

VERIZON: MAKING ITS WAY

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Alpena Community College and Verizon will be teaming up in the near future to offer students the unique opportunity to gain experience in the telecommunications industry. The starting date of the program is unknown at this time, but the college would like to have it going by fall 2002.

It was Verizon who first contacted ACC about the possibility of installing such a program here. This interest

was due partly to the utility tech program that is already here, and also the lack of trained entry-level technicians throughout the state of Michigan. According to Dennis Harmon, Manager of Regional Operations for Verizon, due to the lack of technicians, there are outstanding employment opportunities across the state; including the Alpena area. Once Alpena gets this rolling, they will be the only facility in Michigan to train individuals for such jobs.

Charles Weisen, our Associate Dean for Technology & Economic Development, wrote to Verizon for the grant to get this started. Thanks to him, ACC received a \$25,000 grant that is renewable for

the next two years. According to Roy Smith, who runs ACC's utility tech program, the first \$25,000 will go towards researching and developing the necessities of this new program. Smith and retired GTE employee, Duane Beyer, also employed by ACC, will be working together to lay the foundation of this new curriculum.

The new program will give students the opportunity to gain certification or possibly go another year to receive their Associates in

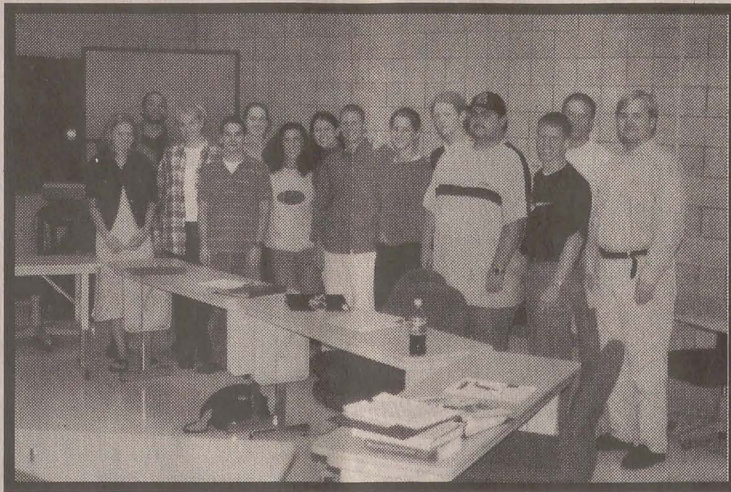
Telecommunications. The one-year certificate will train students to be outside plant employees. These people are responsible for setting poles, stringing cable, installing commercial and residential phone systems, and much more. The job description is very similar to that of a Utility Tech graduate. In fact, many of the first year telecommunication classes will overlap with the utility program. Those who are interested in a two-year degree can expect a much more developed telecommunications curriculum. This will include experience in computer controlled switching and more complicated electrical circuitry.

It is an exciting new program with endless possibilities for career advancement.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in or if you have any questions regarding this new venture with Verizon, please feel free to contact Roy Smith at 356-9021 ext. 7243.



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2001-2002 STUDENT SENATE

Angel Of Hope

The Angel of hope
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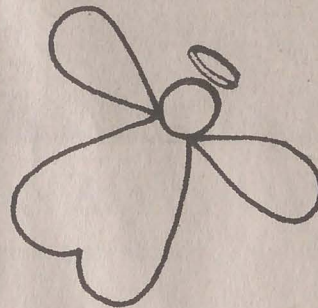
May the Angel of Hope
Bring light to your life
And guide you through
times
Of trouble and strife

Remember lost loved
ones,
Hold the memories they
bring
And know in your heart
That God gave them
wings.

The "Angel's of Hope" project is being coordinated by Alpena Community College. Together, with the efforts of many of you in our community, we are looking to make 6,000 wire angels to be sent to the families who have lost loved ones in the tragic events of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Train the trainer meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 2 from 2:30- 3:00 and 6:30-7:30 in Center 106 at Alpena Community College to show individuals how to make the "Angels of Hope." These individual could then go back to their school classes, scout troops, church groups, etc. Another angel making session is set up

at the college for Tuesday, October 9 from 6-9 pm in Center 106. You are welcome to stop in any time during these sessions and stay as long as you can. Lunch hour work bees from 11:30- 1:00 in Center room 116 will begin October 3 and run Monday - Friday until Thanksgiving. Every little bit helps us reach our goal. Feel free to stop in the Wellness Center at the college to pick up supplies if you would like to make the angels, there are still a number of things you can help with such as attaching the tags, packaging or even writing a small personal note to one of the family members. Our local Salvation Army has offered to get the angels delivered to the families. Further questions can be directed to Noel Schlueter at 358-7391.

