

Editor Goodburne honored receives three state awards

By JAY McDONALD
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, April 9, five members of *The Polemic* staff journeyed to Fort Huron for the annual Michigan Community College Press Association Conference.

Held at St. Clair County Community College, the conference played host to fourteen community colleges, each competing for awards in various writing and design categories.

The *Polemic* staff walked away with five: an honorable mention for Best Sports Column, won by Jeremy Williams; an honorable mention for Best Student Ad Design, won by Jen Goodburne; a second place award for Best In-Depth Story, won by Jen Goodburne; a first place award for Best Graphic Illustration, won by Jen Goodburne; and a first place award for Turkey of the Year, won by Shawn Dempsey for reporting that chemistry instructor Doug Huizenga is an alumni of

Suck Community College.

"The paper was more of a team effort this year than it had been in the past," says adviser Sonya Titus. "Every year, *The Polemic* improves and I expect it to happen again next year."

The staff learned a great deal while attending the conference, and they plan to incorporate much of that knowledge into next year's issues.

"We need to get more student feedback in our stories," commented staff writer Scott Reed. "Whether we're writing about a retiring instructor or reviewing the latest production at Alpena Civic Theatre, we need to hear from the student body."

Layout editor Jen Goodburne feels *The Polemic* staff, "did a great job, especially when we had so few people." Goodburne thinks the paper will improve next year, "but there must be more staff writers to make it happen."

One aspect that needs improvement, according to Titus, is the equipment. "We really

need to work on bringing our lab equipment up to date to match those of other schools."

Titus commented that one of the major weaknesses of the staff this year was that "journalists tend to be free-spirited people who usually miss deadlines." Along those same lines, she felt one of the major strengths of the staff was that "journalists tend to be free-spirited people who are creative thinkers."

She also mentioned she liked going to the full-sized newspaper page and always felt good about the paper's content.

The *Polemic* will be undergoing quite a few changes next year within the paper and within the staff. Don MacMaster, chairperson of the Workplace Partnership Program, will be taking over as adviser beginning in September. Everyone involved is anxiously looking forward to the 1994-95 academic year.

Any ACC student is invited to join the staff, and contributing writers are always welcome.



Craig Brown represents Phi Theta Kappa as he congratulates chemistry instructor John Singer on receiving the "Warm Fuzzy" award.
Photo by Linda Simpson

Awards make people warm and fuzzy

By ANGELA BEAUBIEN
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In order to recognize helpful faculty members, Phi Theta Kappa established what they call the "Warm Fuzzy" committee.

Members heading this committee are Chairperson Julie Smigelksi, Craig Brown, and Jen Plume.

At a regular meeting, PTK members submit a name of someone they notice is doing a beneficial job serving students. A poll is taken and the staff member receiving the most votes is elected.

The elected faculty member is surprised by a candy-filled

apple and a card.

Custodian John Berg, TLC Coordinator Jewel Lancaster, Custodian Jean Nowak, Chemistry Department Chair John Singer, and Science-Learning Director Julie Smigelksi, have accepted this special recognition.

"We wanted to show our appreciation to serviceable faculty so that they might experience that warm fuzzy feeling," commented Smigelksi.

Smigelksi collaborated with other students to come up with the idea, but never expected to receive the award herself.

"I walked over to my desk and there was the warm fuzzy and I thought to myself, boy,

this looks familiar!"

Singer received his warm fuzzy after providing assistance in the Science Olympiad Tournament. Singer confessed, "The many volunteers who assist in running the Science Olympiad are the ones who truly deserve this award. Without their help, the Science Olympiad Tournament would not be possible. I would like to accept this award on behalf of those people who make the tournament possible."

The "Warm Fuzzy" award has been a success bringing a lasting smile to the faces of selected recipients. Who will be the next to receive the "Warm Fuzzy?"

Literary conference slated

authors Piercy and Estleman featured

By DON FILARSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Alpena County Library will again sponsor The Thunder Bay Literary conference at the Alpena Civic and Convention Center this year. The conference, in its fifth year, will be September 29 & 30.

The library will accomplish this with support from Friends of the Library, The University of Michigan Undergraduate Library, Michigan Library Association, Michigan Center for the Book, Michigan Humanities Council, and Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

During the two day event the Michigan Author Award will be presented. Michigan authors must first be nominated for this award; a final winner is chosen by judges made up of librarians and academicians.

Other awards will be presented for best submitted short story and poem; these individuals are chosen by a separate judging committee at the University of Michigan.

Contest requirements, guidelines, and deadline information for short story and poetry entries are available at the Alpena County Library.

Registration materials will be mailed out in June to last year's participants. These mate-

rials will include copies of last year's winning stories and poems.

According to Judi Stillion, assistant director of the Alpena Public Library, this year's keynote speakers are Marge Piercy and Loren Estleman.

