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English Instructor George Schwedler (left) was presented with the Central Michigan University's Centralis Award.

## Schwedler receives Centralis Award

(ACC press release) ACC English instructor George Schwedler receives congratulations from ACC President Donald Newport, who presented the Centralis Award for instructors on behalf of Central Michigan University. The award recognizes

Schwedler's important role in the success of 1995 Centralis Scholarship winner and ACC graduate Shelly Hollingsworth of Oscoda. The Centralis Scholarship is competitive, and recipients are awarded full, two-year schol-

arships to CMU. Each Centralis scholar in turn names a community college instructor to be honored by the program. ACC is proud to have its students and faculty members among the winners in of the program's five years.

# Delay is the new choice

(ACC press release) Whether to cancel or close were the weather-related decisions that faced Alpena Community College officials every time extreme winter storm conditions existed. Making such a decision for the entire day based on 5 a.m. conditions at times left classrooms empty throughout the afternoon and evening when wind, snow or ice ended by mid-morning and the day was clear and bright by noon. Another choice was needed and that choice is "delay."

"Quite frankly, there were times when afternoon or evening students felt cheated out of a day of instruction," said Carlene Przykucki, ACC Director of Public Information. "The college is not like a K-12 school system where most instruction is completed by 3 p.m. We run all day and until 10 p.m. in some cases. Adding the delay option allows us to address both safety and customer service needs."

While severe weather arising during the day has at times prompted cancellation of afternoon or evening classes, the new option provides for canceling morning classes only when conditions are severe at that time but are forecasted to improve through the morning. Classes scheduled for noon or later will be held as usual. An example would be when freezing rain overnight makes early morning travel treacherous, but climbing temperatures leave roads ice-free by 9 a.m.

The delay option also allows for cancellation of afternoon and evening classes if weather worsens or does

not improve. That decision will be made by 10 a.m., allowing adequate time for broadcasting notices. The college switchboard greeting will also carry the message.

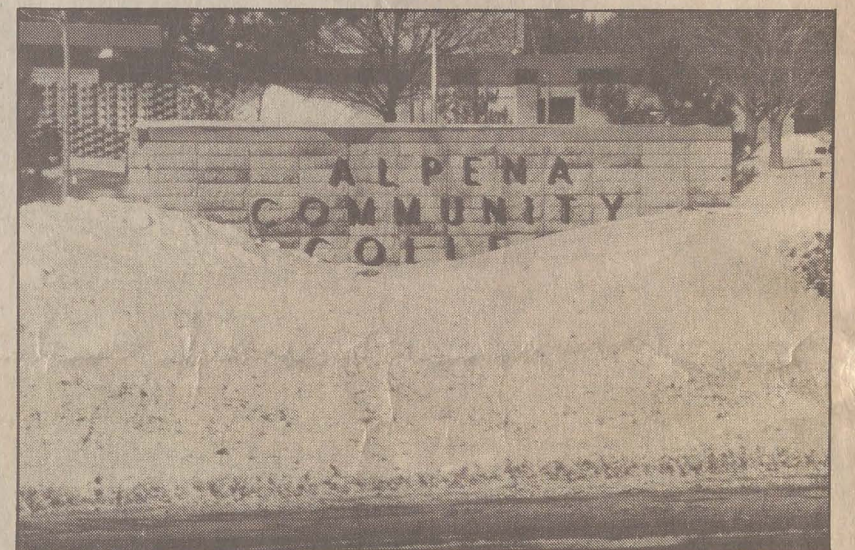
Although the choices sound clear and quite simple, creating appropriate wording for public notification is not so simple.

"We have worked hard to communicate clearly," Przykucki explained, "but we really have no control over how our wording is delivered on air after being passed along through one or more radio staffers. We ask our students to listen carefully, especially since cancellations can affect just one of our two campuses. We also have additional classes off site in local K-12 school systems. If the local system closes, then our classes do not meet because the facilities are closed. This can happen even when the weather has cleared by evening because of using the K-12 buildings. It would be easy for a student listening to radio announcements to hear

part of a statement and reach the wrong conclusion."

The decision to cancel classes for any part of or all day, or closing the college is made by ACC President Donald Newport after consulting with Dean Of Administrative Tome Bowman and Director of Facilities Management Don Witt. The difference between cancellation is closure involves staff-cancellation means staff reports by 10 a.m. while closure means staff does not report and no buildings or offices are open. Newport calls Przykucki, who calls a list of 10 radio stations and one television station.

"Our students come from far and near, and weather conditions vary from one part of our service area to another. We want students to understand that we make the best decision possible with what we know at the time. When the college has not canceled classes, students must decide for themselves whether to travel if local conditions are dangerous."



Alpena winter weather is leaving a lot of snow on campus. Could the college be buried?

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being installed and debugged, and will be available to all the students in approximately 60 days. E-mail allows you to send mail all over the world if you know the address.

An advantage to E-mail is that there are no restrictions such as there are in long-distance telephone calls or

sending a letter through the post office.

For instance, there is instant access to the person receiving the mail, and they are able to view their messages promptly.

Some businesses are expected to take advantage of the internet through the college. They will connect to the

internet "server", which will allow businesses to market their products and be more competitive over the internet.

Another major part of the internet will be the Interactive Video. Interactive Video is similar to live T.V., in the way that you can see and talk to the person you're communicating with.

ACC will be connected to the Interactive Video through other colleges and classrooms from around the world. There will be a camera in the front of the classroom to view the class, and a camera in the back of the classroom to view the instructor.

Local businesses will be taking advantage of this program for their meetings and communications. There will be spots all over the world to access these facilities.

The entire world of communications is switching to computers, and many people and businesses are doing their interactions through the internet.

These classes will enable the students and the public to learn more about the internet and its world-wide capabilities.

## "Project Zero" continued from page 1

modified to make higher education possible. He does not think that Project Zero will discourage higher education, which will lead to employment.

Project Zero is in the primary phase. One hundred twenty persons receiving assistance, 60 percent working and 40 percent with no earned income, will be surveyed to find out what stands between them and employment.

The governor's stated objective is to drop joblessness to zero. However, it is not going to give welfare folks

independence.

There are simply not enough "primary jobs" (jobs

that will make a family self supporting), according to Corless.

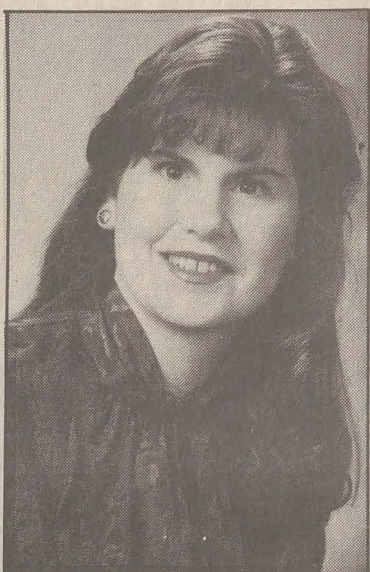


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