

Survey results assist in University Center planning

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The next phase of development of Alpena Community College's University Center is now under way, according to Chuck Wiesen, Associate Dean.

After the visiting representatives from other institutions offered their advice last fall, two surveys were taken. One survey was to determine interest for an Undergraduate School of Education, while the other survey determined interest for a Graduate School of Education.

According to Wiesen, as a result of the survey, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were sent out to thirteen state universities, requesting that they respond to delivering five services:

1. 18-hour continuing certification (graduate, "planned program" coursework).
2. Coursework in a planned sequence leading to a Master's degree in elementary education (language arts, reading, or early childhood or equivalent content). To begin in the fall of 1997 or no later than January 1998.

3. Generic graduate coursework required to complete any Master's degree program from the School/Department of Education. To begin in the fall of 1997 or no later than January of 1998.

4. Junior, senior, and selected lower division coursework leading to a Bachelor's degree in elementary education with a major in early childhood, language arts, reading, or other appropriate content. To begin in the fall of 1997 or no later than January of 1998.
5. In Alpena and Oscoda student advising and financial aid staff support available on-site during both days and evenings throughout the year.

Wiesen said that a response was expected by the last week of February and a proposal by about March 10. The representatives from ACC will then look at the proposals, make a choice, and then work with that school to begin to deliver the programs as early as fall 1997 but no later than January 1998.

Currently, two other surveys are being distributed, one for a program in Human Services (Master's degree survey) and the other for a program for Industrial Management and Supervision (Bachelor's degree survey). Wiesen said that he expects to get the data back around mid-March, then the RFPs will again be sent out to the schools with a response by early April. Then, said Wiesen, the schools will go through the discussion process and have these programs ready for delivery by fall of 1997 or spring of 1998.

According to Wiesen, they are likely to get someone to respond to the needs for the School of Education as well as Human Services and Industrial Management and Supervision. Wiesen added that this will probably be the way the University Center begins to take shape, with at least four partners in addition to ACC.

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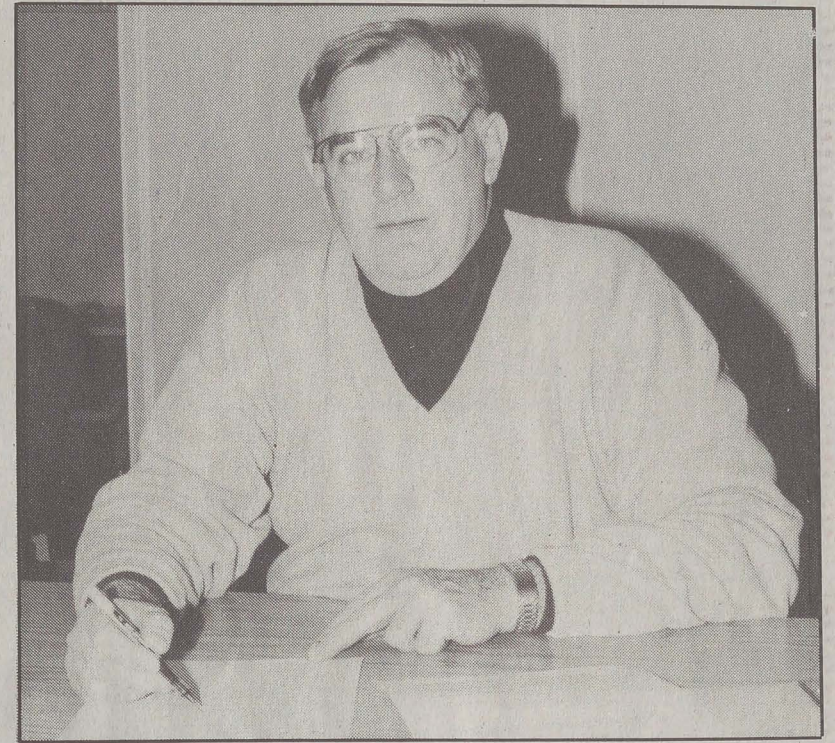


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Associate Dean, Chuck Wiesen, works on ACC's University Center Project.

family and friends might be and where current employment might be," commented Wiesen.

By mid-April, ACC should have completed the choice process for the school that will deliver the Education

coursework and should be near completing the choice process for the school delivering Human Services coursework at the Graduate level and Industrial Management and Supervision at the Undergraduate level, said Wiesen.

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~ Chuck Wiesen ~

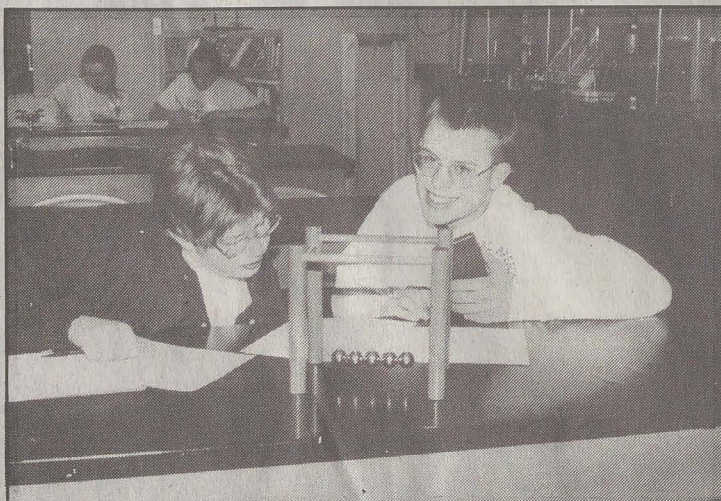
Progress made on World Center

ACC's Concrete Technology Instructor, Robert Eller, is displaying a three dimensional map of ACC with the proposed site of the New World Concrete Technological Laboratory. Nothing is written in concrete yet but the building should be located between the Graphic Arts Building and Woodward Avenue. A new parking area will be on the right of the building. More meetings with the architectural firm of Hobbs and Black, ACC, and Besser Company are needed to make the final decisions.

