

## "Wizard of Works"

Learn the following job search strategies :

- ✓ The 10 things you absolutely must know before you start.
- ✓ How to define a realistic job objective.
- ✓ Identifying and presenting your most marketable skills- including the ones you never knew you had.
- ✓ The job skills summary card- a revolutionary marketing tool that presents your best traits to an employer in a simple, easy-to-read business card format.



Monday, March 12, 2001 open to the community at 8:30 and 10:30am.  
Alpena Community College Granum Theater  
Tuesday, March 13, 2001 open to the students 8:30 am and 1:30 pm (open to staff at 10:30 am)

- ✓ How to research jobs, companies, and hiring practices.
- ✓ Drug testing: What employers are looking for and what you need to know about your rights and responsibilities.
- ✓ Powering up your applications, cover letter, and resume.
- ✓ What impresses interviewers... and what doesn't
- ✓ Networking and generating job leads.

Dick Gaither, the "Wizard of Work", will be on the ACC campus on Monday, March 12, 2001. As a consultant and trainer, Dick Gaither has a no-nonsense approach to finding a job. In almost two decades of wizardry, he's learned what it takes to sell yourself to a prospective employer. His presentation will be offered at two different times for your convenience.

## Excellent opportunity to try something new



Students enjoy an array of ethnic food...

Student Support Services (SSS) put on a West African buffet dinner on March 1st. The free dinner included:  
Nigerian Peanut soup  
Jollof rice  
Shoko (beef & spinach stew)  
West African Groundnut stew  
Coconut pie



Waiting in line is never as fun!!



## Changes in financial aid

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Staff Writer

Deadlines, eligibility criteria, and fallacies keep many students from applying for financial aid. College costs continue to rise. What can we learn so that we are prepared financially for next years colleges cost? Alpena Community College students apply for and receive financial aid yearly. Perhaps you can be one of the recipients to one of this years programs.

There are many types of financial aid. Grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid. Many students are recipients of student loans, which

do have to be repaid some not until after college graduation. Others receive assistance through the work-study program, which provides aid in the form of employment for the school. ACC students received over 1.8 million dollars in federal and state financial aid in the 1999-2000 school year according to an article printed in the ACC Update paper.

Mr. Max Lindsay, Dean of Student Services, states that students should apply if they are unsure to their possible eligibility status. The federal programs are based on many factors. A family's income is only one of the factors the government looks at

to decide eligibility. Family size, number of parents, age of parents and the number of college enrolled students within the family, and expected cost of attending school are also factored into the final decision. A family of 4 can have an annual income that exceeds 32,000 and still be eligible for a PELL Grant. Loan criteria are higher.

Many scholarships are not based on financial aid but rather on other factors such as program of study, age of recipient, or other program/community involvement.

## New look for mentor program

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The local area Big Brothers/Big Sisters received Paige Bylou as a new director this past year. She worked for 4C's prior to her appointment to the director's seat at BBBS.

The BBBS is a mentoring program designed to provide positive role models for area children who otherwise may not have one. To be a mentor takes a person who is willing to spend on the average one hour a week with a child. A mentor would help their matched child with homework, play games, go the movies, or to just listen to their problems. A mentor is a person who likes kids, enjoys working with kids, and is willing to give some time to a child who needs

them. The first step in becoming a mentor is to contact Paige or Mike at BBBS for an interview to make sure this is something you can make a commitment to. Once the first interview is over they will then take your application. Once a complete and thorough background check has been done you will be contacted for another interview in your home to make sure it's up to safety standards. Once this is done you will then be introduced to the matched child so that the parent and child may interview you. If you feel that you have an hour a week to spare then please contact Paige at the BBBS office.

The BBBS serve only a percent of the area single parent families. There are currently 3,726 single family homes in the Alpena area. There are currently twelve children on the waiting

list. Of those 75 percent are boys. Most of these children have been on the waiting list for up to a year or more. These children range from six years up to sixteen years of age

The BBBS gather once a month for activities for both the matched and unmatched children. Currently the BBBS are getting ready for their annual "Bowl for kids" bowling fundraiser. For more information contact Paige or Mike at 354-3344. This is a great way to give back to our community as well as show these children that they do count and that they can make a difference in someone's life



## ACC in the technological race

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The ACC computer technicians are constantly working to improve the latest technology available to the students, faculty and the community. Mark Grunder, Glenn Helwig and Frank Przykucki are continually learning and passing on their knowledge to others in the college. Some of the many challenges they face are keeping up with the newest software on the market, troubleshooting, virus prevention and maintaining and upgrading hardware.

Mark Grunder said, "My education never stops. I never really graduated from school, I just keep going." ACC is considered to be on the leading edge of technology as compared to other community colleges throughout the state. The computer systems at ACC cost between \$100,000 and \$250,000 to maintain annually. The technicians try to rotate between 50 and 75 new computers into the system each year.

