

Beck Trades in Computer for Fishing Boat

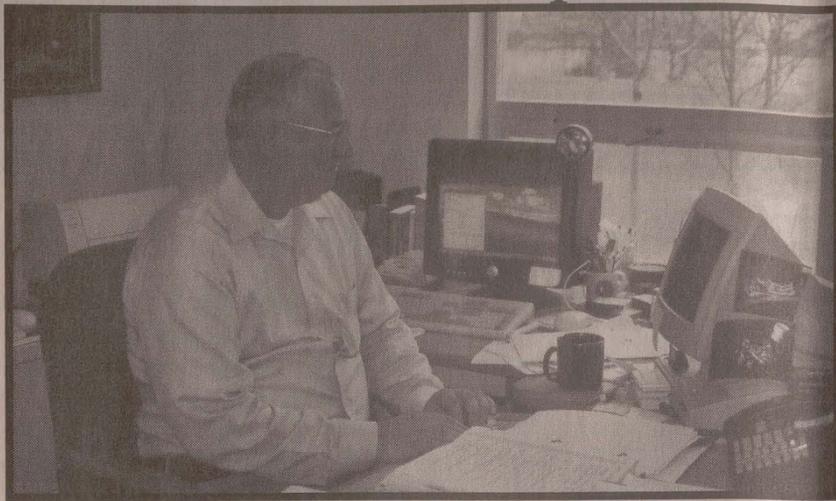


Photo by Jessica Thiem

Lyle Beck works on one of the many computers at his desk.

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Staff Writer

Lyle Beck is retiring after more than 23 years at ACC. "As Director of Management Services, Lyle has been instrumental in all of ACC's technological advances," said coworker Vicky Kropp.

Some of the upgrades he has been involved in include the phone system, the computer network, the

Internet, the satellite uplink, and the interactive TV. Until 1997 he was the only person who did technical work at ACC. He is described as honest, straight forward and, a good boss who is appreciative of the work done by those under him.

Lyle first became involved with ACC in 1977 through Core Intermediate School District in Roscommon. ACC had a main frame computer

and was shifting all their computer work to Roscommon. The software to run their systems was unavailable until he was able to locate it at Polk Community College in Florida. At that time Core was doing the computer work for around 40 school districts.

Core got out of computers in 1979, and Lyle continued operating ACC's systems at home, evening after work. In

1982, he was hired full time at the college and has not had a computer at his home since, nor does he plan to get one any time soon.

Another job he did, on the side, for about a year was that of technical advisor to Fred Bear of Bear Archery.

Lyle will never forget the day he began his first job in the computer field. It was on Dec. 4, 1962, the same day his daughter was born. He missed his plane because he had to bring his wife to the hospital. His father then drove him to Alpena where his wife and daughter joined him on December 21. This was the first time he had seen his daughter. A fact, he says, his wife has never quite forgiven him for.

His plans for retirement are fishing and working around the house. He enjoys building things and fishing from his houseboat, a boat Ann Schultz said he built.

Lyle Beck has had a major impact on ACC during his years here and will be missed by all of us.

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For the first five weeks, she will work side-by-side with Dr. Davis. When reached for comment, Dr. Davis seemed very eager to work with Dr. Carlson during this time. They will work together in starting the summer term, setting up fall staffing and activities, and finally in familiarizing Dr. Carlson with ACC's policies and procedures.

Once these goals have been accomplished and she gets settled in, Dr. Carlson hopes to "continue the fine work already in place at

ACC and assist in moving forward." She added that she had much to learn about the college before she would know how to lend her skills, knowledge, and background for ACC's future evolution.

Once she gets the feel for the college, Dr. Carlson will have time for the things she enjoys such as reading, gardening, and walking.

The faculty, staff, and students at Alpena Community College look forward to seeing her this summer and hopefully for many years to come.

WCCT Executive Director Hands in Resignation

Press Release
Courtesy Jay Walterreit

Jim Hayford, Executive Director of the World Center for Concrete Technology (WCCT), has announced his resignation from the WCCT and his plans to pursue other career directions.

Hayford has been Executive Director since May 1, 2000, and was instrumental in the opening of the new, 44,000 sq. ft. World Center. Hayford's resignation is effective June 30, 2003.

College President Donald L. Newport said, "Jim has worked long and hard to get our new facility open and to build relationships with the concrete industry. He will certainly be missed. We extend our very best wishes to Jim as

he explores new options to utilize his talents."

Chairman of the Partners Council Jim Park said, "Jim Hayford has been instrumental in several innovative WCCT programs such as mason training in Florida and finding grants from the National Concrete Masonry Association to fund scholarships at Alpena Community College."

In looking ahead at the leadership structure for the WCCT, Newport added that the College and the Partner's Council, a group of key leaders in the concrete industry, will closely examine all of its options for effectively carrying on the work of the Center; and a plan will be announced prior to the start of the College's next fiscal period on July 1, 2003.

Search for New President Begins Replacing Dr. Newport Involved Process

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Sports Editor

Alpena Community College announced on April 17, that Dr. Donald L. Newport had handed in his resignation. He will be leaving January 1, 2004.

