

Vande Zande gives insight on writing

Creative writing buffs had a special treat March 12, and 13, when Mr. John VandeZande, writer and professor of creative writing at Northern Michigan University, spoke Thursday evening at ACC and again Friday morning.

Writing is a serious hobby of VandeZande's and he shared his experiences and information concerning this activity with an audience of 17 ACC members of WAFB and Alpena campuses. He gathers ideas for his short stories, through personal observation and develops settings from Michigan and Wisconsin areas.

Analyzing and discussing one of his published short stories, "Night Driving" opened a question and answer session. Commenting, "I think everybody's a writer. We all have stories to tell." VandeZande urged those who enjoy writing to do so or else they'll "miss the pure joy of writing."

He felt some people were misinformed about writing. "A person doesn't have to have the whole story before before they write it down. Working in the dark is a part of writing." VandeZande paraphrased Frank O'Connor throughout the discussion stressing, "Get black on white."

He recommends, "try to work with the story; let it help you." Admitting some of his own stories go through 15 rough drafts until final completion, he warns, "Be prepared to rewrite and rewrite."

Giving valuable suggestions to those interested in writing, VandeZande repeated some advice he normally extends to his creative writing students. "Lay out your typed story in front of you and look at it as a whole." In this way an author will visually see what direction the story is taking and in what form.

As a published author of 3 short stories with works featured in such magazines as "Fiction Network" and "Michigan Quarterly", he also paraphrased what John Updike once said which he too felt, "Sending out a story [manuscript for consideration to be published] is like sending a young child into the world."

VandeZande's informative discussion was made possible through the efforts of ACC English teacher, Lawrence Boyer.

ACC Phi Theta Kappa honors students

Initiation for new Phi Theta Kappa members will be held on April 26 at 7pm in rm 450 NRC.

Right now, club membership is at approximately 12-15 members with Kris Rober, president, Sue Rosebush, Vice-President, and Vicki LeBarre, Secretary and Treasurer.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary, not a social fraternity and the basis for invitation is a full time student with a 3.2 GPA. Also, after being invited to join, the student must go through the formal candlelight initiation to be considered a member.

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LeMay finds personal development in leadership

Student Senate President Rich LaMay gave his opinions on the Senate as well as what is happening in his personal life due to his courses in Concrete Technology during an interview given to the Lumberjack.

The positive side of working for the Senate this year, in LaMay's opinion, was the personal development he experiences. "I learned what I could accomplish by reaching deep inside myself" LaMay said. He found that he experienced a large amount of self motivation, "You learn to do the best you can under strenuous circumstances" stated LaMay.

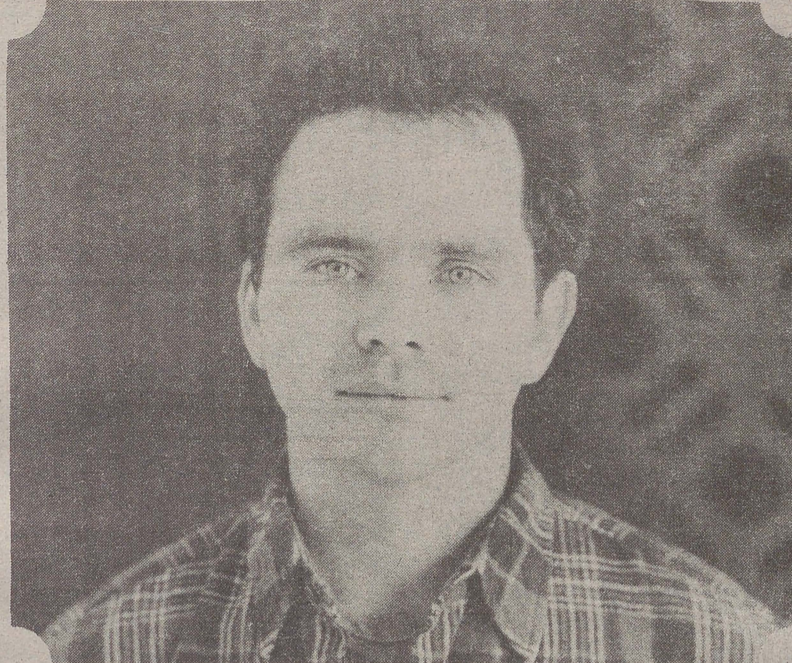
LaMay also found the Senate hasn't been as effective as he would like to have seen it. He stressed lack of student participation in the Senate activities was the biggest problem this year. "How can the Senate be the voice of the students

if we don't know what they want" LaMay emphasized.

The Senate took action on problems brought before them by only a few persons, thereby having the decisions being made by a minority instead of the majority. Students need to get involved to have an effective senate.

The Senate is to provide leadership, and the Student Activities Board, SAB, is to help promote morale for the students, according to LaMay. The Senate also provides representatives for the Judicial Board, Board of Review, and Curriculum Committee, as well as handling the funds allotted to the students through the SAB.

LaMay is presently involved in the Concrete Tech Club as well as the concrete program. He had an interview for a job offered to him through the concrete program. Mr. Donajkowski, concrete teacher,



gave LaMay a job lead in Massachusetts, and LaMay sent a resume to them. He also had a personal interview for the job and says the prospects for being hired look good.

He is also planning on going on the club's spring trip for sophomores. The concrete club takes sophomores on job locations such as the Zilwaukee Bridge to see their trade being used, and to make them aware of different processes in concrete.

LaMay will be graduating from ACC in May, 1987, with an associates degree in Applied Science in Concrete Technology

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