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Bids for center project rejected

By Jen Goodburne
LAYOUT EDITOR

Amid staunch assurances that the integrity of the "Center Project" will be preserved, Dr. Donald Newport announced last week that the project itself is undergoing some streamlining.

Six construction bids for the Student / Community / Business / Learning Resources Center project were recently rejected after extensive review by the project architect, representatives of the State, and Dow Howell Gilmore & Associates.

The construction budget, approximately \$6 million, fell short of the bids which ranged from \$7.6 to \$8.6 million.

To aid in making up the million+ difference, the college has hired Henry Lyngos as a construction consultant and co-ordinator for the project. With his help, the college is doing a "careful" cost/benefit study.

Lyngos will serve as ACC's representative to work with the State and contractors involved with the construction. His background includes work as a contractor, developer, mort-

gage banker, and building inspector.

"We think it's very important to preserve the integrity of the program that was originally conceived," said Newport. The changes suggested by Lyngos, while bringing the Center Project into the proper range of budget, are for the main part simply cosmetic.

Newport credits the cost overrun to the increase in the costs of construction materials, such as lumber, during the long process of planning and designing.

"The design process has been going on for five or six years," said Lyngos. "It was likely that poured foundations, for example, were cost effective a couple years ago. In today's market, concrete block foundations are more effective. So, you save a little there."

A list of 30 to 40 "targets" has been created to aid in the evolving cost cutting strategy.

Rounded walls, brick facing on external walls, and extensive sky lights are the type of things Lyngos is seeking to eliminate.

"You may see paint instead

of ceramic," said Lyngos, "but I think the average person walking through the door wouldn't notice [the cutbacks in construction.]

Another suggestion is to build all facilities on the ground, as opposed to a second story. While the square footage would remain intact, cost for elevators and stairwells would be eliminated.

"The task is to save the program, not make the sheet of paper smaller or cut the corner off it," said Lyngos. "[We're] trying to get value out of it."

As a result of the setback, the 16 to 18 month project has a revised schedule. April through June of 1994 has been reserved for redesigning. In July, the State will review the changes. Bids will be received in August, and in September contractors will be on site to begin construction.

The building should be in use for the spring semester of 1995/96.

"We made a commitment to this community and to lots of folks that we would deliver a set series of programs and services, and that's what we're going to deliver," said Newport.



Dr. Don Newport recently held a press conference to discuss plans for redesigning The Center.

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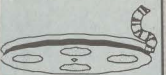
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Have a safe, eventful and enjoyable Summer vacation!



Teachers protest Engler's strike legislation

By Scott Reed
STAFF WRITER

Governor John Engler faced mixed reactions when he arrived in Alpena on April 23.

A crowd of approximately 350 gathered at the City of Alpena Marina to meet the governor. About 300 of those present came to protest House Bill 5128, the teacher strike legislation Engler said he will sign.

Teachers and support staff lined Harbor Drive carrying signs that read, "Teaching is my right. Bargaining is my right," "Flush the John" and "My union respects me. My class respects me. Why don't you?"

House Bill 5128 amends the Public Employment Relations

Act by doing the following:

■ Assessing a penalty fine against teachers and the union for striking, and school boards and individual members for locking out.

■ Changing collective bargaining as it affects health benefits and insurance carriers.

■ Permitting school boards to obtain private sector assistance for noninstructional services.

Ann Boucher, an elementary teacher with Alcona schools said, "This has nothing to do with schools. It has to do with politics."

Keith Titus, Democratic candidate for the 37th Senate district, commented, "During the past week, we saw the true colors of Governor John Engler and

the Republican dominated legislature. Education and collective bargaining in general suffered terrible losses. The legislature has decided to divide the state into two very severely delineated camps and people who were able to work together in the political process will find it extremely difficult to do so in the near future."

State representative Beverly Bodem (R-Alpena) who supported the bill disagrees. "While labor's voice will be preserved," she said, "it cannot continue to decide matters that rightfully should be determined by administration, parents and elected school board members. This legislation is a logical and necessary extension of our recent school reform achievements."

Bodem pointed out that teacher strikes have been illegal in Michigan since 1947, but courts are reluctant to halt walk-outs "while local families are left to contend with the demands and costs of illegal strikes."

Frank Musto, local Uniserv Director of the Michigan Education Association commented, "Even though this bill does not directly affect the community college at this time, it is pretty clear what will happen in the long run."

Musto pointed out that the bill not only affects the health care area but allows volunteers to assume previously paid positions and the subcontracting of services in areas such as counseling.

"This is the beginning of a dismantling process of collective bargaining," Musto continued, "that has been in place for more than thirty years. It won't stop with K-12."

House Bill 5128 does not affect ACC, but a new bill now in legislature will affect ACC instructors' retirements.

Dave Bowman, Director of the MEA Uniserv in Petoskey, said the bill does more than dock teachers a day's pay. It limits

their rights to assembly, meaning they could be fired for protesting actions of the school board or administration.

He also said those who are angry with Engler and his policies should join forces.

"Together," he said, "we can remove the governor from office."

President of the faculty council Frank McCourt said,

Gilbertson to speak at graduation ceremony

By Angela Beaubien
STAFF WRITER

Graduation plans for 1994 are complete for the May 12 ceremony to be held in the East Campus gym.

Dr. Eric R. Gilbertson, president of Saginaw Valley State University, will serve as guest speaker.

Dr. Donald Newport, president of ACC, selected Gilbertson as orator to further enhance the relationship between ACC and SVSU.

"Gilbertson has a good perspective on community colleges," stated Newport.

President Gilbertson grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Bluffton College in Ohio with a bachelor of science in economics. He also achieved a master of arts in economics from Ohio University and a juris doctorate degree (with honors) from Cleveland State University.

For eight years, Gilbertson served as president of Johnson State College in Johnson, Vermont. During his presidency, Johnson State experienced a remarkable enrollment increase.

Additional professional experience includes legal consulting service to the Ohio Board of Regents, and assistance to the President of Ohio State University.

Gilbertson is highly active in many organizations such as

"The total issue is that the last legislature and the Governor, in particular, have absolute contempt for teachers and teaching and that teachers have a legitimate contempt for the legislature and Governor. Until there's some dialogue between teachers/MEA and the legislature, there probably will not be a lot of good happening."

the Boards of Bay County Alliance for Schools, Saginaw Future Inc., United Way, the Saginaw Symphony Association, the Saginaw Valley Torch Club.

