

# Seven new courses offered at ACC

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ACC is offering seven new or rarely available courses to students for the upcoming spring semester. Expanded student interest has played a part in the inauguration of a few, while a sampling of reorganized courses accounts for others.

The new courses, with relevant registration information, are as follows: Fundamentals of Jazz (Section 4908, MUS 245, 6:00-8:55 p.m. Tue.); Jazz Ensemble II (Sec. 4315, MUS 242, 7:30-9:20 p.m. Thurs.); History of Jazz in America (Sec. 4310, MUS 240, 6:00-8:55 p.m. Mon.); The Novel (Sec. 3833, ENG 244, 3:35-5:00 p.m. Mon. and Wed.); Introduction to Astronomy (Sec. 4550, PHY 123, 7:30-8:50 p.m. Tue. and Thurs.); Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology (Sec. 3010, ANP 132, 6:00-8:55 p.m. Mon.); and Lotus 1 2 3 (Sec. 3375, BUS 256, 7:35-8:55 p.m. Tue. and Thurs.). Jazz Ensemble II is a one credit hour course while all the rest are three credit hours.

The new trio of jazz courses represents a recent jump

in local interest in the musical style.

Jazz Ensemble II, a continuation of the ensemble course first offered this semester, consists of a jazz band and will be primarily interested in students who play the trumpet, trombone, and saxophone.

Students interested in the Fundamentals of Jazz course will need high school level proficiency in playing an instrument. This course will teach people how to play solo improvisations.

The jazz history course, which fulfills a humanities requirement, "is a survey of jazz styles and music from ragtime through current day jazz fusion. There is much listening to the music," said instructor Dennis Diamond.

Offered by student requests, the novel course will study from a number of short novels. The aim will be to increase student understanding of the elements which make a work a novel and how those elements contribute to the creation of the author's desired effect.

This course, not printed in the published schedule, fulfills humanities requirements. The in-

structor has not yet been named. The possibility of a two person team teaching situation is under consideration.

Introduction to Astronomy was offered during the 1993-94 academic year and failed to attract enough registrants to run. Executive Dean Curt Davis said that the course has been redesigned. The mathematics emphasis of the course has been lessened in hopes that a broader portion of students may be attracted to the highly transferrable science elective. Tom Gougeon will instruct the course.

Richard Clute will teach Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology. Clute said, "I want to teach a course representing anthropology as the disciplinary foundation of historic and pre-historic research. History has traditionally been recorded by and about those who could write. But I'm interested in the entire sweep of history, which includes the time when no one read or wrote."

This course, a complement to the already offered Cultural Anthropology, brings ACC's anthropology program more in line with similar university programs.

New in the business depart-

ment is Lotus 1 2 3. Taught by Ken Hubbard, the course will teach students how to use various computer spreadsheet applications. This course is being offered on speculation that student interest will be high.

Early registration ends Dec. 16. Students interested in these courses should register soon so the new offerings fill sufficiently. A course taught by a full-time instructor will not run with fewer than 10 students. Should students register for a course that does not run, they will not be charged drop/add fees to sign for a different course. Therefore there is no monetary risk in signing for the new courses.

Courses such as the novel and the jazz offerings prove that expressed student interest gets on-demand courses offered. It is important, though, that students follow through and take courses which they help to initiate.

Freshmen can look at the course descriptions in the ACC catalog and run petition drives for courses they would like to see available next fall. Petitions with verifiable signatures can be turned in to the deans.

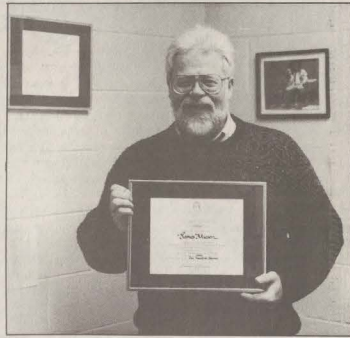


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Instructor Jim Miesen proudly displays his second Centralis Award. Miesen was nominated as the most influential college instructor by former ACC student Dan Rothe, who won the full scholarship to Central Michigan University last year.

## Miesen wins again

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English Instructor James Miesen recently received his second Centralis Award, this time awarded to him by Dan Rothe. Rothe, a former ACC student, named Miesen as the most influential instructor in his college career when he won the full scholarship to Central Michigan University last year.

Miesen was presented the award in one of his American Literature classes, and he says, "I am surprised. I am very, very surprised... All I've ever done is try to do what we're supposed to do."

An ACC student has won one of the awards every year they have been offered. "That's quite an honor for this institution," says Miesen, "and it's quite an honor to have a student pick you out individually as the person who's had the biggest in-

fluence on them."

Twelve Centralis Scholarships are awarded each year to community college transfer students from throughout Michigan. To be eligible, students must have a grade point average of at least 3.75 or a 3.5 with an ACT score of 28. After applying, students travel to CMU by invitation only to compete in a timed essay competition. Applicants are then asked to name their most influential instructor and explain why.

Of course, Miesen explains, since the applicants are judged on their writing abilities, it may be logical for them to nominate an English instructor.

Past award winners and the instructor they named are: '90-'91, Melissa Mousseau and Miesen; '91-'92, Michael Rankin and Huron Shores History Instructor Bill Komstadt; and '92-'93, Jane Brege and English Instructor Roger Phillips.

# HURON SHORES STUDENT UNION UPDATE

By SHELLY HOLLINGSWORTH  
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"HEART OF GOLD": Congratulations to Jill Dorcay and Lori Harris, "Heart of Gold" award winners for November and December, respectively!! The Huron Shores Student Union has initiated a program similar to Phi Theta Kappa's "Warm Fuzzy" program. Once a month, we elect a staff member to receive a heart filled with gold-wrapped candy in appreciation for outstanding dedication to the students. Stay tuned to see who wins in January!

PERCHVILLE: The Student Union has secured a booth in Tawans' annual Perchville Festival. We'll be promoting our campus and college by selling Huron Community College merchandise, and passing out information about ACC's programs and activities. This will also serve as a fund-raiser as we will be selling hot chocolate and (possibly) hot dogs. Look for us on the ice Feb. 3-5, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

GENERAL: Since its creation on Oct. 28, 1994, the Huron Shores Student Union has established a respectable résumé. Among other things, we have obtained a supply of *The Polemic* for Huron Shores Campus students, spurred momentum for the creation of HSC sweatshirts, initiated a "Heart of Gold" program, and addressed student concerns through the use of a "Student Voice Box". We are

not an exclusive club; anyone is welcome anytime. So, if you have good ideas for our campus, or just want to be a part of the hottest group going, meet us Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 13 at the HSC. See you there!!

ELECTIONS: Elections for two officer positions, Secretary and Treasurer, will be held between Monday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 15. Running for Secretary are Kriszina Varga and Cindy Ross. Treasurer candidates include Solomon Fowler, Jolene Gamble, Brenda Grommon, Michelle Kaiser, Georgette Troy, and Debra Light. (The President's and Vice President's positions are opposed with Shelly Hollingsworth as President, and Travis Ganble as Vice President). Election winners will be announced Monday, Dec. 19. Good luck to all!!!



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The halls of Alpena Community College Besser Technical Center were piled high Tuesday, Dec. 6 with thousands of donated presents. Volunteer Center Christmas Wish Program volunteers, under the direction of Co-ordinators Jackie Grulke and Sharon Genschaw, wrapped and sorted presents to be distributed to area residents.

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