

Meet Mr. Tim Kuehnlein

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One of the new faces in the faculty this semester is Tim Kuehnlein. The U.S. history and political science teacher has already made a name for himself. In the days following the World Trade Center attacks, he appeared on the local news and "Talk Of The Town", where he gave comments on how the attack related historically, as well as what to expect in the future.

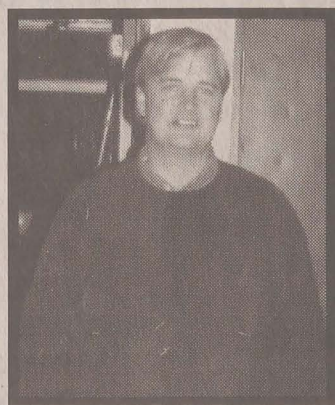


Photo by Joshua M. Brege

Kuehnlein grew up in Monroe, MI and received his Bachelor's degree at Hillsdale College. It was a smaller school and he had more direct contact with his professors. His experience at Hillsdale sparked intellectual abilities that were not as noticeable during high school. Kuehnlein is now finishing his doctorate in political science at Western Michigan University, where he taught for three years prior to ACC.

Many factors influenced Kuehnlein's interests in politics and teaching. One of them was Dr. Alexandross Schtromas, his political science teacher at Hillsdale. Schtromas fled from the Nazis during WWII and was later adopted by the President of Lithuania. "He lived everything he taught and

without him I would have never pursued higher education" says Kuehnlein.

As a member of the Student Federation at Hillsdale and by working with

local politicians, Kuehnlein learned a lot about what politics are all about. Enough to know there is too much turmoil involved. Instead, he

decided to teach the subject. He found out about the position here at ACC and applied because he missed the small-town demographic. "Everybody here is very professional, as well as friendly and you don't always see that combination in some schools," comments Kuehnlein.

When he's not teaching, Kuehnlein enjoys the wilderness, tennis, and bicycling. But his favorite hobby of all is traveling. He has been all over Europe, including the Communist-era Soviet and Lithuania. With all this traveling experience, he politically views Alpena as a small-scale model of the rest of the world. "I believe as the younger generation grows up and takes control, the town will be in for a tremendous social and physical change".

instruction. Some of the programs they offer are Directed Studies, Reading, and English labs.

Kristen hopes that students will improve their skills. Jane says that, "We want them to see that they can be successful in small steps."

They would like to update, organize the software, and be more one-on-one with their students. The T.L.C. staff really enjoys meeting and working with students, so come in and ask for help.

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The learning center provides two new resources to students this semester. They are Kristen Berles and Jane Spear.

Kristen Berles majored in mathematics in college. After graduation, she taught math and computers in a high school for 4 years. She was involved in one-on-one tutoring for two years. Math is one of the subjects she has tutored.

Prior to coming to A.C.C., Jane Spear worked in a learning center at Delta College, and has taught English in high school and college. She also taught study skills and tutors at the college level.

They are the new Learning Center Technicians for A.C.C., and want to help students. Although there are a variety of things students can do to help themselves, Jane and Kristen can help in many ways. They can assign programs in the Learning Center for different study skills for individualized

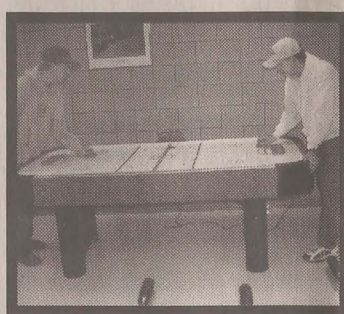
Where did that air hockey table come from?

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Who took the initiative to get the student body of ACC a recreational room? The Student Senate came up with the idea to create a more comfortable and activity oriented environment on campus grounds. Student interaction between classes has been almost obsolete outside of small talk in the cafeteria. According to Christie Neubert, President of the Student Senate, a committee was formed last year among the Student Senate to look into an activity room. They were to decide, with limited funds, how to add a more appealing social setting for students to relax.



