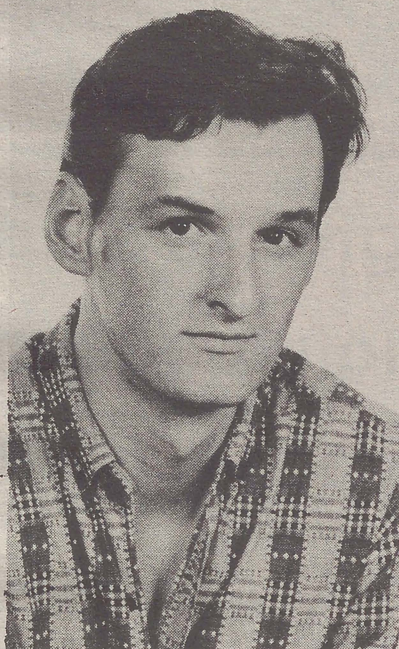


# RISTOW: ACTIVE WITH HIS HORSES

For anyone who's interested in horses, John Ristow is the person to talk to. Ristow, an ACC student, is active in several horse organizations and associations, and also owns a quarter horse palomino.

Ristow is a delegate of the Northeast Michigan Association of Horse Clubs, President of the Alpena County Horse Club, and a member of the Alpena County 4-H Horse Development Committee. Between these three organizations, Ristow has many activities and responsibilities.

The Alpena Horse Club's main purpose is to promote the equine industry and horses for pleasure riding, but is also supportive in many other areas. The organization sponsors the 4-H Club, clinics, the Horse Council, and events for horse lovers who are already involved with horses.



Aside from organizations, Ristow invests time in horses for his own enjoyment. His quarter horse palomino was the Grand Champion English Hunt Seat pleasure horse in 1986. He also showed three other horses which placed in the show.

Ristow also enjoys pleasure riding and likes to go riding every weekend. Although he has received much personal satisfaction and pleasure out of his activities, there is also a good amount of work involved.

Owning a horse is a big responsibility and entails a great deal of time and energy. "Owning a horse requires a commitment," Ristow stated. The upkeep of a horse includes daily feeding, cleaning of the horse and the stalls, and plenty of exercise for the horse.

Although Ristow devotes much of his time to horse organizations, he also has a full schedule with other activities. He is a sophomore at ACC, majoring in Special Education. His goal is to achieve

Ristow is employed full time by the Alpena Public School System as a teacher's assistant at Thunder Bay Junior High School. He is specifically assigned to two students who have cerebral palsy as well as helping other students to learn.

Ristow was also appointed by the Alpena County Commission to serve a three year term on the Alpena Airport Board of Appeals. Ristow has a busy schedule but feels that, "My education and experiences are providing an excellent foundation to pursue goals of which I have yet to attain."

## MUSEUM: THE PLACE TO GO

If you're looking for something different to do, then the Jesse Besser Museum is the place to go. There is something there for almost everyone.

A Light Show, in the sky theatre, is the latest planetarium program. The audience is taken on a trip "through the mind of a sleeping, dreaming person."

Paintings by Mathias Alten are on display until April 10. This collection of paintings from the Bergsma Gallery in Grand Rapids exhibits the artistic talents of this Michigan artist.

Bouquets of glass — Part II is an exhibition of over 50 bouquets of glass flowers and ornamental trees. They were made in the late 1920's and early 1930's. Stop by the museum and check it out. You'll be glad you did.

## Board discusses another millage

On Thursday, April 16, the Board of Trustees of ACC was told by Herbert Gamage that the Faculty/Administration Committee would like to try for a millage increase again.

Gamage requested that the committee be able to come in front of the Board next month to recommend an election date, strategy, and an organizational structure for the election. He also invited the Board members to attend the Faculty/Administration meetings held on Tuesday.

In actions taken by the Board, a resolution was passed to have a public hearing May 7, at 7pm in room 450 NRC, to discuss a proposed millage increase of 1.5 mills in 1987.

