



Those who attended the Alumni basketball games heard the newly formed ACC Jazz Ensemble for the first time. Here Dennis Diamond conducts the ensemble between the games.

Photoby Jennifer Weinkauff

ACC gets jazzed

By TODD PRICE
 STAFF WRITER

A cover charge, a smoke filled stage, and snotty musicians are three things associated with live jazz that you won't get when listening to Alpena Community College's new Jazz Ensemble. Dennis Diamond, a former Alpena High School student and Northern Michigan University graduate, has put together a 13-person jazz band made up of ACC students, Alpena High seniors, and members of the community.

The band will be performing during ACC basketball game half times and will be holding concerts at the Owl Cafe on Nov. 20 and at Thunder Bay Theatre on Dec. 4 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Special feature musicians will be on hand during some of these concerts to help give the band some added kick, while helping to propel the rhythm section, which Diamond says is the strongest component of the band.

Throughout the year the group will be performing a wide variety of styles and pieces from all groups.

Diamond runs Mr. D's, which offers music lessons in Alpena and isn't directly affiliated with the college. He received his master's degree from Hart College of Music in Hartford, Conn., and has played in many bands. He has also recorded accompaniment with numerous jazz musicians. Starting a jazz band in the Alpena area is something that he has considered doing for a while.

Although there seems to be a moderate number of students within the band, Diamond says that he is looking for more musicians.

"I believe that we have the right components to become one of the area's best jazz bands," ACC sophomore and saxophone player Sarah Genshaw declares, "I just hope that the college and the people in the community come and find out what we're all about."

Volunteer Center makes Christmas brighter

By LESLIE BLUMER
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For the seventh year in a row, Alpena Community College's Volunteer Center is offering its Christmas Wish List program.

This program takes requests from schools, churches, agencies, and organizations, and helps make Christmas a little merrier for less fortunate people.

The program matches requests with people who wish to donate a gift.

As of Nov. 2, the Volunteer Center had 300 requests and they were expecting at least 200 more. A majority of the

requests are for children, but they also get requests for all ages.

The Volunteer Center is currently looking for donors. People can donate money, or they can apply to donate a gift

to as many people as they can help. The agencies who put in the applications are responsible to get the gifts to the receivers.

All gifts must be in by

Dec. 5. Money donations need to be in earlier. If you are interested in participating in this program, contact the Alpena Volunteer Center at 356-9021, Ext. 271/272, or stop by the Volunteer Center in Besser Technical Center.

Christmas Wish gift donations must be turned in by Dec. 5; money must be turned in earlier.



New members are inducted into Phi Theta Kappa during the Nov. 6 ceremony. To be eligible for membership, students must have a GPA of 3.5 and have completed 12 or more credit hours. Photoby Jennifer Weinkauff

PTK holds fall inductions

By DEVON CANODE
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Alpena Community College's Phi Theta Kappa group, the Nu Omicron Chapter, welcomed 12 new members in its Nov. 6 induction ceremony held in NRC 450. PTK is an international academic honor society for two-year colleges which encourages its members to practice service and leadership as well as a devotion to fellow students and scholarly achievement.

Guest speaking at the event was Bill Speer, editor in chief of *The Alpena News*. He spoke about the PTK honors study topic of balancing science, technology, and humanities.

To be eligible for membership in PTK, students must have completed 12 or more college level credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 and be working toward an associate's degree. Additionally, inductees must have attained three positive letters of recommendation from faculty and paid an initial fee of \$42.50. Attendance at the

formal induction makes membership official.

The new inductees are: Nancy Carter, Melodee Dobbins, David L. Grulke, Heide Lobaugh, Katherine Meharg, Susan Robb, Nancy Seelye, Diane Shields, Brenda Snedden, Georgette Troy, Tim Vander Molen, and Carrie Wisniewski.

The officers present were President Donna Richards, Vice President Julie Belanger, Secretary Jennifer Weinkauff, Public Relations Secretary Patrick Cook, and Treasurer Shelly Hollingworth.

Members are expected to maintain good moral character and possess recognized qualities of citizenship.

Students are encouraged to be active within PTK. Biweekly general meetings are held on campus to foster the exchange of ideas for possible activities. Recent attendance of meetings has been slipping. "We need more member participation," states Secretary Jennifer Weinkauff.

Senate sets date for Family Day

While all of the great orange hunters are out in the forests of Northern Michigan, lonely parents and orphaned children are invited to attend a free afternoon of fun. The first Family Day for this school year has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, 1994.

Activities will begin at 11 a.m. with a free showing of the movie *Thumbelina* at the Royal Night Cinema in Alpena. After the movie has concluded, all students and faculty, along with their children and grandchildren, are invited to East Campus for a free meal from McDonald's. Hay rides will follow until 3 p.m., weather permitting.

"I thought Family Day (last year) was a good day for interaction between mom and child," commented Connie Mousseau, an ACC student. "We felt relaxed, and my daughter (Michele) thought it was great because she got to eat McDonald's."

According to Senate Activities Chair Katie Zbytowski, Family Day is one of the Senate's biggest draws. "Last year we had close to 100 people," she said. "We have it twice a year, and spend nearly \$500 to put it on."

Watch for details in *The Splinter* and in the local media. If you have any questions or want to help out, contact the Student Senate office at Ext. 287 or Jeff Blumenthal at Ext. 329, Monday through Thursday.

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