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Administration to see new places and different faces

By **TODD PRICE**
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Come second semester, there will be three new faces at Alpena Community College; an assistant dean in The Learning Center, a director of the Talent Search Program, and a new dean to handle academic affairs.

The assistant dean of The Learning Center and Talent Search director are replacement positions, while the dean of academic affairs position was created due to reorganizational activities which brought all of the instructional activities under one position.

The assistant dean for The Learning Center will be taking over the special population and TRIO programs. The TRIO programs are three federal programs that provide supplemental assistance to students who are economically or educationally disadvantaged. The assistant

dean search has been limited down to three people and the interviews were just completed on the week of October 3rd.

The Talent Search director's position has been limited down to three candidates who will be brought onto campus in the upcoming weeks and will then be brought before the selection panel. This replacement position will also be in charge of student support services.

The Dean of Academic Affairs, will be a partial replacement for Dr. Sheila Williams who resigned last summer, and will be in charge of all credit related instructional activities. There are also three finalists who are being interviewed for this position and will be on campus in the upcoming weeks.

Max Lindsay, who has switched over from Assistant Dean of Students to Dean of Student Affairs, Financial Aid, and Admissions, has had to take up

the registrar's functions and also the responsibilities of Athletic Director. Thomas Bowman and Frank McCourt, who held those positions before, will both go on performing their other duties at the college.

While the enrollment at ACC is down 2.8 percent credit hours from last year, head count enrollment is still the same. "This is due to four things," Executive Dean Curt Davis stated. "First, Alpena High School had its smallest graduating class ever. Second, when the air force base in Oscoda closed we lost a great number of students there. Thirdly, when the economy is strong, people tend to decrease their study load. Finally, for the last six to seven years we've been training employees for businesses, and they've achieved the goals they were looking for."

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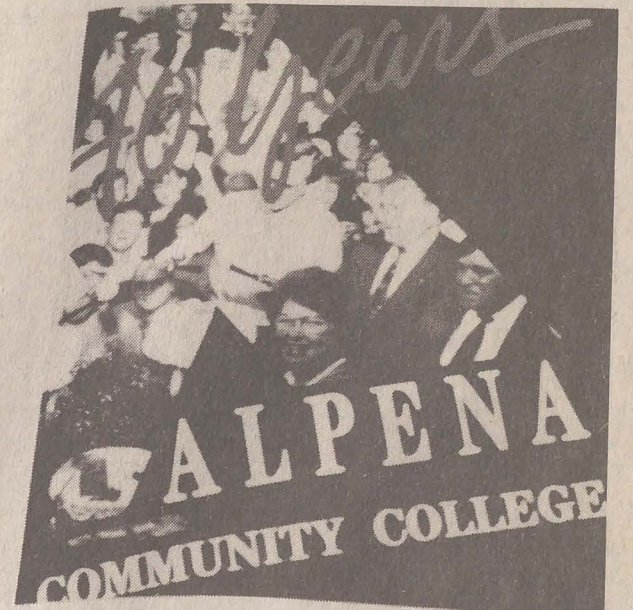


Photo by Jennifer Weinkauf
Instructor Jim Miesen's new book, *40 Years*, will be available in the ACC college library and bookstore.

'40 Years' is a lot of history

By **JASON SKIBA**
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Forty years is a long time, just ask English instructor, Jim Miesen. Miesen's book, *40 Years*, a compilation of the history and events at Alpena Community College up to the present, has just been published and is now ready for the public's perusal.

Miesen was commissioned by Dr. Donald Newport, ACC's current president, to write the history for the college in 1990. The book was finished by July 1, 1992, and was then sent to a printer for publication.

It was a problem to finally get the book published. "Believe me," says Miesen, "it went all over the nation and back before it was finally printed!"

Miesen believes Newport asked him to write the history, "because until now there was no publication of the college history and because he (Newport) wanted it written while there was still someone here who had the background with the college."

Miesen's background certainly qualifies him for the job. He started teaching at Alpena High School in 1961 and started teaching at ACC in 1966.

Miesen's philosophy was to create a book which could be "read" in three different ways: (1) Visually - the pictures throughout the book are small stories in themselves; (2) Human Interest (Emotional) - the side bars on many of the pages in the publication have quotes, recalls, and anecdotal quips about various events; and (3) Comprehensive - for people who read the book cover to cover.

"It was good to experience what my students experience as writers. All teachers should go back and review what they teach to their students from a student's perspective. The process of recursiveness and getting readers applies as much to me as to any freshmen writer," says Miesen.

Research for the book was an extensive job. First, came interviews. He interviewed as many people as he could formally and informally, in groups and separately. Second, he went to the college records, things such as board minutes from old meetings. Lastly, he went to the *Alpena News*, where a vast amount of information from the book came from.

"It was a great satisfaction that I was able to contribute this to the history of the college," concludes Miesen. "It's gratifying to know I can leave something concrete behind me when I retire from the college."



Alpena Community College's \$8.2 million construction project, due to break ground next month, will forever change this view of the ACC landscape. *The Polemic* will cover these developments as they occur.