The Board also set the minimum qualifications for a Special Needs Counselor to be a Masters degree in guidance and counseling or in reading to keep in accordance with the Carl Perkins Vocational Act of 1984.

Another resolution passed by the Board was to accept the estimated revenue of \$5,107,954 for the 1987-88 school year. The amount is an increase of \$47,479 from the 1986-87 budget.

The projected budget is based on a 4.8% increase in state aid, a tuition increase in \$2 per contact hour, 1300 full-time students, and no increase in local taxes.

The Board discussed a tuition increase of \$2 per contact hour to create an increase of \$80,000 in total revenue from tuition. It also discussed raising the athletic fee to \$2 per credit hour to a maximum of \$60 per year.

No action was taken on this issue, it was an informational item to be continued at the next board

meeting. They also discussed the results of the millage election, possible new strategies to use, and the cost of an election.

Frank McCourt reported to the Board the status of the athletic program.

McCourt recommended to the Board to raise the athletic fee to \$2 per credit hour, and to hire an athletic director who was not a coach of a major sport.

He also recommended the elimination of Women's Cross Country and to replace it with Women's Tennis.

The Board also discussed the possible elimination of the senior citizens' tuition waiver. Anyone over 60 may attend the college with no tuition charge. This semester there were 21 senior citizens attending ACC. This cost the college \$3395 in tuition.

This item would also be brought before the Board at another meeting.

Board member Florence Stibitz told the Board about the Michigan Community College Association meeting she attended. The topic of the meeting was "Why International Education?" It was designed to show the difference of the educational systems used in the many cultures in the world.

The Board was also told of the hiring of two temporary special services paraprofessional tutors, Joan Clements and Kim Tolan, and of the retirement of Mary Bey, secretary to the Dean of Occupational Education, at the end of April, after 12 years of service.

The meeting ended with a motion to go into executive session to discuss property. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, at 7:30pm in room 450 NRC



## Spring is here

In northern Michigan, spring is celebrated in various ways. We have a variety of spring related rites. This alleviates the tedium of an otherwise dull season characterized by mud, yardwork, and more mud.

Spring is frequently disguised with unscheduled snowfalls, courtesy of Mother Nature, who seems to favor this area as her primary target for freak snowstorms. The joke she played on us April Fools' Day was a good example of this.

Spring also provided a group of humans, called fishermen, with an excuse to practice their barbaric sport. The appearance of fishermen seems to coincide with the yearly spawning urges in fish. Local businesses welcome the onslaught,

because, as the fishermen empty the waterways, they invariably fill the businessmen's coffers.

Another tradition that seems to signal warmer weather is the Great American Garage Sale, a practice designed to rid homeowners of items they purchased at sales the previous year. The appearance of the state birds, the robin and the mesquite, along with the appearance of the local inhabitants, the seagull and the goose, also signifies the arrival of spring.

However, it appears that despite the weather fluctuations and the strange rituals observed in the name of spring, we are considered a prime vacation spot, as evidenced by our annual increases, and decreases, in population.

## STUDENT CALLS FOR DAY CARE

There has been some discussion recently concerning the establishment of a Day Care Center for ACC Students with children.

At this time, such a project is still in the planning stages. The advantages to having a Day Care Facility are many, but the major one and the most frequently cited is convenience.

Parents with young children have more than enough on their minds when trying

to build careers. Knowing their youngsters were close by and in capable hands would remove a major burden for many.

Many businesses have embraced the Day Care Trend and enjoyed improved employee performance. There can be no doubt that this can also apply to mothers and fathers trying to be good students.

Having easy access to their children enables parents to

Devote more time to Studies and/or work. This eliminates the time consuming process of juggling baby sitting schedules.

Let us hope that an agreement can be reached for a Day Care Center Arrangement at ACC; and that the many who will benefit will add their voices to make it possible. For details contact Pan Loop, in care of the Student Senate. 356-9021 ext. 287.

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