They are in the process of testing the software upgrade for Windows 2000. This package includes upgrades of the Microsoft office package that is now available at the college. It includes programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

"Eighty five percent of the world is now Microsoft. Microsoft is going to dictate where we go in the future," stated Mark Grunder.

The technicians take the requests and recommendations of the instructors when choosing the software for various courses. They spend a lot of time reading up on new and diverse programs. In addition to the Microsoft package, AutoCAD and Cadkey for the engineering classes and Internet services are provided. Accounting software and Medical Management are available for the accounting and nursing programs.

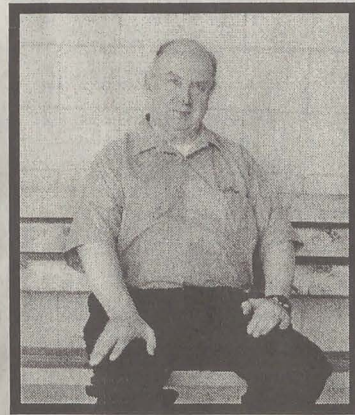
Virus prevention is an important aspect of the technicians' jobs. Viruses have not become a major problem in the ACC labs yet. The computer technicians have safeguards and perform various screenings for viruses.

There are also virus protection programs installed to help protect the computer systems. Technicians update the anti-virus every morning in order to insure protection.

"Nothing is ever done intentionally, things just happen with software," said Glenn Helwig, computer technician.

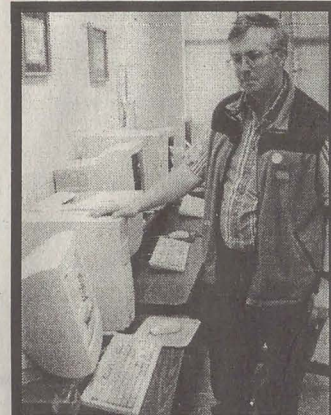
Viruses are often spread through email and the Internet and there is no Internet screening employed at ACC. Students are adults and are expected to be responsible and use their own discretion while using the Internet on campus.

The students and faculty at ACC have the latest computer technology available for their use. The technology is constantly evolving and the computer maintenance staff is doing everything possible to keep ACC up to date. There are two main labs available for student use in the Center and in the Natural Resource Center. There are also computers available for general use in the library and the Learning Center. Students can purchase home software packages that correspond with the programs used in their classes at the bookstore.



Frank Przykucki (left) takes a timeout.

Glenn Helwig (right) studies a lab computer.



### ACC MUSIC SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Mogue Doyle an Irish Pub Band. This eight-member band will be performing their songs at 7:30pm. A special show for students will be performing at 10pm that night.  
APRIL 3

Kathy Kosins plus our ACC jazz Band  
Come and here Kathy sing with our own ACC Jazz Band Performing along with the music. This will all start at 7:30pm. Both shows will be at the Granum Theater. For tickets and more information call 356-9021 Extension 373.

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**AT YOUR LIBRARY**  
Looking For A Poem? Ever needed a Poem for a class project or that special gal or guy? But didn't know where to find one. If you go to the ACC library and look in the reference computers, you can go on line and find POEM FINDER with thousands of poems to from.

## WHAT'Z UP??

### ACC GRANUM THEATER SPRING PLAY

The first day of Spring is on the twentieth of March. Flowers, Trees and Love will be in full bloom. So with all that happening The ACC Players, students of ACC, will make it even better by performing PICNIC on March 22 thru 25. With two shows on Sunday. For tickets call Ext.392

### BLAST FROM PAST

ACC Automotive classes were recently given a 1938 ford pannel van. It was donated by Mike Stowe, owner of Great Lakes Motor Works in Boyne City. Students from the college will be working to restore the van. This restoration will be done on students time, and will be used to promote ACC auto program. Full length update to come.

### GUEST ARTIST

On Tuesday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m. in the Granum Theater at ACC... Guest artist, Nationally renowned jazz vocalist/ recording artist Kathy Kosins will give a FREE, one-hour clinic covering voice, vocal jazz, jazz ensemble, ect. The ACC Jazz Trio will accompany Ms. Kosins at this free event. The clinic is free and open to anyone (musical or nonmusical) who

### A NEW MICHIGAN LAW SAFE DELIVERY PROGRAM

Effective January 1, 2001 Did you know that from now on that unharmed, unwanted babies up to 72 hours old can be taken to an Emergency Service Provider (ESP). This means a uniformed or otherwise identified employee of a Fire Department, Hospital or Police Station that is inside the building and on duty. The parent has the choice to leave the infant without giving any identifying information to the ESP. For more information call 1-866-733-7733