He and his wife Cynthia have two teenage children, Sara Anne and Seth Forrest.

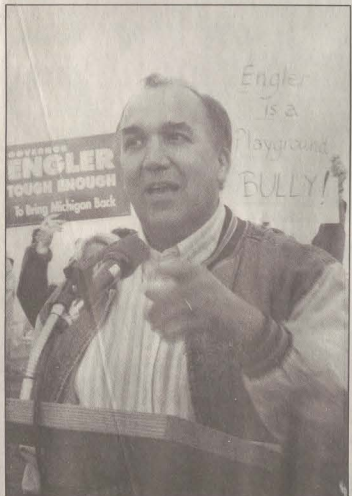
The 21st annual Anna and Jesse Besser awards will be presented by Besser President Jim Park to the outstanding female and male sophomore students. Students are nominated by ACC faculty members and final selection is made by a ten member committee composed of faculty and staff.

The award winners are selected until the graduation ceremony and are introduced by Park who will read a citation describing the reasons for the selection.

The award comes with a \$100 check for the recipient and his/her name will be inscribed on a permanent plaque which is located in the ACC library.

Music for the graduation will be furnished by The Collegiate Singers under the direction of Jean Martin-Brown. Loretta Beyer will play the processional and recessional.

A reception for all graduates, their families and staff will be held at The Jesse Besser Museum directly following the ceremonies which begin at 7 p.m.



Governor Engler faced mixed emotions from the crowd while speaking at Alpena Boat Harbor.

Photo Courtesy Alpena News

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
STAFF WRITER

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.

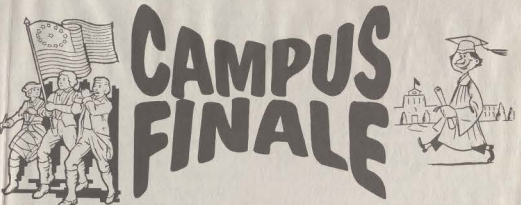
This year's writing workshops include self publishing and T.V. documentary and writing technique.

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.

Campus Notes has been brought to you by Melody Sharp, official Den-Mother of *The Polemic*.

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ACC supports mediation service

By DON FILARSKI
STAFF WRITER

ACC student Shawn Dempsey has been involved this past year in a new community program, the Sunrise Mediation Service, which works to resolve conflicts between parties that might otherwise end up in small claims court.

People filing a case in small claims court can expect to pay \$22 - \$37. A small claim must be made in a dollar amount even in a case such as a property dispute.

Dempsey stated that people don't often understand why mediation is better than going to court. She explained that in court a judge acts often like an arbitrator where both sides of an argument are heard and a judgement is made which often only favors one party.

In mediation, however, both parties reach an agreement

that they both can live with. Situations that mediation service will tackle are numerous and include business or contract disputes, property damage, or difficulties between children or teens.

The SMS has been in operation since April 1, 1993, and has handled 32 cases. Dempsey, who is considering a career in law, has functioned in several cases and has found the experience very worthwhile.

Toni Jurnu is the current coordinator/director and holds a B.S. degree in psychology with experience in probate court.

Her job is intake - to discover if a dispute is appropriate for mediation. If it is, she goes about seeing if both parties will agree to a mediation meeting on neutral ground, usually church, county or school buildings.

Last of all she assigns two volunteer mediators. If parties come to an agreement, a written document is signed by the par-

ties involved.

The agency will even perform a follow up after three months to see how things are going in regard to the agreement.

Charles Wiesen, ACC Executive Director of the Center for Economic & Human Resource Development serves as president of the SMS board of directors.

He described the SMS as a place which provides people another opportunity to solve their problems in a civil manner, instead of going directly to the court which is often overloaded with litigation. Wiesen believes that a community is stronger when it solves its own problems, and the mediation center provides the community with this opportunity.

For information pick up a brochure on one of ACC's information stands entitled "Conflict? The Solution Is In Your Hands!" or call the SMS at 1-800-552-2625.



Paul Aaron, a Senior Research Associate from Brandeis University in Massachusetts meets with Service-Learning Coordinator Julie Smigelski and student Caroline Lechel. Photo by Linda Simpson

Center involved in survey

By DON FILARSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Service-Learning Center at Alpena Community College recently had a visitor from Brandeis University in Massachusetts. Paul Aaron, a Senior Research Associate, made an on-site visit to our campus because ACC is participating in a nationwide Service-Learning survey. ACC is the only community college in Michigan involved in the survey.

During his visit, Aaron

met with President Dr. Donald Newport, CEHRD Director Chuck Wiesen, Nursing Instructor Corky Williams, Instructor Dave Eger, Tencarencare Activities Director Thelma Stevens, and several students involved in the Service-Learning program.

Aaron commented on the high level of community enthusiasm toward the projects at ACC.

Aaron asked student Caroline Lechel what made the Service-Learning project different from simply volunteering.

Lechel, who tutors at Besser Elementary School said, "I share [ACC instructor] Charles Rosebush's enthusiasm about math with my students at Besser, I feel I have a lot to offer them and they deserve the extra help."

Service-Learning Coordinator Julie Smigelski has applied for a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C. If the application is successful, there will be a considerable expansion of the program in the Fall of 1994.

ACC staff are honored

By MELODY SHARP
STAFF WRITER

While driving down Johnson Street one might notice that each month a new name mysteriously appears on the ACC billboard announcing "The Lumberjack of the Month."

The Lumberjack of the Month award started in November, 1989, as a recognition program for staff members who have performed in an extraordinary fashion at the college in

the carrying out of their job responsibilities. President Dr. Don Newport stated, "Those are people that walk further . . . and faster than others."

All staff are eligible for recognition and the first recipient was Lyle Beck, director of data processing. Since that time 49 awards have been given.

Recipients receive a letter of commendation presented by Newport, various donated items from area merchants, a designated parking space anywhere on campus they desire and a tree

planted in their honor in the spring.

Selection is made by Newport from nominations provided by any staff member who feels the nominee has performed an outstanding service to the college and its students.

Recipients for 1993-94 were Don Witt, Kathy Momrick, Sonya Titis, Linda Suneson, Rob Rousey, Sandy Eastway, Corky Williams, Karen Eller, Chuck Wiesen, Curt Davis, Ken Hubbard, Mike Hood, Dot Gonia, and John Singer.

Phi Theta Kappa trips out

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
NEWS EDITOR

Phi Theta Kappa elected its officers for the 1994-95 school year on April 19.

