

## Zolnierrek receives LBJ award

by Megan Thompson

Dr. Donald Newport, President, awarded the Lumberjack of the Month Award for October to Vicky Zolnierrek of operations and telecommunications

Zolnierrek's reaction to winning the award was that she was "...glad the college acknowledges employees in this and other ways."

The award, which includes a gift certificate from the Holiday Inn, priviledged parking for the month and an ACC coffee mug, honors Zolnierrek for her 16 years of service.

The Lumberjack of the Month Award was instituted by

Dr. Newport during the fall of 1989 for the purpose of recognizing the talent and effort of the ACC staff members who have shown a special effort in rising to the challenges of their individual positions.

Dr. Newport personally chooses the award winner each month after considering the recommendations and input of various sources.

Previous winners include: Lyle Beck, Helen Melandrinis, Angie Ferguson, Owen Lamb, Rich Grochowski and Larry Duby, Ken Hubbard, John Berg and most recently, Vicky Zolnierrek.



Mary Wentz, new Talent Search technician, discovers that a move to Northeastern Michigan opens new horizons, and not just for her students. Wentz discovers flexibility an asset.

## Mary Wentz taps in to a brand new position

by Traci Manning

ACC's new talent search technician is Mary Wentz, formerly a Flint elementary and adult education teacher.

Talent Search is a program funded by a federal grant and has been on the ACC campus for ten years. Its purpose is to work with students 12 years and older encouraging them to complete high school and further their education. Wentz travels from school to school in Northeast Michigan including Posen, Johannesburg, Fairview, Alpena, and various adult education programs.

Wentz hopes, "to increase students' awareness and help

them to see that they have choices regarding their future plans." With her experience in various job training programs, she advises students of college offerings that are available.

Last year, Wentz spent "a lot of time" on the road between Alpena and Flint. Barry Wentz, her husband, moved to Alpena to assume the position of instrumental music director at Alpena High School. Wentz was still working in Flint.

They both did their share of driving, but most of the time Mr. Wentz had weekend committments with the instrumental program. Due to

this separation, General Telephone communication became very important. Wentz stated, "Our phone bills read like the national debt!"

There were still challenges after Wentz secured her job in Alpena. At first, the family was unable to find a house that met their needs, so they lived for a time in the old mortuary/remax building on Washington Avenue. "We were a flexible family," according to Wentz. All is well now in their new home on US 23 South.

After settling in, Wentz decided it was time to do some things she had always wanted to do. Adding to her hobbies of reading and painting, Wentz is also taking tap-dancing lessons from Aggie Ferguson, secretary at ACC and co-owner of Jilla's Dance Studio.

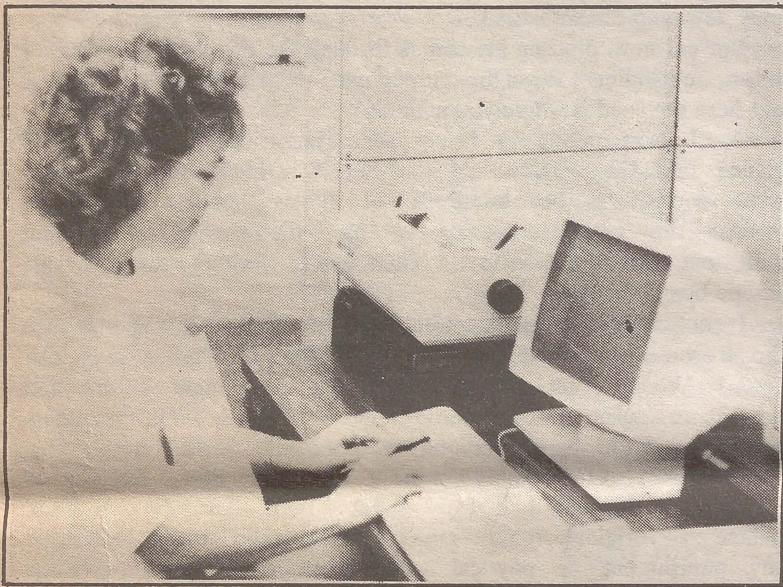
At first Wentz was skeptical. "I thought I would have to look hard for someone to teach somone my age to tap dance, but one phone call was all it took."

Accepting changes, meeting challenges, and being flexible seems to describe the newest member of the Talent Search team.

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Vicky Zolnierrek is pictured deeply involved performing her duties in the Operations and Telecommunications center.

## There are no bones about it ... Clute knows his bones!

by Frank Krist  
LBJ staff writer

Richard Clute, Anthropology instructor at ACC arranged the schedule for the 1990 Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges (S. A. C. C.) annual conference to be held October 10-14 in Merida, Mexico.

Clute has taught Anthropology at A. C. C. for the past 17 years. He also instructs classes dealing with Sociology and has in the past taught Archaeology. Mr. Clute has a Master's degree in Anthropology with an emphasis on Archaeology and Osteology. For the past five years he has been working on the thesis for his Doctors degree, which is now two thirds complete.

There are no bones about it -- Clute knows his bones. His emphasis in Osteology, (the

study of human bones), comes from experience studying the bones of Ancient people. Give Clute a human skeleton and he could probably tell you the person's age, what his diet was like and sometimes even what he died of.

Much of the past 17 years Clute has spent locating and preserving Historic and Prehistoric Archaeological sites across Northeast Michigan. Some of these sites are over 6,000 years old or as recent as thepast 100 years. He feels there is a great deal of Archaeology still out there to be done and that we need to preserve as much as possible in order to learn more about our fragile past.

This summer, as president elect of S.A.C.C., Clute spent much of his time working out the

schedule for the annual 1990 S.A.C.C. conference. Next year Clute will be the president which insures continuity in the leadership position. Then the following year he will be the past president. During this term of office he will give the new president advice. Having three presidential offices with different people serving each year insures that every conference will have its own uniqueness.

Speakers, many anthropology instructors themselves, from community colleges all across the country and one from Mexico will attend the S.A.C.C. conference. These speakers will share ideas and their own research on how to address the issue of teaching anthropology successfully at the introductory level in community colleges.

They will also address the

issue of future staffing problems at the community college level. Some community colleges lack anthropology in their social science curriculum.

Most of the last two conference days will be spent visiting Uxmal and Chichen-Itza. Here Clute and the other members of S.A.C.C., will see site excavations done by archaeologists from the state of Yucatan.

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