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Center project is progressing

By HOLLY MACE
STAFF WRITER

According to Alpena Community College President Dr. Don Newport, construction of the new facilities, located behind Besser Tech Center, will be complete by September 1996.

The Center project began six years ago when a meeting was held with a cross-section of ACC staff to determine what was needed to better serve the students and make ACC more effective as a college. Out of this needs analysis, Newport said, came the kinds of things this project represents.

Henry Lyngos, an independent consultant and contractor, represents the college in this project. He coordinates questions, comments, and problems between

the architect, the State of Michigan's inspector, and DeVere Construction, the general contractor.

According to Lyngos, the construction is really progressing. The masons expect to be done by the end of October. "The goal is now to get the roof on before the snow flies," said Lyngos.

Lyngos believes that the Center construction "is a beautiful project. The workmanship is good, and it's a wonderful addition to the campus."

The project will cost \$8.2 million. Half of this amount is state funded, and the other half comes from local resources. Besser Foundation started things off with a \$1.25 million challenge grant right up front. Over 500 people have made donations to this project from as small as five



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A crew lowers material for construction workers finishing work on the roof of the new Center Project behind BTC. The \$ 8.2 million expansion is targeted for completion fall 1996, according to ACC President Dr. Don Newport.

dollars to as large as \$150,000.

"The project is well within budget," stated Newport.

Newport believes the Center construction will expand the presence in the community tremendously. To

serve the students more effectively, the size of the library will be doubled, and the buildings will be open longer hours

"The new facilities improve the efficiency of what is open and available for the

students," said Newport "It also allows for new and more adequately equipped facilities for the students, rather than doing something not at the

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ACC goes on-line with high-tech upgrades

By JOEL POTRYKUS
STAFF WRITER

ACC is currently undergoing a technology upgrade

which will vastly improve communications between the faculty and staff. Three major

upgradings are taking place. First, GT is installing

wires for connection of a Local Area Network (LAN) in all ...

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Jeannie Cousineau, proprietress of "Jeannie's Soup-N-Such," ladles out some nourishment to a hungry ACC student. Her snack bar is the only place on campus where hot food is served.

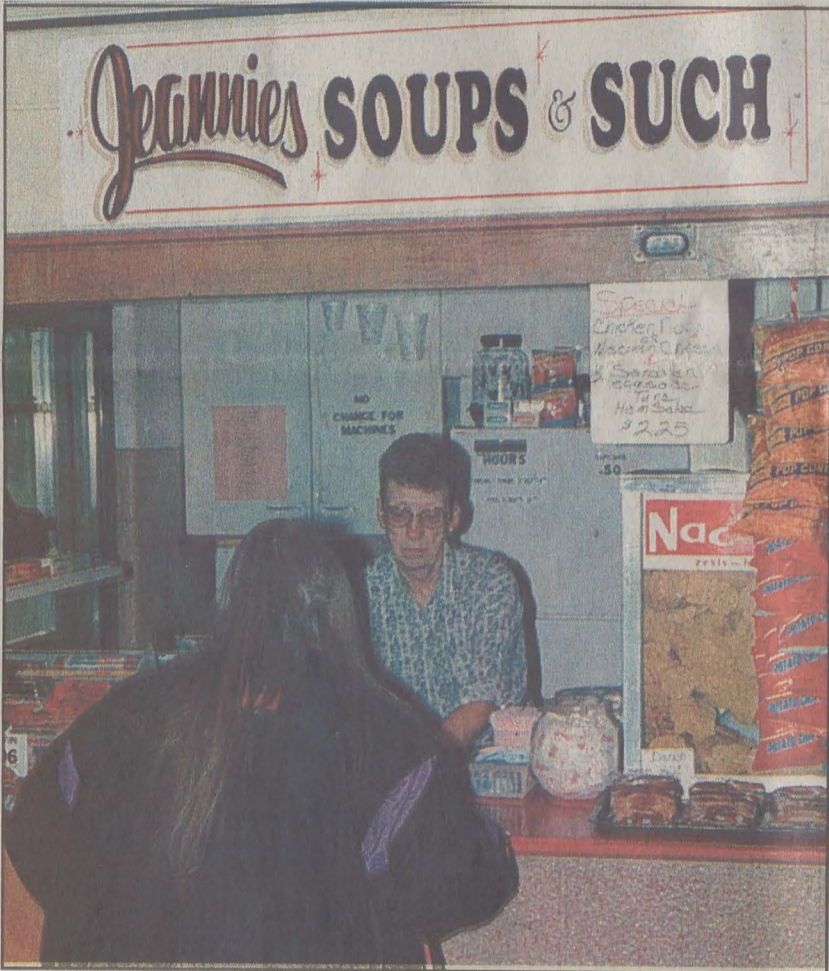


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Jeannie serves more than a snack

By LYNLY
STAFF WRITER

The snack bar that now houses "Jeannie's Soup-N-Such" in Van Lare Hall was run by the Alpena Community College Boosters Club. In the spring of 1995, the Boosters pulled out. Jeannie had worked there since 1988.