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STUDENT SENATE: NEW FACES

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Do you have concerns that you want addressed? Well, this is one of the many services that the Student Senate provides. Besides dealing with student issues, they also put on events such as a Halloween and a Homecoming dance, The Student Awards Night, Teacher of the Year Award, and Staff Appreciation breakfasts. The Spotlight Series and Scramble for Scholarships are some of the events they help out with.

I recently had a chance to speak with the Student Senate Officers. I found out a little bit about each of them. Why they ran and what some of their goals are for this year.

The President, Critstie Neubert, is a sophomore majoring in Pre-Law. This is her second year in the Senate. She wants to improve her leadership skills in hopes of becoming governor someday, and would like to make the college a better place, while gaining the trust and respect of the students and staff. It is also a good way to meet new people and make great friends, added Cristie.

The Vice President, Ryan Townsend, is a sophomore working towards a Business degree. He is a member of the new ACC soccer team and is starting his second year in the Senate. He has an interest in politics, and plans on transferring to Michigan State University next year. Ryan has some ideas on improving ACC activities and resolving problems.

Shaun Betts, Secretary, is a sophomore and became involved in Student Senate to make an impact on future students. This is his first year in service and he hopes to make the

most of it. He wants to be heard and give students an opportunity for their opinions to be heard as well. Shaun is majoring in Computer Science, and is a shooting guard on the ACC basketball team. Some of his goals are to raise the level of involvement of students and to have new, updated activities.

Treasurer, Kati Wiegand, is from Germany and attends ACC. She is a junior studying Business Administration through Lake Superior State University (LSSU). She works in the ACC Library and is a third year member of the Student Senate. Her job as Treasurer involves keeping track of the group's finances. She would like to see some new activities involving students and their families.

Public Relations Officer, Azra Pilav, attends ACC and works in the Bookstore. She is a senior at LSSU, studying Business Management, with a major in Computer Science and a minor in Accounting. This is her third year in the Student Senate and she enjoys it because she can communicate with people and take charge on improving ACC.

Other Student Senate members include Sophomore Representatives Joshua Brege, Phil Mesa, Krystal Beyer, and Victor Kann. Freshman Representatives are Heidi Miller, Mira Dejova, Jonathan Brege, and Audrey Haske.

The Student Senate meets every other week and will announce any open meetings. Their office is located in the student activities room in the CTR. They are here to help you make ACC a better place, so stop by to voice your concerns, ask questions, or just to say "hi".

A College Day For Women At ACC

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On October 6th, 2001, Alpena Community College will be holding its 8th Annual "A College Day For Women." A College Day for Women is devoted to helping them discover themselves. The participants can find new friends and find out more about Alpena Community College. This event is to let women know that ACC is here and that it is never too late to continue with an education.

When the program developed eight years ago, there were only 100 participants. Today the number of participants has to be cut off at 250. The presenters at this event are local volunteers. Participants can attend this

event at a reasonable rate, thanks to the many donations from the community.

The 14 people who chair this event are community members and ACC staff. ACC may not be the only committee members, but ACC supports this event full fledge. The chairpersons come up with many ideas for this event by incorporating what they know with people that they know.

The day starts with the keynote speaker, Victoria Valentine, at 9:15 a.m. Miss Valentine is a veteran of radio and television. She has assembled an authentic replica collection of First Ladies' inaugural and ball gowns. Miss Valentine is now known as a definite source of information about the First Ladies'. She entertains and educates people from coast to coast with her wonderful and poignant stories, as well as a beautiful

slide show of her collection.

The first of three sessions begins at 10:25 a.m. Choices for this session include: "Getting Pants That Fit," "Yoga Gonna Love It," "Drug Information For Women," "Healthy Holiday Traditions," "Selecting and Caring for Roses in the Home Garden," "Basic Estate Planning Update," "Pulling Your Own Strings," and "Science & Religion: A Dialogue".

Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. until 12:50 p.m. Entertainment is to be followed by the St. Paul's Women's Trio who will provide an eclectic musical program.

The second session begins at 12:50 p.m. Choices for this session include: "Free E-mail for Everyone," "Wellness Center: Health and Fitness," "Thyroid Function and Health," "Corn Husk

Dolls: Part 1," "Fresh and Fragrant Flower Arrangements," "My Grandmother's Story: Multicultural for Women," "Confidence to Act; Act for Confidence," "Faith Development," and "If You Could Only Do One Thing".

The third session begins at 2:00 p.m. Choices for this session include: "Digital Cameras and Scanners: The Latest in Digital Imaging Tools," "Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer," "Reiki-Energy Medicine," "Corn Husk Dolls: Part 2, Creative Ideas for Kids," "At Home with Nature," "Japanese Feminism: Traditional Image and Reality," "Winning Strategies for Women—the Power of Investing in Your Future," and "When I am an Old Lady, I Shall Wear Purple".

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