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## Huron Shores students form a new Union

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On Friday, Oct. 28, a group of students at the Huron Shores Campus gathered together in an attempt to form a new student organization. The result? The Huron Shores Student Union, a representative body elected of the students, by the students, and for the students.

First order of business was the election of officers, and as there was no existing constitution, an interim board was elected by the students present. Interim officers are: Shelly Hollingsworth, president; Travis Gamble, vice president; Jolene Gamble, treasurer; and Krisztina Varga, secretary. Faculty members Dave Eger and George Schwedler will serve as advisers.

A campus-wide election was scheduled for the week of Dec. 12. The general election is hoped to inspire a greater ma-

majority of Huron Shores students to take an active role in the direction of the campus' future development.

Second on the agenda was the question of goals and purpose for the Union. "There are three objectives that I think are important," Hollingsworth said. "First, a bond needs to be formed between the Huron Shores Campus and the main campus in Alpena. Second, I'd like the Union to provide community service. Finally, I believe that the Huron Shores Campus should be promoted throughout the area high schools to encourage higher enrollment."

Hollingsworth was the founder of the organization, actively speaking to students and faculty to encourage support in the weeks preceding the first meeting.

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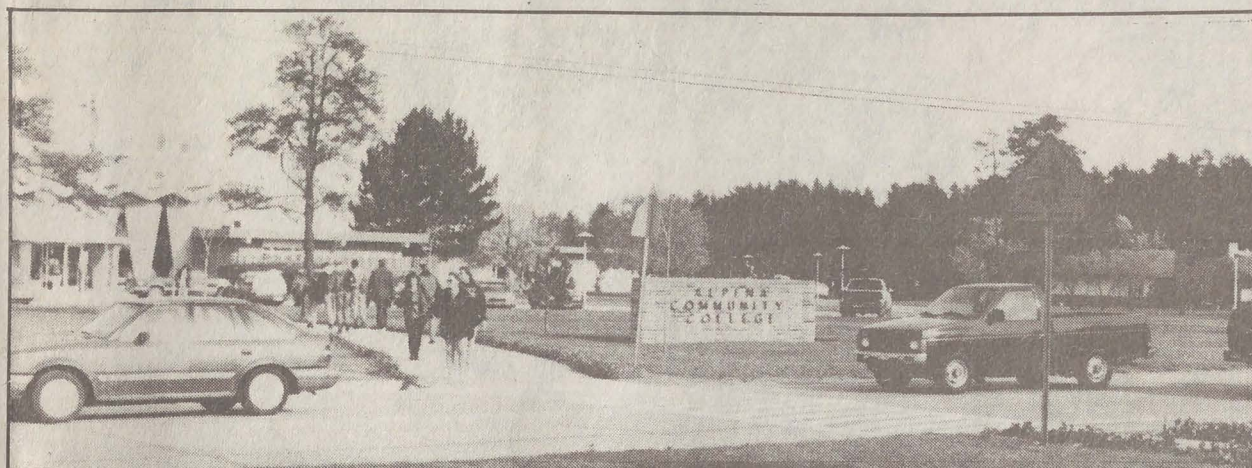


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Drivers just don't know they must stop for pedestrians, says Parking Supervisor Ted Kruse. He hopes a petition drive will result in a signaling device to increase awareness of the problem and improve safety.

## Kruse initiates crosswalk petition drive to improve ACC safety

By SHAWN DEMPSEY  
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"We need something to warn people to slow down on Johnson Street," says Parking Supervisor Ted Kruse. He is asking the Alpena College community to support him in a petition drive to have the city post blinking crosswalk lights for safety purposes between Van Lare Hall and Besser Tech.

The law states a vehicle must stop for a pedestrian crossing a roadway within a crosswalk. A person violating this law is responsible for a civil infraction. Kruse thinks both students and drivers on Johnson Street are unaware of this law, and believes a blinking light would help warn drivers.

Kruse hopes the petitions will generate 800 to 1,000 signatures, and he wants to present them to the City Council at one of their meetings. The Student Senate and *The Polemic* will send representatives to the meeting to report on the effort.

Kruse plans to place petitions in the bookstore, library, *Polemic* office, East Campus fitness room, Health Science Center, snackbars, and at the switchboard in VLH.

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A quarter of a million people attended Woodstock '94 on Aug. 13 & 14. Various personalities and two generations came together for a weekend of good music, great friends, and an experience that they won't soon forget, until the next Woodstock reunion - in 25 more years.

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New Dean Damaris Reid works at her computer, one of her many favorite activities. Reid will run The Learning Center and the TRIO program and is a replacement for Dr. Sheila Williams who retired last summer.

## New dean runs TRIO program

By JASON SKIBA  
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Name a trio that's run by one person and has more than two other people in the group. Give up? It's the TRIO programs run by Alpena Community College's newest assistant dean, Damaris Reid, E.D.D.

Reid was selected for the position by a committee of ACC faculty and staff.

Reid attended college at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois for both her graduate and undergraduate studies. She believes her experience as a director of women's and literacy programs, as well as working with the Chicago Urban League in educational literacy and TRIO programs, qualifies her for the job.

The TRIO programs she heads include Upward Bound, Student Support Services and Talent Search. She is also responsible for running The Learning Center.

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## Dust sucked out of EAC

By KENT LACOMBE  
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The Art Department will soon be getting an enclosed facility for mixing clay inside of the ceramics room which will eliminate the dual dilemma of dust and noise in the East Campus.

"What is going to take place," says Art Instructor Lori Wade, "is that they are going to construct a partition in the main room, which will create a clay making room. It is going to be enclosed, and very nicely done, with glass at one end so I can see in from the other room, and ventilation. It will make the outside rooms much quieter, because we mix clay continuously."

Director of Facilities Management Don Witt elaborates, "The room right now that they are using at East campus has a mixer that is now used for mixing the clay, and there is a hood over the top of it, but it does not do a good job of getting rid of the dust that accumulates when they pour the bags of clay in because it is in a powder form."

This dust can lead to a

mess. Witt continues, "Dust that is generated from the current set up puts dust in the room, and then that dust does eventually settle on the floor and people track it out into the hall."

"Our plan is to build a room, (inside the existing room), that will be about 12 feet by 8

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~ Don Witt

feet. The mixer and bags of clay will be located in this room. We will have an exhaust air duct that will connect the new room to the hole in the ceiling where the existing hood is now located. We will run this duct up through the roof, so that we will be pulling air out of this room when the exhaust fan is on, which means that any dust that is generated in the room will not come out (into the rest of the building.)

"This way we should not have any significant amount of dust left in the room."

An enclosed mixing room will not be the only addition to the department, however. "We are going to have a very expensive piece of equipment, which is called a pug mill," says Wade. "It has all the whistles and beepers on it for OSHA, (Occupational Safety Health Administration), as far as dust containment, and it also de-airsts our clay, and that is a big thing in ceramics, because you're taking the air out of it. When you fire the clay, it contracts, but the air does not, it expands, so that if the clay has air in it, it will explode."

The specifics of the room are being finalized, and Witt anticipates its completion by the start of the spring semester. Both Wade and Witt are excited by the prospect of improving the existing art department, for both see that department as a vital addition to the college campus.

"It will make the whole art department cleaner," Witt states. "A person should almost just take a walk through that room every couple of weeks just to see the different things people

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