for points using the Cartesian Coordinate System.

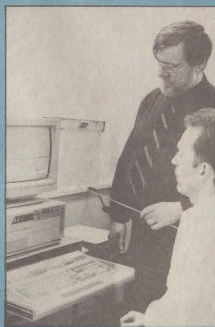


An overall view of the machine tool shop.

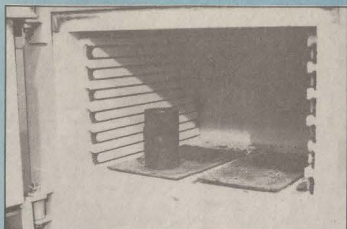


Darwin Edmonds waits to receive the program from SmartCAM via the 232 cable into the CNC control.

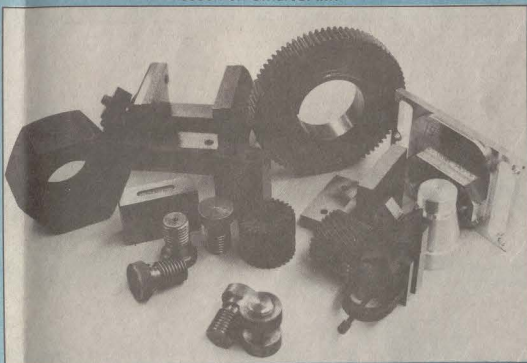
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Mike Souva receives a lesson on SmartCAM.



Before grinding, the products are heat set in this furnace at 1450° fahrenheit.



.....to this.....the finished products.