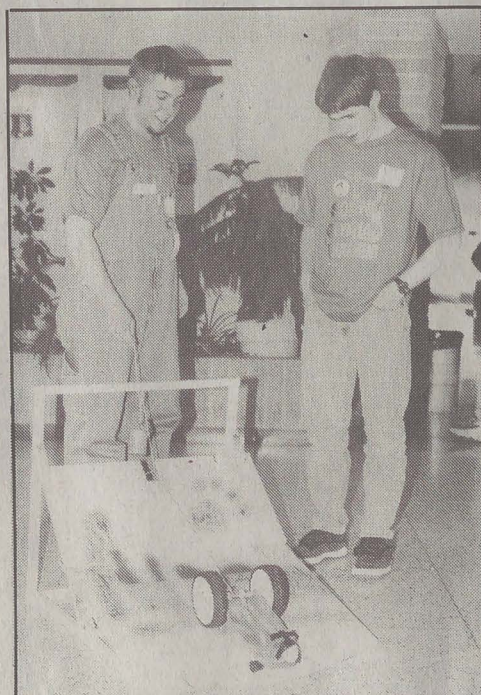
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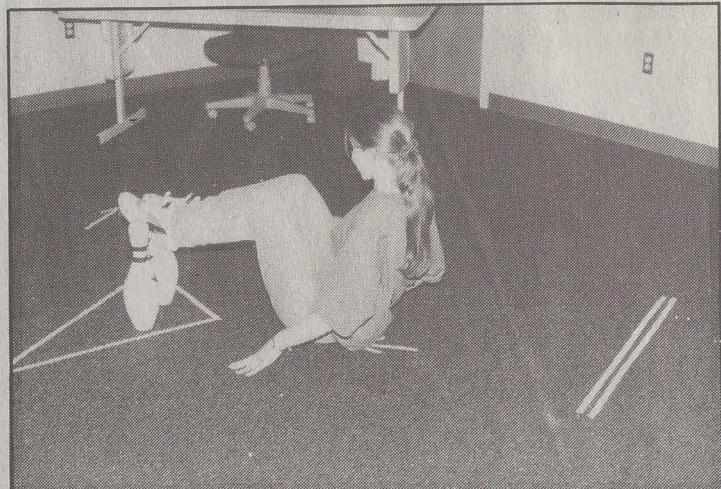
Science Olympiad's successful



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Above: Alpena High students Jim Gunderson (left) and James Engle prepare their car for "the Scrambler." Top left: Whittemore-Prescott students Ryan Schaffner (left) and Cody Frasz collaborate on "It's about time." Left: AHS student Jada Pellett sets pins in "the Pentathlon."



Learn about AIDS March 11

● AIDS is present in Northeast Michigan

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On Tuesday, March 11, Phi Theta Kappa and the Nursing Department of Alpena Community College will be presenting AIDS Awareness Day. The program will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Robert and Jacquelyn Granum Auditorium in the Center building and is open to everyone, free of charge.

According to Janet Walski, a member of both Phi Theta Kappa and the Nursing Department, the program came about for two reasons -- there is a great need for it, and it is also the project of the year for Phi Theta Kappa. Walski said the Nursing Department joined up with Phi Theta Kappa because they wanted to do a project like this anyway but lacked funding.

"AIDS is up in this area, as beautiful and blissful and protected we think we are," Walski said. "People need to know what to do about it and how to stop it from spreading any further than already has. We want to keep this area nice and safe, and the way to do that is through education."

There will be 5 speakers at the program:

Mr. Dick Howland, Vice-President of HIV/AIDS Network and Direct Services (HANDS);

Cathey Goike, R.N., District Health Department #4, Health Educator and AIDS Coordinator;

Sharon Bryant, RN, representing the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, is the Ryan White funded case manager in our area;

Reverend John Wallace, chaplain of the Cheboygan Community Memorial Hospital, will approach the problem from a religious and parental perspective. His two sons died from AIDS, the second one last December;

Mr. John Pugh, HIV positive speaker.

The program will also feature the Troop Teen Theater, the Petoskey High Student Players who will perform skits about HIV, peer pressure, and sexually transmitted diseases.

According to Walski, AIDS Awareness Day has been advertised not only in Alpena county but also in the counties of Alcona, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, and across the state in Harbor Springs, Petoskey, and Indian River.

The program will be a frank discussion, said Walski, with time for those who attend to ask trained people any questions they may have.

All different age groups are encouraged to attend, said Walski, who also added that most of the AIDS patients in this four-county area are 25-30 years of age, so this age group is especially encouraged to attend.

"As much as you keep hearing it, people are still getting AIDS, so we're not doing

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something right. Maybe by bringing this more to the attention of everyone, all different age groups, we might be able to do something," said Walski.