The officers are: Donna Richards, president; Julie Belanger, vice-president; Jennifer Weinkauf, secretary; Pat Cook, public relation secretary, and Julie Litwinski, treasurer. They will take office on May 31.

Some of the incoming officers recently had the opportunity to learn more about PTK. On April 22, current President Shawn Dempsey and

Public Relations Secretary Craig Brown, along with Weinkauf, Cook, and Richards headed to Clair, Michigan, for the annual PTK regional convention.

"The trip was very stimulating - a true learning experience," says Dempsey. "I would advise anyone interested in PTK to take the plunge."

Mid-Michigan Community College hosted the conference.

The three day trip ended with an awards ceremony where PTK Advisor Wes Law won the Horizon Award for new advisors. Law has been PTK advisor for two years.

By DENINE KONWINSKI
COPY EDITOR

ACC's Dr. Donald Newport was among 18 community college presidents out of 1,200 in the U.S. recently recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges for serving a minimum of 25 years as president. The honor was granted at the National Meeting of Community Colleges in Washington, D.C.

"It's more of an acknowledgment of survival than anything," Newport stated, try-

ing to down play the award. Despite the average "life" of 9.4 years for a president of a community college, Newport has been with ACC for 6, and sees himself staying on.

Newport sites some factors for the length of time individuals serve as president of an institution such as a community college.

For one, he says, the role has changed. When he first became president, the emphasis was building up the credibility of community colleges. Today

the emphasis lies on finance and other outside factors, including the politics within the field.

Another large factor is simply pressure. Newport stated, "Some individuals have trouble maintaining a balance between those pressures and the time needed to put into the job."

But Newport has learned to change with the times, and maintain a balance.

"I enjoy seeing the institution being responsive . . . and seeing the community and the individual grow - everything else is second place," he said.



Max Lindsay teases Mike Hood upon his retirement celebration at the recent Recognition dinner and program. Photo by Linda Simpson

Cal State lawsuit results in a model gender equity program

(NSNS) - A landmark settlement will put the California State University (CSU) system at the forefront of offering equal opportunities in sports for women students by the end of the century.

The settlement, announced as a decision in the case of California NOW v. The California State University, mandates that all 20 CSU schools give opportunities to women students proportional to their representation in the student body by the 1998-99 school year.

The settlement also requires proportionality in offering athletic scholarships and in budgets.

Women's Sports Foundation President Nancy Hogshhead, 1984 Olympic triple gold medalist in swimming, hailed the settlement as a recognition that the time has come for equitable treatment of women athletes.

"The CSU system has taken a giant step by committing itself to truly equitable sports programs, not just programs that pay lip service to gender equity," said Hogshhead. "By agreeing to this settlement, the CSU administration has avoided a court fight that could divide its athletic departments and instead focuses the institution's energies on moving forward to an equitable future. We applaud their decision."

The suit alleged that CSU had failed to make progress toward eliminating disparities between women and men in intercollegiate sports as required by the State Education Code.

Women's Sports Foundation Executive Director Donna Lopiano noted that the settlement will put pressure on the University of California to move toward gender equity as well.

"Since the CSU system has agreed to this strict standard of gender equity under the California Education Code, the University of California system will have to take a close look at their own programs," Lopiano said. "If all CSU and UC schools

create truly equitable programs, California will be the example from which the rest of the country can learn."

Correction:

The following PTK inductees were incorrectly named in the April 13 issue of *The Polemic*: Patrick Cook was mistakenly billed as Patricia Cook, Jennifer Weinkauf was mistakenly billed as Wendy Weinkauf, and David Murray was omitted.

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Politically correct news story published on processed tree carcass

By SCOTT REED
STAFF WRITER

What does it mean to be "politically correct"? These days, it seems as though everything we say is not politically correct. But does it really matter? Why should we bother with it?

To be politically correct is to be completely neutral in describing something. Although political correctness has been around for a while, we first heard of this term, it seems, when a certain percentage of the population decided they would rather be called "African-Americans" instead of "blacks." African-American is a more politically correct term to use. Okay, I have no problem with that. But then, the political correctness earthquake rumbled through our country with such force, wherever we turned there was a new politically correct name for each person, place and thing.

According to The Official Politically Correct Dictionary and Handbook, we have no more bald people in the world, we have the "hair disadvantaged." There are no more dead people. They have been replaced with the "terminally inconvenienced." Even "politically correct" is no longer the politically correct term to use. It has changed to "culturally sensitive."

How important is it to be 100% politically correct? Would have to think it's not important at all. I mean, how many people are going to get truly upset if

someone uses the word "puppet," rather than its politically correct counterpart, "hand-held American?"

The 1990s have so far blessed us with a lot of sociological fads, such as people suddenly remembering they were abused as a child, or claiming temporary insanity to try to weasel out of a guilty verdict. But this political correctness fad is for the birds.

The whole point of being politically correct, as I see it, is not to be overly judgmental when describing someone, something or someplace. But let's face it. There's no way of getting around the fact that however we describe something, or whatever words we decide to use, we are still labeling that object.

It is incorrect to call someone fat, but it is okay to say "horizontally challenged." It is incorrect to call someone poor, but it is okay to say "economically marginalized."

I'd just like to say to the person who created political correctness, "Do you honestly think that by changing the name of the condition or description, you'll somehow change the problem?" Let me give you the answer: "I don't think so!"

Here's a short, but very politically incorrect sentence: "My airhead secretary was dishonest with the paperwork." Translated into political correctness, that same sentence would read: "My cerebro-atmospheric personal assistant was ethically

disoriented with the processed tree carcass delivery person."

If we entered a world where political correctness dominated our language system, do you think anyone would be able to understand anyone else?

Here's a little political correctness quiz. I'm going to list five words that are politically correct. See if you can guess what they mean in English:

- 1) Temporarily metabolically abled.
- 2) PWA.
- 3) Parasitically oppressed.
- 4) Just happens to be.
- 5) Guest.

There are very few of these politically correct terms I can live with, even if they are still labels. But for the most part, I think life would be a lot simpler if we went back to the time when people were just people.

Here are the answers to the political correctness quiz:

- 1) Temporarily metabolically abled means "alive."
- 2) PWA means "person with AIDS."
- 3) Parasitically oppressed means "pregnant."
- 4) Just happens to be means "is."
- 5) Guest means "prisoner."

If you got all five right, you are too politically correct for your own good.