"I was a little devastated, Jeannie said. "Not only did I not know what I was going to do with my life after the summer," Jeannie said, "but there would be nothing here for the students, faculty, or staff."

So, in July, Jeannie's husband, Loran Cousineau, met with Dr. Newport, President of ACC, to propose that Jeannie take over the space. Newport liked the idea, and at the next monthly Board meeting, the idea was approved.

Jeannie rents the space, and supplies the equipment

and goods. Her shop opened for business on September 5, when classes started.

After the Boosters pulled out, ACC considered putting in machines for coffee and sandwiches. Everyone this reporter questioned said they preferred the food at Jeannie's over vending machine food.

"This is the only place on campus that you can get a fresh cup of brewed coffee, and a sandwich made daily," Jeannie said.

Jeannie gets to work every morning by 6 a.m. and starts making her soups for the day. When she opens the door at 7:30 a.m. everything is ready. "You can order anything from the menu including the soup, at the time I open," Jeannie said.

The snack bar opens Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m., closes at 4 p.m.

Monday-Thursday, and at 2 p.m. on Fridays.

As to the new building going up, and how it will effect Jeannie's, she said, "I asked Dr. Newport about that and he said 'Well, Jean, we have to have something over here,' so I am taking it as he said it!"

There is a soup and half sandwich special everyday for \$2.39, including tax. The soups change every day and there are two kinds of soups offered. She alternates the soups so that everyone gets a chance to try all ten varieties, no matter what day of the week they are at school.

Jeannie cuts her grill off one hour before closing, so the equipment can cool before clean-up. But she will fix a grilled sandwich late in the day, if you call her ahead of time.

Stop in or call "Jeannie's Soup-N-Such" at Ext. 315.

ACC births down

By DONALD FILARSKI
STAFF WRITER

The on-campus birthrate has taken a plunge this year. According to Alpena Community College nursing instructors Judy Beyer and Coreen "Corky" Williams, the on-campus birthrate is down by six. There were 36 births counted last year. This year there were only 30.

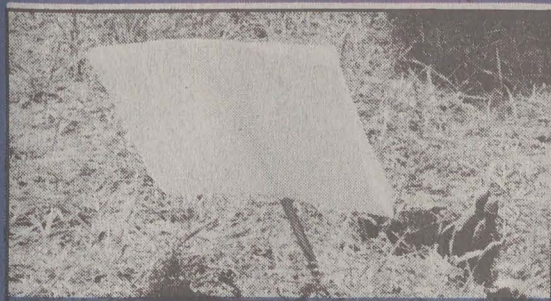
The good news is that the individuals responsible for these births are not students, staff, faculty or administration members. The true culprit is a large snapping turtle named Brita.

The majority of the turtles stepped out into the world on the afternoon of September 8.

Lucky for all those amazing 1-inch hatchlings that Sandy Kroll from the personnel office was so kind. She placed a small paper sign that said, "Turtle Hatching in Progress, Watch Your Step!"

Don Witt, Director of Facilities Management, placed a trash barrel near the hole where the turtles emerged, thus preventing them from being trampled by unexpecting passers-by.

Last year's hatching occurred much closer to Van Lare Hall. "This year," Williams said, "Brita realized she needed to be closer to the Health Science Center."



PHOTOS BY JULIE SMIGELSKI

(Right) Beyer & Fancher spend time with Brita's babies. (above) Turtles ready to learn. Who is Mom?

"Maybe she attended my birth control class last year," Beyer added with a laugh. "I don't know."

This year the hatchlings were premature. Last year's hatch took place on September 27. No specific reasons were cited as to why the hatch came early.

Brita has arrived to lay her eggs around the month of June for the past two years. She seems to be a real class act. I'm told she'll even use the sidewalk as opposed to walking on the grass.

According to Williams, the spectators at the groundbreaking event got a real laugh when one of the turtles walked up to Beyer's feet and looked right up at her.

If this is an example of "imprinting" (see your biology book for a definition on this one), maybe the turtle will show up at Beyer's home someday for help in filling out an admissions application to enter ACC's two year nursing program.

