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Malandrinos award instituted

by Melissa Parteka

A new nursing award, an audit report for 1989 and a new drug-free workplace policy were the major items at the Board of Trustees meeting Dec. 6.

Focus was on the nursing program for much of the meeting. The current nursing class was recognized by the board since all class members passed the state board examinations, the fifth class in the last seven years to accomplish this feat.

Helen Malandrinos, director of the nursing program since 1981, was also honored for her contributions to the program. Because of her outstanding leadership efforts, the Board instituted the Malandrinos Award for Outstanding Leadership in Nursing. The award, which will be awarded annually, will honor an ADN graduate who most exemplifies the qualities of a caring, concerned health care

professional.

Also discussed was the auditor's report prepared by Young and Nethercut for the year ending June 30, 1990.

According to the auditors, the audit shows the college "in a solid financial position and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles".

The audit showed that ACC, among twenty-six community colleges in the state, ranked lowest in energy use and third in moneys spent toward instruction of students. The second greatest amount of money went toward salaries of administrators, third to institutional supplements, followed by expenditures to the physical plant and student services.

The board unanimously passed a resolution pertaining to a drug-free workplace. The proposition stated that, "Any employee found to be in violation

of college policies and procedures and/or the student codes of conduct which prohibits use, possession, distribution, or dispensing of drugs and abuse of alcohol, will be subject to disciplinary procedures and/or satisfactory participation in drug/alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation programs and/or may be subject to immediate discharge from employment or dismissal from college."

Commenting on the new policy, President Donald Newport said, "We have to make the policy as public as we can. We will utilize the Lumberjack and the student handbook. Letters will also be sent to the staff making them aware of the policy".

The Board of Trustees will meet again Jan. 17.



A.C.C.'s Dr. Newport congratulates a member of the RN graduating class. This class had a 100% success rate.

Eller speaks at Expo

by Lori Belanger

The relationship between Concrete Technology and computers, and what students in such a program can do for future employers was the topic of a speech given in Lansing by ACC's Robert Eller, technical concrete instructor.

Eller was the featured speaker at the annual Michigan Concrete Association Expo, Dec. 13 and 14. Along with Eller, representatives from Fenton and Texas addressed the association attended by Redi-mix producers, concrete contractors and persons in cement production.

"There are two reasons why I was chosen to speak," said Eller. "First, the president of the MCA is on ACC's advisory committee and secondly, Alpena has the only technical concrete program in Michigan and one of the very few in the United States."

According to Eller, his main objective in attending the event was to promote ACC's technical concrete program and to look for potential job opportunities for his students.

"Our concrete program is not

to teach students to be finishers. We're more into supervisory positions...that's what its intended for", commented Eller.

Alpena's concrete program is a two year course of study leading to an associates degree in applied science. About 75 % of all students are from Alpena and surrounding areas while the other 25% are out of district or out of state.

Dan Winger is a concrete tech student from Hazelhurst, Wisconsin.

Winger came to ACC because its the only college with a concrete program near his home.

When Winger graduates this spring, he plans to work for someone else for a few years before taking over the family business, a redi-mix company, currently run by his father.

"ACC has an excellent program and I really like the school. I don't like real big schools", said Winger. Winger is happy with everything about Alpena but had one question. "What is there to do for excitement here?"

Exceptional director retires

by Yvonne LaFave

Helen Malandrinos, director of ACC's exceptional nursing program, plans to retire Dec. 31, 1990.

Malandrinos has worked in various aspects of nursing since 1948, and she moved to Alpena in 1981 to develop ACC's nursing educational program, which was the last professional goal she listed on her resume as a student nurse.

Malandrinos was born and raised in Massachusettes, but she says, "I've enjoyed living in Alpena. Alpena's spring is probably the most beautiful I've experienced. And I believe

people are Alpena's greatest asset".

Malandrinos also shares credit with the students and the college for the nursing program's excellent success rate. Eight of the past nine years, students of the RN program and five of the past seven years, graduates of the LPN program have scored a 100% passing rate on the state board examinations.

Malandrinos says, "Everyone has been receptive to any changes we've made. This receptiveness has allowed the program to grow. I'm proud of our record, and I feel these nine years have also been a time of great growth for me. This position afforded me many opportunities, and I feel it's been a rewarding experience overall".

Malandrinos said she had regrets about leaving Alpena but feels that the program needs someone younger to keep up with the enormous changes in nursing.

Malandrinos plans to vacation in Florida for six months and then decide where she wants to retire to permanently. "I'm a pretty good cook of Greek food. I'm going to open a deli somewhere called "Helen's Alpena Deli" with an

Alpena flag proudly displayed. People will be curious about the flag and they'll come in,--but they'll come back because of my food".

Malandrinos has been an active member of Alpena's Zonta Club, the League of Women Voters, and a faithful voice in the Trinity Episcopal Church choir.

She plans to sing with Trinity's choir for their Christmas celebration and Malandrinos concludes, "I will sorely miss the people of Alpena. And I thank ACC for the wonderful opportunities I have found here".



HELEN Malandrinos, director of the nursing program, retires.

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