

The Alpena Community College newspaper, 666 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707

## ACC receives NEH grant

By CELESTE KASKY  
STAFF WRITER

Alpena Community College was selected as one of 40 community colleges in the nation, and the only college in Michigan, to receive a grant to explore the teachings of diverse cultures in two existing courses. This program is called "Exploring America's Communities: In Search of Common Ground." Sponsors are The American Association of Community Colleges, Phi Theta Kappa, The Community College Humanities Association, and The National Endowment of Humanities. This program started April 1, 1996, and it will be in effect until January 31, 1997.

The team heading this project is made up of Sonya Titus, chairperson of the English Department, Don MacMaster, assistant dean

and instructor of Journalism, and Matt Dunckel, adjunct instructor of Social Sciences.

All three attended a 3-day conference in Washington D.C. to become more educated on different cultures, and how to include the mate-

rial into their curriculum. One part of the project will encourage cultural study by allowing students in Journalism 253 to use the computers at the Polemic, which will be connected to the internet, to communicate with

student journalists from other community colleges around the country.

Some community colleges that may participate in the internet link-up will be the Community College of the Bronx, Washtenaw Commu-

nity College in Ann Arbor, and Miami Dade Community College in Florida, which is one of the largest community colleges in the nation.

The Polemic staff will be able to communicate with other college newspaper journalists about their surroundings, what's happening where they live, and they will be able to use those stories in the newspaper here at ACC. Also, the Polemic will be allowed, hopefully, to publish some of its articles in other community college newspapers. This will allow students at ACC to have a better idea of other issues in other parts of the country.

Children's Literature instructor Sonya Titus plans to incorporate more readings from a wider range of cultures in her course. Because many of the Children's Literature students are education majors, Titus feels that it is important to prepare these students for classrooms with more ethnic diversity than those found in Alpena.

Hopefully, this grant will encourage students to be more open to new possibilities elsewhere. Learning firsthand about different cultures will make more of an impact than anything that can be read in a history book or watched on television.



PHOTOS BY SONYA TITUS

Primitive skills expert, Jim Miller (above) presents at ACC's first Multi-Cultural, Multi-Personal gathering held in NRC 253 on Thursday, April 25. Miller, who lives in Mikado, is an expert at brain-tanning leather, and served as a consultant on the movie "Dances With Wolves." Jan Miller (right), a retired endocrinologist, shared her remarkable life story, which included spending most of her pre-teen years living on Indian reservations in California



## Polemic wins awards

By LYNLY  
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On April 20, 1996 the Michigan Community College Press Association held its annual "Press Day" awards competition at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan.

Staff from *The Polemic*, Alpena Community College's student newspaper, won 13 awards, including Honorable Mention for Best Overall Newspaper.

Individual *Polemic* winners were Kent Anderson, Kristi Hanson, Christina Howell, LYNLY, Joel Potrykus, Todd Price, Kile Rondeau, Michael Sanders, Jason Skiba, and Katie Zbytowski.

"The views of the professional journalists who did the judging were enlightening because they judged our work from their professional viewpoint, only giving a passing acknowledgment to the fact that we were a student newspaper," said Deb Haske, Edi-

tor of *The Polemic*.

Six workshops covering a variety of topics were held including "Internet," by Tom Cheek, *Flint Journal*; "Catching Images," by Jane Hale, photographer, *Flint Journal*; "First Amendment Issues" and "The Freedom of Information Acts of Michigan," by Jane Briggs-Bunting, Oakland University; and "Feature Writing and How to Get Hired," Ken Tabasco, Features Editor, *Saginaw News*.

Regarding the Freedom of Information Act, Jane Briggs-Bunting reminded the students, "There is no off the record statements at public meetings."

Ken Tabasco said, "The thing that is most sacred is meeting all deadlines, being versatile and using good writing techniques."

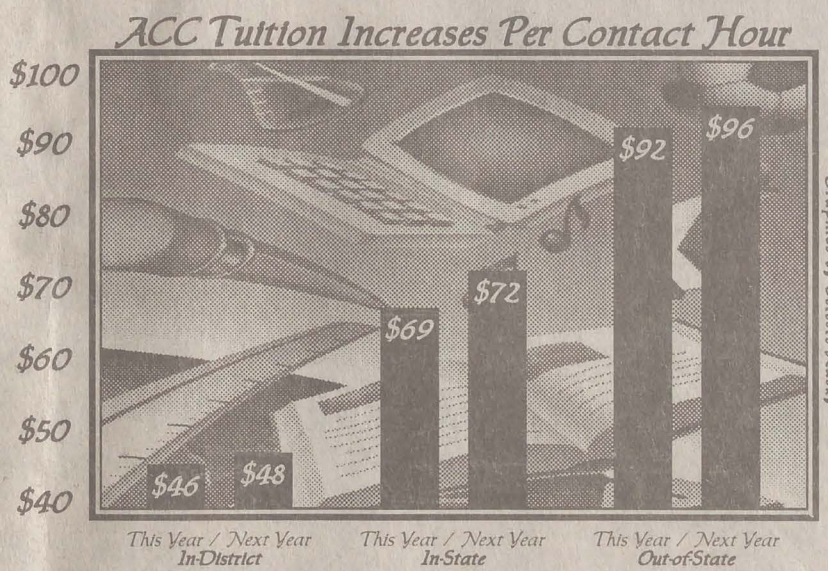
Highlights of the speech by Jim McFarlin, media critic, *The Detroit News* and Press Day "Awards" continued on page 2

## Tuition increase set for fall

By CELESTE KASKY  
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Starting in the fall semester, Alpena Community College plans to increase tuition by 4.4%. This increase will mean that in-district and in-state students will pay approximately \$3 more per contact hour, and out-of-state students will pay approximately \$4 more.

The increase is needed to keep up with the economy and the decrease in contact hours at ACC. Students are



not attending the college on a full-time basis as they have in

the past; therefore, the increase is necessary for repairs, new classes, remodeling, and new and improved technologies, such as the internet installation.

The increase shouldn't affect the college's growth, as ACC is following the rapid increase in computer technology. These new services are a necessity for students planning on transferring to larger colleges, and it gives them a step-up on the new changes in engineering and technology.

## Students to display works of art

By C. ALLAN  
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Come one, come all! The Art Department of ACC invites you to attend the annual spring Student Exhibit showing at East Campus on Friday, May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.

You will be entertained by Aggie Ferguson's dance students, and Nan Hall's beginning and advanced theatre students will perform "Vignettes."

The beginning and advanced painting students will display their considerable talents showing not only their painting expertise but their ability to frame and exhibit

their work. Students from Joy Skiba's Art for the classroom teacher will also exhibit their work.

Curt LaCross and Joe Donna's Sculpture and Design students will have their work displayed in the East Campus gym, along with Laurie Wade's beginning, secondary, and advanced Ceramics students.

When the eyes have finished feasting on all of the talents abundantly displayed, then the Art Department invites you to partake of the culinary art of the students. Hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshments will be served all evening.

**LUCKY 13**  
Congratulations  
to a talented staff and a sage advisor, for the 13 awards presented to the Polemic at the recent Michigan Community College Press Association meeting.

*Talent wins again!*  
Dr. Donald L. Newport

**Steve Lewis**  
95-96  
instructor  
of the  
year

Steve Lewis, ACC instructor of math, engineering and computer science, speaks at the Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn on April 24. He is an ACC graduate.