Piercy is described as a mainstream fiction writer, novelist, poet and essayist. The topic of her talk will be the inner sensor. "She's a real flamboyant dynamic reader," stated Stillion. Piercy will do a presentation in addition to the keynote speech.

Estleman is a former journalist for a Detroit area newspaper. "He worked the crime beat," Stillion said. "He has also written some 40-50 novels."

The reason for bringing the conference to the Alpena area, Stillion explained, is "There's not too much of an opportunity for people in this area to take advantage of literary and cultural things. It's often costly to experience these things and they are often far away because we're a rural community."

Contacting authors is a lot of work. "I can't give away my sources," Stillion said with a smile. "We try to get phone numbers and we contact other libraries where presentations have been made already. We try to go directly to the individual because you get not only a bet-

ter rate but you develop a rapport that you can't through an agent."

Authors are paid an honorarium, in addition to their food, lodging and travel expenses. In return, authors present workshops.

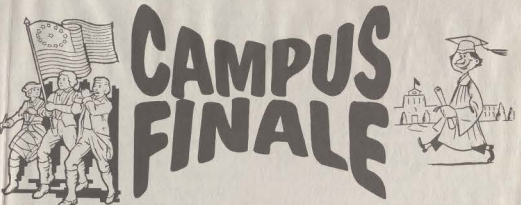
This year's writing workshops include self publishing and T.V. documentary and writing technique.

A number of ACC English department instructors attended the 1993 conference. One instructor, Dr. Richard Lessard, said the main reason he likes the involvement is, "I like to bring ideas back to my students. He plans to return again this year."

Other presenters include: Doug Allyn, mystery writer; Julia Grice, science fiction and romance novelist; Gary Barflect, self publisher; Bruce Maxwell, editor of Congressional Quarterly; Judith Minty, poet; Margaret Willey, young adult author; and Wong Herbert Yue, children's author.

The honoree and keynote speaker's books will be available for sale. There will again be a book signing period for author signatures.

The fee is \$35. For further information contact Judi Stillion or Jeanne Mazurak at the Alpena County Library telephone 356-6188, or fax 356-2765.



By MELODY SHARP
STAFF WRITER

Raise the curtain for the grand finale to 93-94 Campus Notes.

You're on a "Carousel" at the top of the world. You think you have more than enough credits to graduate. You might want to think again or stop by TLC in VLH 127 and get a Program Progress Review print out of your degree requirements. Better safe than sorry.

Would you like to be a "Miracle Worker" this summer? There are full-time and part-time summer jobs available on campus. To register, contact The Career Planning & Placement Office in VLH 102.

If "Stop the World I Want to Get Off" is how you feel, you may need to drop a class. Now is the time. Classes must be dropped on or before May 6. Complete a drop/add form available at VLH 107, have it signed by the instructor, and return it to VLH 107.

When your pockets are empty and your small change is not making the "Sound of Music" to your ears, there is a way to make some fast cash. Book Buy Back is May 9-10, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and May 11, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the ACC book-

store. Huron Shores Campus Book Buy Back is May 12, from 2-5 p.m.

Are your funds running low because you're making the money of a "Fiddler on the Roof" or been traveling like a "Gypsy"? You might qualify for financial aid or one of numerous scholarships. Forms are available in VLH 107 and TLC in VLH 127.

Now is the time to hop on a "Streetcar Named Desire" and head over to VLH 107 to pick up all your graduation needs. Caps, gowns and tassels that were ordered are in. Announcements also can be bought for 30 cents.

This is not "Nonsense;" it is for real. The Learning Center will be open during the summer for your tutoring pleasure. Counselors will only be available on a limited basis. Phone ahead for an appointment. Also, advisers are available by appointment only; after all, it is summer.

And speaking of summer, "break a leg" during your own Personalized Fitness class; PEH 110 and 112 will be starting May 23. Golf classes are available also. Sign up now for summer classes.

New this fall on the campus "Marquee" will be Medical

Assistant and Human Services for Persons with Disabilities programs. Both of these will be associate degree programs...

"Cats" don't like water, but if you do, here is your chance to have a whole swimming pool. Intramural swimming is open to any ACC student or staff at The Plaza Pool on Thursday from 8-9 p.m. Bring your student I.D.

One final act, campus hours are different for the summer. All offices are open Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and are closed for a half hour lunch. Friday hours are 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Make your appointments accordingly.

"Lights, places everyone." Student Senate will be having their final production Friday, May 6. The annual Spring Fling will be occurring. This is FREE to the whole campus. FREE food and volleyball.

This is the "Final curtain call" for Lumberjack of the Month. The honor went to John Singer, chemistry instructor. Due to the last publication deadline, information on Singer was unavailable.

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