This gives the ACC Board of Trustees about 8 months to find a replacement. Dr. David Ponitz was hired as a consultant in the search and the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) was also formed to help in the search.

Trustees Roger Baur, Tom Townsend, and Paul Wegmeyer have volunteered to represent the Board. The PSAC is made up of members from the Board of Trustees, four ACC faculty,

two administrators, two classified/facilities employees, and six community members.

The PSAC met on the 29th to discuss skills and qualities they would like to find in the new president and decide exactly what they would be looking for.

Dr. Ponitz will go over this information to create a candidate profile, which will be reviewed on May 15th. The profile will then be sent to the Board of Trustees for approval.

A website has been designed so the public will be able to keep up on the search. http://www.alpena.edu/personnel/president_search/president_search.htm.

North Korea Pleads Guilty

North Korea Admits to Creating and Possessing Nuclear Weapons

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As the U.S. was preparing for war with Iraq, North Korea admitted that it was actively working on the development of nuclear weapons. Current relationships with South Korea, and other neighboring countries have affected how the U.S. has been handling this situation.

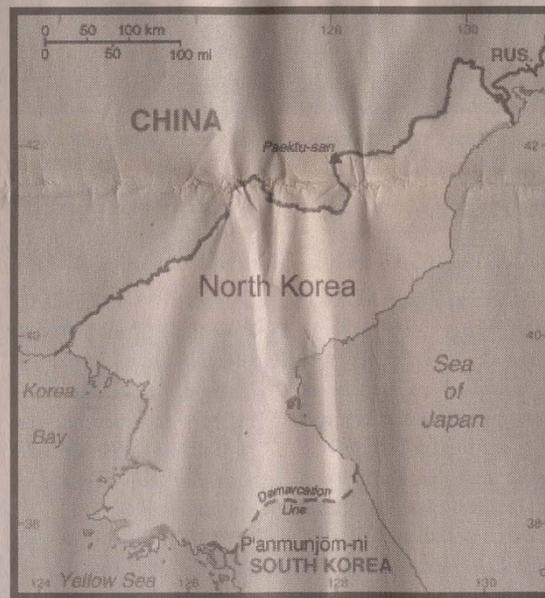
North Korea's neighboring countries are China, Russia, South Korea, and Japan. President Bush is trying to get those countries to realize that nuclear arms in North Korea are not in their best interest so that they will deal with the problem of nuclear arms in North Korea.

The Washington Post said, in regards to North Korea's current and former leaders, "Brinkmanship is the family Business." This comment was in regard to North Korea's tendency to

use unstable situations to bargain for what they want. At this time, North Korea is using their weapons program to try and bring the United States to the bargaining table; however, president Bush is refusing to be blackmailed into bargaining.

Currently China is providing the most foreign aide to North Korea. Presently China seems more concerned with possible U.S. intervention than the fact that North Korea is developing nuclear weapons, said *Newsweek*.

The US still maintains a base in allied South Korea; therefore, the U.S. feels it is important to have the support of South Korea in any action against the North. Growing anti-American sentiment has been developing in South Korea's younger generation, said *The Washington Post*. Thus weakening the U.S.



Graphic courtesy Jonas Boda

North Korea and its bordering neighbors.

position there.

According to *cnn.com* North Korea, at talks between the U.S., China and North Korea, proposed they receive "something considerable" in exchange for

the abandonment of their nuclear weapons. Colin Powell, Secretary of State for the U.S., said that the U.S. is still studying the proposal, but is not the kind of proposal the U.S. has been looking for.

What Television Does to Children

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It is not surprising that the results of a recent survey linking adult aggressiveness to a childhood exposure to violence on TV. Remember when the most violent scene on TV was someone getting shot, grunting, and falling down – the single final act in the hero saving the day sort of thing – the good guy wins in the end. You only saw this sort of thing if you liked westerns and didn't mind if things got a little bit rough before good prevailed. The majority of the shows on

TV were humorous family types like "I Love Lucy," or "Leave it to Beaver," or "Lassie."

Today we are bombarded daily with TV violence in graphic detail. We are no longer denied the gory details of blood, guts, and horror. The violence is not a single climatic act but is the major theme throughout the whole movie (or cartoon).

A new study, just published in the March issue of *Developmental Psychology*, finds that boys and girls who watch a lot of violence on TV have a greater risk of being

aggressive adults later even if they were not aggressive as children.

Psychologist L. Rowell Huesman and colleagues at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research made this discovery after doing a follow-up study of adults who were first surveyed when they were children between the ages of 6 and 10. They were interviewed again, along with their spouses or friends, and crime records checked.

As children, they were rated on their exposure to televised violence after choosing 8 favorite shows and how often

they watched them. Programs such as "Stargate and Hutch", "The Six Million Dollar Man", and even cartoons like "Roadrunner" was considered very violent.

The children were also asked how much they identified with the violent characters and if they thought the violence was realistic. In following these children later as adults, researchers found that high ratings on any of these three measures predicted higher ratings of overall adult aggression.

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