Foosball and Air hockey
Photo taken by Joshua M. Brege



ACC students killing time
Photo taken by Joshua M. Brege

What you see now, the air-hockey table, the foosball game, new furniture, new carpet, and a television was put in place by our Student Senate. Initially, the thought was to bring in a few arcade games and pinball machines, but instructors inquired on potential disruptions to work in the classroom. Another point was made that there was potential for non-students coming on campus to use the activity room, which could lead to problems the school simply would not want to deal with.

Each year, approximately \$13,000 is allotted to the Student Senate to operate and host a variety of functions for ACC students and staff, Neubert stated.

Student Awards Night, staff appreciation brunches, and a few dances are paid for by the Student Senate. It was decided that the Senate could afford to make such an addition to our school. With a budget of only \$2,500, our elected representatives had the task of finding the best products for the best prices. They contacted several manufacturers before deciding to spend any funds.

Thanks to our Student Senate, our college now has a mini game room with lounge and television to use free at anytime. Several suggestions have been made on new potential purchases for the recreation room. And the Senate welcomes any ideas you may have.

The Lunch Buddy Program

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We have all had one special person drift into our lives. A person that touched our hearts, guided us, encouraged us, or even inspired us. This person could have been a teacher, a relative, or maybe just a friend. Now you too have the chance to make an amazing difference. By becoming a big brother, a big sister, a lunch buddy or a teammate, you have the opportunity to change a child's life.

ACC is starting a program called First Mentors. The First Mentors program is funded by First USA, Big Brothers - Big Sisters of America and the BBBS organization in Alpena. First Mentors is collaborating with ACC, the students here at ACC, Educational Talent Search, and the Volunteer Center. This program matches caring adults with children ages six through seventeen in need of a positive role model.

Becoming a lunch buddy is one way to participate in this program. A big lunch buddy is someone that cares about children and would be willing to spend forty minutes once a week with an elementary child. The

big lunch buddy meets the little lunch buddy for lunch on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, depending on their schedule. The big buddy can either bring a sack lunch or buy a school lunch. After lunch is finished, the buddies can do a variety of things including playing outside, reading a book together, or just talking and getting to know one another. The lunch buddy program will extend through out the entire school year. The children involved in this program are between grades kindergarten and sixth.

Paige Bilyeu, director of the Big Brothers - Big Sisters program in Alpena, is very hopeful and enthusiastic about the kick off of the new program. She stated that the goal for the lunch buddies program is to achieve twenty-five matches this year. For each child that participates as a little buddy in the First Mentor program is eligible to apply for a \$1,000 dollar scholarship to go to a summer camp at a college or university of the child's choice.

Another way to make a difference is to become a teammate. Candy Newton, director of the team

mates program, described the program as basically bringing in individuals from ACC that are academically minded and matching them up through BBS. *Teammates* is school based and involves students in seventh and eighth grades. Most of the activities will be done in groups. These groups will meet approximately every other week for about an hour and a half. Bob Newton, head of Education Talent Search, would also like to add, as an incentive, that pizza will be available to the teammates at every meeting. The goal for this program is to match at least fifteen pairs.

If you're thinking you might want to volunteer, but your schedule doesn't permit you to be a lunch buddy or teammate, you can always join the traditional BBS program. This program also matches you up with a little brother or sister, but allows more freedom with the child. This program is not school based and there aren't any limitations on the time spent with the child. Volunteers are definitely needed for this program. "We always have a waiting list in the traditional program and we always need

big brothers and big sisters," commented Bilyeu. She also added that there is more of a need for men than for women. Girls could be on the waiting list for a week, while boys could be on the list for up to a year.

If you are interested in any of these programs, you can stop by the volunteer center, which is located in the Center Building, room 108. You can also stop by the Education Talent Search office or simply call BBS at (989) 354-3344.

It has been proven that mentoring does make a difference. According to BBS School - Based Mentoring Study; 58% achieved higher grades in social studies, math, and language, 64% developed higher levels of self-confidence, 60% improved relationships with adults and 56% improved relationships with peers.

Be that special person in a child's life. Sign up today.



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Tim Kuehnlein, an ACC instructor, is interested in forming a new group to discuss political science, government, or current events. Anyone interested, contact him at 358-7310.