If you got three or four right, you watch too much trash TV.

If you got one or two, I hope they were just lucky guesses.

If you got them all wrong, congratulations! You passed! You're normal!

Letter to the Editor

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF ACC

I recently returned from the second of two field trips. The first was with some of ACC's journalism students, the second with some of ACC's art students. I'm very proud to have accompanied such exemplary cross-sections of our student body on their respective trips to Port Huron, Michigan, and Chi-

ago, Illinois. They were great representatives of ACC.

These areas of study as well as the advisers and instructors of these subjects are not always taken seriously on our campus. The students I traveled with have benefited greatly from the talented but underappreciated instructors and advisers of these "non-traditional" areas of study. I saw first-hand how these programs have stimulated the

students - some of whom may not have been interested in a post secondary education if it weren't for these subjects. I hope there will always be a place for journalism, the arts, and other "non-traditional" areas of study at ACC.

Sincerely,
Mark Ferguson
Administrative Technician
Alpena Community College

Congratulations graduating Class of 1994!

Incidents effect viewpoint of DUI

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
NEWS EDITOR

I screwed up again, and this time, if you can believe it, it didn't even involve the word "suck".

This time, it was serious and I failed to act. This time, it could have cost a life.

A few weeks ago, I left school around dusk to have dinner in Rogers City with my parents. I hadn't even gone a block when some jerk pulled right out in front of me. Luckily, I noticed that the moron had no intention of stopping or he would have plowed into the side of my car.

I swore a couple of times, shrugged it off as a typical isolated incident of not looking both ways, and passed the idiot as soon as we turned onto M-23.

I drove without a second thought, until... the jerk started tailgating me, trying to pass me. He had been driving 45 m.p.h.; now he apparently wanted to do 70.

And he passed, to go 45 again... in both lanes.

After he drove on the other side of the road a couple of times, it didn't take a genius to realize this guy had had a few too many of something. And it was showing in every passing mile.

I was so angry. This [c]&#% almost hit me. What right did this person have to endanger me this way? What right did this fool have to endanger anyone this way?

And this is the part where I screwed up. Besides fuming, I didn't do anything about it.

I should have, and could have, gotten his license plate number and called the police. As much information as I could have gotten, without endangering myself, is what they needed. With a description of the driver, the cops could even have gone to his house and questioned him,

if they hadn't caught him on the road.

Instead, I let the guy keep driving. He could have killed somebody; thank God he didn't.

It's hard to condemn the guy because I have sympathy for him. I have driven after drinking, and I have let others drive after drinking. But I'm not going to do it anymore because of a tragedy which struck too close to home.

I wish I could say the tragedy which convinced me not to drink and drive was the 1991 drinking and driving death of one of my friends. But I can't.

Bob was about 20 when he died. His was the first open casket funeral I had ever been to. It was so unreal to look at a friend, someone who I cared about, someone who was handsome, sweet, smart, and funny, just lying there - dead.

We dated a few months before his death. I liked him a lot. So did a lot of other people. He overlooked people's flaws and concentrated on their virtues. My family even liked him!

I knew it wasn't finished between us, but I never could have imagined our final date would be his funeral.

But no, his death didn't affect my behavior - it can't happen to me, right? His death was terrible but it was a fluke, something that happens to other people. And it did happen to someone else. In 1993, Labor Day weekend to be precise, another tragedy struck which actually did make me change my behavior, at least a little bit.

Kendra was killed in a single car accident. She was three miles from home and it was about 10 o'clock in the evening. She had been playing in -- and drinking through -- the Rogers City softball tournaments, along with dozens of other people. But Kendra was the unlucky one.

Kendra was about 27 when

she died. She had a special knack for making people feel at ease, and that's what she did for me when I was new to the area. She was happily engaged to be married to someone she loved who loved her back. She had reasons to live.

I am 24 - I'll be 25 the day this paper comes out - and I have things to live for. Kendra's death pointed this out to me, so I decided never to drive drunk again. But what if I only had one or two? I recently found even just having a few drinks can lead to a tragedy, a tragedy so terrible it made me swear off drinking and driving completely.

She was 29 when she went to jail. It was Halloween, and she was having a good time, taking it easy, and staying close to home when she was pulled over. She didn't drink that much, just one drink per hour. It thought that was legal! But it isn't.

She said going to jail was the most horrible thing she ever experienced. She had to spend the night in a place with criminals. She had to go to court. Her license was restricted to driving for work purposes only. Her car insurance bloomed.

The deaths of my friends seemed so unreal. They were just

gone, and their accidents were freak accidents which could never happen to me. But Sue sat down and told me about jail, and I realized, HEY, THIS JAIL THING COULD HAPPEN TO ME!

I could be with real criminals - robbers, rapists, and murderers. I would have to tell people I had been an offender. I vowed never to drink and drive again.

"Cool," I thought, "I'm safe." But then I saw that jerk driving drunk, and I realized I'm not safe. None of us are safe until we call the police when we see some one driving under the influence. Next time, I will.

Students SPEAK

What plans do you have for this summer?



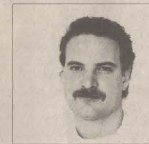
I'm going to North Dakota to visit family for most of the summer. - Traci Haugerud



I don't know, but whatever it is, it's going to be fun. - Richard Jenkins



I'm going to work two jobs so I can go to school in the fall. - Tara Rhoads



Working construction & developing a group support program for separated/divorced men. - Kurt Pokorzynski



Working extra hours and taking more classes at ACC to prepare for the Nursing Program. - Sue Cohoon

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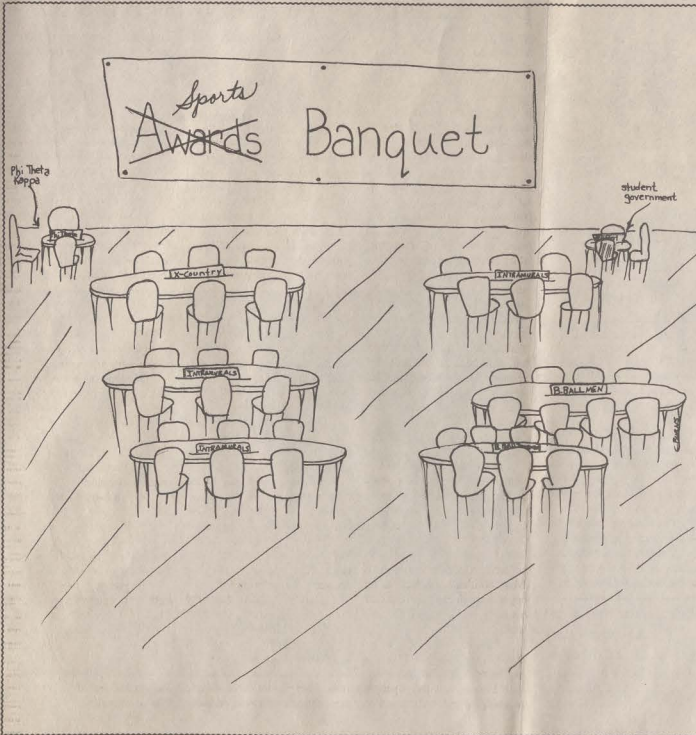
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Senate provides awards banquet

Have they done an injustice or a good deed?