Board passes the bucks

By **SHAWN DEMPSEY**
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When the Budget Review Board distributed \$24,000 in student activities fees on Oct. 8, it found that an untimely resigna-

tion last year had a surprisingly pleasant effect on several campus clubs this year - about \$5,000 dollars worth of pleasant effects.

The Intramural Sports Program simply did not spend all

of its money due to Director Jeff Duncan's resignation in the middle of last year, says Dean of Student Affairs Max Lindsay. The \$5,000 balance in the Intramural account, plus the \$24,000 in student activities fees, created increases in most clubs' funds.

The money was distributed as follows: Intramurals, \$1,056 (plus a balance of \$5,109); *The Polemic*, \$9,374; Student Activity Board, \$9,000; Phi Theta Kappa, \$1,500 (plus a balance of \$120); Student Nurses Association, \$770; Society for Creative Anachronisms, \$600; Student Senate, \$200; and the Presidential Leadership Group, \$1,500 (first year request).

Last year, \$24,000 was distributed as follows: Intramurals, \$7,000; Student Activity Board, \$7,000; *The Polemic*, \$5,820; ACC Players, \$1,200; Phi Theta Kappa, \$1,000; Student Nurses Association, \$680; Society for Creative Anachronisms, \$300

(first year request); Student Senate, \$200; and the Besser Tech Association \$800.

The ACC Players Club and the Besser Tech Association did not submit budget requests this year.

A new group, the Presidential Leadership Group, uses its funding to send ten students to a leadership camp for a week each summer. Participants are sought from various campus clubs and activities and must be returning students.

The activity funds are dispersed once a year by a board comprised of faculty, administrators and students and are open to all student groups. Eight groups requested \$36,729, while last year nine groups requested \$38,382.

No extra emergency fund money will be available since all the funds were distributed, and clubs are to plan their activities carefully.

And the new Student Senate members are...

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The Student Senate results are in, and according to Jeff Blumenthal, the Senate adviser, the race was very close. Of 164 ballots cast, only 102 were valid, because of incorrect or a complete lack of Social Security numbers.

Despite this, ACC's new freshman representatives are Amy Moschke with 38 votes, Brenda Wilmot with 34, and Rexann Wise winning 28 votes. Daniel Marquardt with 35 votes, Gloria Haske with 21, and Shannon Bauer with 20 total votes, have filled the sophomore positions. Amy Sanson almost captured a sophomore seat with 19 votes.

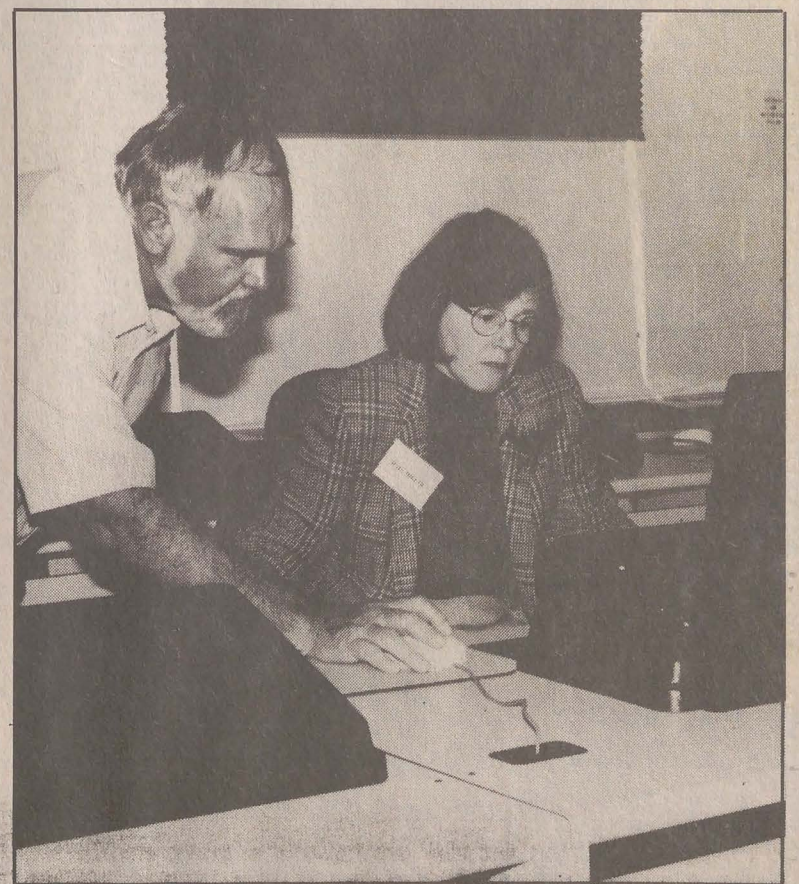


Photo courtesy of Carlene Przykucki
Dr. Elbridge Dunckel assists Mary Miller at *Computers for the Faint-Hearted*, a session of ACC's *A College Day for Women* held on campus Saturday, Oct. 22.
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