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
NEWS EDITOR

As the 1993-94 school year came to a close, Student Senate prepared for one of its last activities — the Awards Banquet. I heard a few grumblings about it before it had even happened.

The Awards Banquet, April 29, was a dinner sponsored by SS for campus groups, clubs, and activities to present their commendations to whom ever needs to be commended. Academic departments were also invited to present any awards they may choose to give.

Traditionally, the Awards Banquet is an athletic banquet. Inter- and intra-murals have usually dominated the scene.

This year though, SS has worked to change this. They encouraged all of the academic areas to participate. They conducted a teacher of the year contest. They intended to invite all of the clubs to attend.

Great ideas, right? They were great ideas and SS worked hard on them without much help from anyone.

To encourage academic recognition, they sent letters, attended meetings, and talked to instructors. The end result is that one department — the Humanities Department — will present two awards and the Math/Sciences Department will present two additional awards. No one else responded.

It is rather ironic that in a school where the predominant talk of instructors is, "What's the matter with these students?" few teachers bothered to respond. Perhaps instructors feel that grades are recognition enough. Perhaps they were too busy to discuss — well. However, some response, even negative, would have been helpful.

In addition, SS thought the teachers here deserved some acknowledgement. Instructors here work hard, they encourage and support their students, and

they are instrumental in their students' successes. A special teacher of the year award seemed appropriate, so SS sponsored one.

The problem is they didn't research or plan the contest very well. They didn't know it had been done in the past and had not worked out. They didn't establish a solid criteria to judge the essays. But they held the contest anyway because seven students took the time to write about how instructors have affected them.

As a judge in the contest, I read all of the essays. I was moved at how much respect these students held for their instructors. I was also moved at the care and concern these instructors showed

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their students. In a school where apathy rules, it was pleasing to see some interest and appreciation. Students may actually care about something, and shockingly, it may be teachers.

And then, there is the club thing. Apparently, no clubs were invited. It was not intentional, just a mistake. SS shouldn't worry about it because only three clubs have cared enough to represent themselves this year.

Each club has a vote on SS; Phi Theta Kappa, Society of Creative Anachronism, and The Polemic are the only groups who have ever bothered to exercise this right.

The clubs weren't invited too — but did they really want to come? If they did, they should have made sure by attending a meeting at least once in awhile. If they want to be represented at the Awards Banquet, they should be represented on SS.

All in all, the Awards Banquet is representative of SS's whole year — not perfect but well intentioned. So do we condemn them? No. They're students, they're learning, and they're the only ones willing to do the job.

So how about thanking them, offering some ideas and contributions, and planning for a great 1994-95 school year.

Gulf War will have long lasting effect

By DENISE KONWINSKI
COPY-EDITOR

For some, it may as well be ancient history. Pack up the books and tie them up with a yellow bow.

For others, the fighting is over, but the war never ends. It's a constant in life.

This month marks three years since a friend returned from serving six months in the Persian Gulf. Through the tales he tells and the pictures we, as a nation, have seen, a lot has been learned. Unfortunately, there is a lot more information out there, and it seems only time will reveal the secrets.

The nightmares and the vivid memories of fighting are bad enough, but as time goes on, some Gulf War veterans are finding their health is deteriorating. Many have respiratory problems, sinus trouble, a recurring rash and suffer from chronic soreness and fatigue, among other symptoms.

Many vets have come home, and since produced children that are "less than perfect" — something that could happen to anyone, but the similarities are there.

It's one of the greatest tragedies of war. Just like the Viet Nam vets exposed to Agent Orange, we'll spend the next decades wondering what we're dealing with, and innumerable people will be affected.

All of the veterans were too

young, unselfishly risking their lives for the rights of others, but especially unfortunate are those who will want to someday start a family.

They will wonder if the chance will be worth the pain and emotional scars it could leave, if their child is one of the many already burdened with one of those tragedies of war.

The wife of one man who served with the Army's 16th Engineer Battalion had a son, born almost nine months to the day that he returned home from the Gulf. The boy was born without arms — his hands are attached to his shoulders and his legs are

body. They're not really sure what it is.

My friend has said there are things the government should have told the American people. Things about immunizations (many were not approved by the FDA) and the use of chemical warfare, among others. I don't doubt it for a minute.

The image in the crystal ball isn't pretty. But then again, nothing about war is. According to the environmental activist group Greenpeace, over 150,000 Iraqis died, and five million were left homeless as a result of the 43 day allied attack. Kuwait suffered

anywhere from 2

5,000 casualties, and 343 allied troops were killed; 266 of those

were Americans. Of those, 145 were killed in action. Accidents claimed the other lives.

"I don't ever want to kill again," stated one 28-year-old Navy Flier who was taken prisoner by the Iraqis. "People think, 'Hey, we went in there and just kicked ass,' but they didn't see the Iraqi mothers being killed."

Unfortunately, the general feeling of the American people was in many cases, just that. It's too bad they don't think of the real effects.

The allied forces did a superb job, and according to one report, support was the highest of any war. It seemed that even those who opposed war showed

support for our troops; that's what it's all about.

Although long overdue, the feeling of patriotism took many back to Viet Nam. But no matter how late, it happened. Those vets got some long overdue recognition — and it was positive.

Another aspect recognized was the attitude of the American civilians left at home. While the service people were away, the civilians pulled together and worked hard to support each other and also our troops by sending letters and care packages.

"When you get back here and see all that we have, you're so much aware of how good it is here," said then Master Sgt. Larry Sisco, when speaking to students at Sanborn Elementary School three years ago.

Our veterans are fortunate to have such a comfortable place to come home to. It's a place where for most, sandstorms are infrequent, and they don't have to brew coffee through a sock.

It's a sharp contrast to the Iraqi soldiers who lined up waving anything white, begging to be 'captured' so they might receive food and water.

They only asked for the basics, something we all hope to live above and beyond. For most of us, health falls into that category. Yet for some, that seems like asking for something just short of a miracle.

So as the world goes around and years go by, we watch and wonder, if, as a military power, we'll ever have to go back. Sometimes it doesn't really matter. The damage is done, whether it was in a World War, Korea, Viet Nam, Persian Gulf or Bosnia.

The only thing we wish is that the lives weren't lost and the veterans could live as they did before.

Unfortunately, there is a lot more information out there, and it seems only time will reveal the secrets.

THANK YOU,

Julie Smigelski,

FOR THE PIZZA!!!

(It was yummy!)

~ The Polemic staff



Approximately fifty art students assembled to begin their journey to Chicago. Photo by Linda Simpson

Art students take on Chicago

By KENDRA JONES
STAFF WRITER

"It was one fantastic time!" That's how art instructor Laurie Wade described the recent trip she and approximately 50 other art and humanities students and instructors took to Chicago.

The trip's main focus was to experience first-hand a number of major art exhibits, which the participants did.

While in Chicago, the students and faculty had a fun time visiting such places as the Sears

Tower, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Shedd Aquarium, the Hard Rock Cafe, the Chicago Institute of Art, Planet Hollywood, and many more.

The group spent two nights at the Essex Hotel on Michigan Avenue, in the heart of the downtown area.

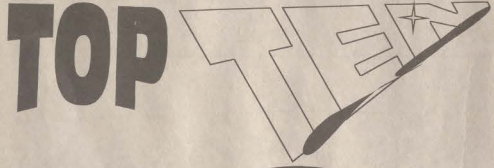
It was the first time many of the participants had been to Chicago. It was also the first time many of them had been on a train or in a taxi. ACC student

Katie Dilks said, "Chicago was really interesting and I had a great time considering we were there for only one day."

Wade said of the trip, "It was great to see the diversity in the city, ethnically and culturally."

A similar art and humanities trip is being planned for the Fall. The tentative destination for this trip is currently Toronto.

The trip is open to all ACC students with preference given to arts and humanities students.



By SCOTT REED
STAFF WRITER

Well, it's that time of year again when people realize that it is indeed that time of year again. Time to put away the notebooks, the pens, the calculators and what not. For me, that also means the last of these "top ten" lists. So, what could I write

- about for the very last one?
- How about the Top Ten New Songs About John & Lorena Bobbitt?
- #10: "Run From Your Wife"
- #9: "All That She Wants"
- #8: "Ice Ice Pack Baby"
- #7: "Happy Bridayd to You"
- #6: "Every Time You Go

- Away (You Take a Piece of Me with You)"
- #5: "A Hard Day's Night"
- #4: "Cuts Like a Knife"
- #3: "The Sound of Eumuchs"
- #2: "She Threw It Out the Mustang Window"
- And the number one new Bobbitt song: "Bring Me the Head of John Bobbitt."

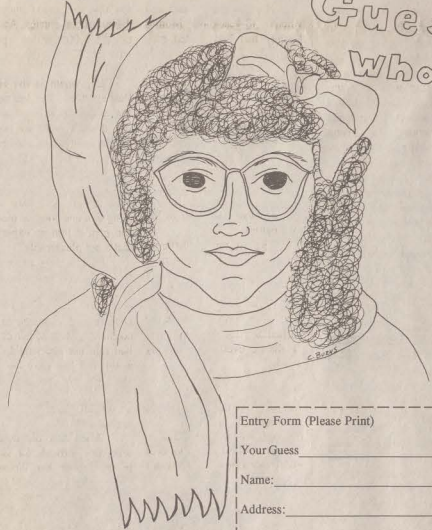


Carla Kurzenhauser smiles as her three year old son Dietrich enjoys the noises he can make while blowing into a vase his mother purchased at the recent "Art for Humanities." Photo by Linda Simpson

Polemic cartoonist Carol Burns has drawn this caricature of an ACC instructor. If you can identify her please fill out the entry form and drop it off at The Polemic office by 5 p.m. on May 6, 1994. The winner will be selected at random and notified on May 9, 1994. He/she will receive a free extra value meal, courtesy of McDonald's® Restaurant of Alpena.

Nelline Sabourin was the winner on April 29 with the correct guess of faculty member Keith Titus.

Guess Who?



Entry Form (Please Print)

Your Guess _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Art profits purchase smoke detectors

By KENDRA JONES
STAFF WRITER

The Art for Humanities evening, held April 15 at the United Methodist Church on Ripley, proved successful as it raised \$980, enough money to provide about 246 smoke detectors for low income families in the Alpena area.

Laurie Wade's advanced ceramic students created over

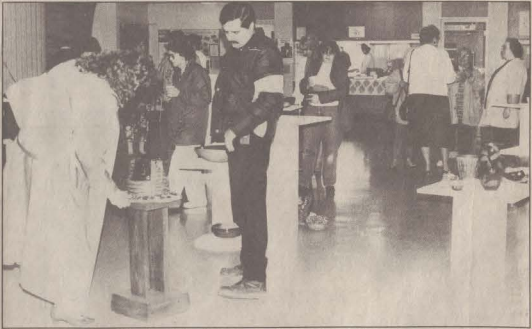
100 assorted pots, jewelry pieces, vases, dishes and bowls for the exhibit and sale conducted with assistance from The Department of Social Services. The profits benefited SAFFE, Save Alpena From Fire Emergencies.

The items were placed in the open hall, giving a true gallery atmosphere. Background music and hors d'oeuvres completed the ambience. Wade commented on how well the

evening turned out, especially with all the support from ACC's faculty.

Wade was also pleased with the work her students accomplished, not only with their creations, but through all their dedicated efforts assembling and dismantling the show.

This was the second year students donated their work for the benefit of area citizens in need.



Attendees at the art fair viewed the show at a steady pace in a gallery atmosphere. Photo by Linda Simpson

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Tenured teachers work both sides of "moat"

DEB HASKE
STAFF WRITER

In August of 1963 when Gerald Hardesty, Chairman of the Industrial Technical Department, started working at ACC, Johnson Street was called the "moat." It not only separated Van Lare Hall from Besser Technical Center, it separated the liberal arts from the technical programs.

Along with his students, Hardesty spent the first semester setting up the machines in the machine shop and assisting in starting and refining the programs.

Many of the tech programs that are now two year degree and certificate programs and apprenticeships started out as one year "man power" programs. Hardesty is proud of assisting in the upgrade and development.

For a period of time these jobs were shipped out to foreign countries but they are now being brought back. There is a boom in manufacturing areas because our economy would not survive without them. Hardesty is most proud of developing good tech programs and teaching with a "good bunch of guys." He doesn't enjoy the paper work.

A change which Hardesty strongly influenced was the de-

velopment of the remedial math, English and reading classes. Once these classes were developed and implemented, they became a benefit to everyone at the college.

Although Hardesty has seen no increase in the percentage of tech students needing remedial classes, he has seen the general student population change. Hardesty commented, "I see young people less committed to studying and really doing something with their lives."

"Over the years my teaching technique has improved but I have become less tolerant," commented Hardesty. "Maybe it is the greater generation gap."

Another change Hardesty has observed is an increase in the number of women taking tech classes and students seeking to upgrade their skills.

One change Hardesty would like to see at the college is a full time job placement and recruitment program. "It would sell the college and all its programs," commented Hardesty. "It would be a way to best serve our students."

"A community college is meant to serve the community and in order to do this, we must have people who produce goods," commented Hardesty.



Buchner and Hardesty were honored at ACC's Third Annual Staff Retirement and Recognition Dinner.

Teaching has been a consuming job for Hardesty. Most days are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., which has not left him with enough time for his family. His wife Ann Hardesty also teaches in the Alpena Public School system and they have a son and daughter in college.

Hardesty plans to teach one more year and the first thing

he will do when retired will be his "honey dew" projects. "Honey do this... Honey do that..."

Between these jobs, he hopes to enjoy fishing, hunting and reading. Hardesty is also planning to spend two or three months cruising the coast of British Columbia with his wife.

MacMaster to advise *The Polemic*

By SCOTT REED
STAFF WRITER

This fall, *The Polemic* is going under new management. Donald MacMaster, director of the Workplace Partnership Program, will be replacing Sonya Titus as adviser of the newspaper.

MacMaster has a lengthy and interesting background in the field of journalism.

Around the age of twenty, he earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. Afterward, he got a job writing for *The Alcona County Review*, a weekly newspaper out of Harrisville, where he received a salary of one cent per word.

Afterward, MacMaster spent one year as a sports editor

on a daily newspaper in Marshall.

MacMaster says he then needed more of a challenge, so he went free-lance, which he now thinks was "probably a rash move to make." But during this time, he wrote several cover stories for *The Detroit Free Press* Sunday magazine, which were published in the mid-1980s.

He then went on to work for seven years at *The Ann Arbor Observer*, a city feature magazine that MacMaster found very demanding.

"Sometimes it would take a month to write a story," he says.

During his stay at the *Observer*, MacMaster wrote a number of features, including a story on the homeless problem.

For this, he spent time in a shelter to get a feel for what goes on in the lives of the homeless.

He worked at the *Observer* on a free-lance basis and got paid by the story.

"I didn't live high on the hog," he says, "but I learned a lot."

MacMaster has been at ACC for three years and accepted the adviser position because he sees all the effort that goes into the paper and he would like to be involved in the process.

He feels the responsibilities of an adviser should be to keep the paper on target, to make sure the copy is fair to who writes it and to who is being written about, to make sure there are no glaring errors, and to sup-

port the students in producing something that is theirs.

Writing for a newspaper, he adds, can be "a good learning experience because you can learn a lot about a lot of things."

Thus, current *Polemic* adviser, says of MacMaster, "In looking around for someone who could fill the position, I looked at his Workplace Partnership publication and was very impressed. His training, practical experience, and enthusiasm for newspaper writing were strong points in his selection. He'll be a great adviser."

MacMaster will still keep his current position with the Workplace Partnership. He begins as *Polemic* adviser officially in September.

DEB HASKE
STAFF WRITER

Business Instructor Brenda Buchner, the other 30 year veteran at ACC, began working on the other side of the "moat" in Van Lare Hall in January, 1994. She had been an instructor at Munising and a substitute teacher at Alpena Catholic Central prior to her ACC hiring.

Buchner also has witnessed a number of changes in her tenure here including the addition of a large support staff and work study for students. ACC's first President Stanley Van Lare had the only secretary on campus when Buchner was hired.

In the Business and Human Service Department where Buchner teaches most of her classes, dramatic changes have occurred, notably and most recently, the advent of the computer programs.

With all the changes in the business field, Buchner is assisting in developing a new curriculum, office technology, to replace secretarial science, which better describes what is now taught at ACC.

At the beginning of her career, teaching was stimulating and fun but it has become "... rather a burden," commented Buchner. "It is a seven day a

week job because of preparation and correction for five different classes, and I now have to go to summer school to just stay current."

Teaching keeps Buchner, a single mother of four, busy, but she realizes the value of a profession for financial stability. She empathizes with students who are single mothers seeking a secure financial base.

She also enjoys watching students blossom with increased self confidence as they become aware of their abilities to improve their lives. Buchner is a teacher who becomes involved with students, encouraging them to be their best.

"We [teachers] are here to serve our students, to support them, to help them make the best they can of their lives," comments Buchner, "not discourage them."

These rewards are part of the reason Buchner will not retire for a while. When she retires she plans to experience all the things she has been too busy to do because of work and family.

This semester Buchner is learning to play golf. With her other interests, needle point, reading, gardening, cross-country skiing and travel, Buchner will probably be as busy when she retires as she is now.

Bushey competes in Boston Marathon

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
NEWS EDITOR

Not too many years ago when 38-year-old Monica Bushey had just started running, she listened to friends talk about marathons and thought, "No way!" And now, she chuckles, "Here I am, talking about those marathons."

Bushey, a counselor in The Learning Center, just returned from competing in her first Boston Marathon along with friends Stan Mischley and Wayne Christopherson. Both of the men had completed in the race before.

The trio ran for different reasons. Christopherson ran for a good time - to do well in the race, that is. Mischley and Bushey also ran for a good time - to have fun with no particular pace. Bushey says, "I didn't even turn on my watch."

Running for fun really allowed her to enjoy the race. She met and talked to people from Ireland, Japan, and various parts of the United States. "It was the first time I've ever really run a race that I haven't raced."

Taking an easier pace also let her check out the crowds. Mischley, she says, estimated there were 3/4 of a million people along the sides of the course. "It's a really big party for them," Bushey explains. "It's a state holiday in Massachusetts so there are folks all along the course who are barbecuing, beering, and partying."

The crowds were cheering for the average, middle of the pack runners, which surprised Bushey. To stand out in the race, the runners wear special things like t-shirts with their names on them. Her favorite shirt said, "My teacher ran the Boston Marathon," and it was signed by all of her students. "You don't see that in most races."

The Boston Marathon is the standard length of 29.2 miles, and Bushey finished in

about 3 hours and 45 minutes, which is about 15-20 minutes longer than she would normally run. She didn't even check to see how she placed among the 9,000 official entries. An additional 5-6,000 handily - people who didn't qualify - also raced.

Enjoyment is the reason Bushey runs. She learned by seeing the stress in others that she doesn't want to become caught up in racing and become too competitive. She feels "There are enough things in life that are really difficult that we have to do. Why take something that one does for pleasure and turn it into an experience that's not pleasurable?"

Bushey only returned to running a year ago after being diagnosed three years previously with Degenerative Disc Disease and a congenital abnormality. Most of her doctors had told her she wouldn't run again, but one gave her some exercises and told her to try them if she wanted to run again. After two years, the exercises worked.

When first diagnosed, it was very difficult for Bushey to talk about her illness because, she explains, "I want people to know me for my ability and for what I can do rather than what I can't do."

Before her illness forced her to stop, Bushey ran for three years. At first, not running was difficult; she missed the friends she had made. But taking up biking and swimming and making new friends made her realize that if she couldn't run, there were things she could do.

Bushey does plan to continue running. In May, she will compete in the Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City. Next year, she plans to run in the Big Sur Marathon which runs along the California coast. And of course, Bushey hasn't seen the last of Bushey. In two years, the Boston Marathon will be celebrating its hundredth running and Bushey hopes to be there - running and having fun.



Dot Gonia, Jason Harris and Drew Downs pause to talk at the Alpena Mall's kickoff to Volunteer Week. Photo by Linda Simpson

ACC volunteers present workshop in D.C.

By MELODY SHARP
STAFF WRITER

Chosen from a field of 200 applicants, an eight member team of the Youth Volunteer Corps presented a workshop at the National and Community Service SuperConference '94 held April 20-23 in Arlington, Virginia. The Alpena team joined 89 other selected presenters.

The team consisted of five teenagers from the YVC, Joel Kaiser, Drew Downs, Stacy Black, Melissa Brown and Jason Harris; YVC program director Dot Gonia; VOLUNTEEN coordinator Merrill Downs; and YVC team leader Gwen Downs.

The workshop presented was a high-energy, interactive, youth-led session focusing on a project last summer in the flood ravaged Midwest. Developed during a service-learning reflection period, this youth initiated collaboration involved the YVC of Alpena, the YVC of the Quad Cities (Illinois and Iowa) and several agencies in both communities. Role plays and a skit centered on the cooperation necessary, obstacles faced and the skills required to organize a project of this magnitude.

While at the conference, there was time for the group to visit several memorials and monuments. One of the most moving experiences, according to Gonia, was watching Joel Kaiser make a paper etching of his uncle's name on the Vietnam War Memorial.

Also, presentations by Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy and Pennsylvania Senator Harris Wofford and Youth Service America Co-Founder Roger Landrum were attended by the team.

"This was an experience the group will not soon forget," said Harris. He further commented, "I believe that it not only was an educational experience for us, but also for those that we could help understand that volunteering could be an enjoyable and rewarding experience."

Does volunteering make a

difference? Black stated, "The people I met will be valuable resources in my future as a volunteer and the friendships I acquired will last a lifetime."

The highlight of the trip for Gonia was, "Standing back and proudly watching our youth volunteers present their program, being creative, humorous and real crowd pleasers." She also stated, "I survived the 1,600 mile round trip in a mini-van on the insane Pennsylvania turnpike, under major construction."

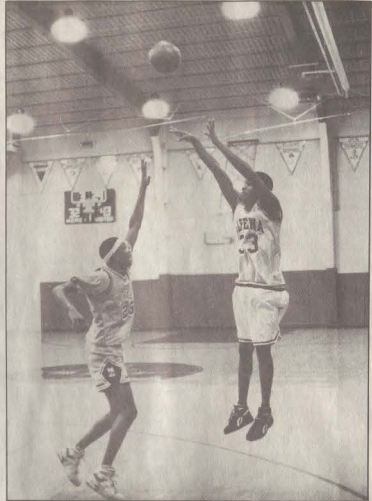
Future plans for the YVC include an intensive summer program for teens ages 11-18. These teams of teens will perform service projects throughout the community.



The Graphic Arts Department produced and printed a "Great Lakes poster that was distributed nationwide.

Looking back

As the semester grinds to a halt, take a look at some of the highlights of the year:



Enthusiastic crowds cheered on the ACC teams in basketball games played in the East Campus gym.



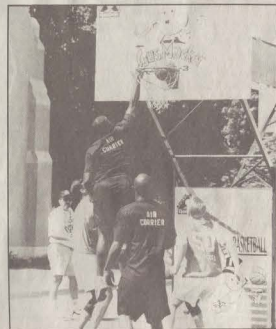
Ground breaking for "The Center" occurred in December. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremonies, including state politicians and local dignitaries.



The Student Senate sponsored two Family Days. ACC student Yvonne Plume's daughter Chelsey Jo enjoyed this experience in December.



The Art Department presented two shows displaying the talents of the various art students. Here ACC President Dr. Don Newport and his wife Dee enjoy viewing one of the art exhibits.

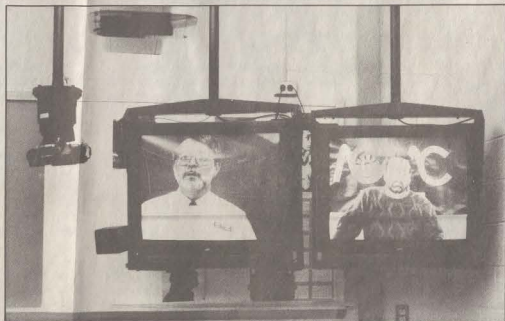


Many ACC athletes and students participated in the summer Gus Macker Tournament.

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Intramural football brought excitement to many players and spectators.



The Interactive classroom was off and running in Van Lare Hall, allowing students to take courses that otherwise could not be offered.