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1990 GRADUATE LORI LISKE AND INSTRUCTOR HERB GAMAGE review the student program progress report (PPR), a computer-generated document which has improved the academic advising process at Alpena Community College. Based on their area of interest, students are assigned to an academic advisor upon admission to ACC. Together they plan a course of study that will enable the student to achieve whatever educational goal has been set -- career training, skills updating, transfer to a senior institution or personal enrichment. The PPR keeps track of courses needed and completed, quickly providing a written statement of this important planning information at any time. This is particularly convenient for part-time students who may take only one or two classes at a time and complete their programs of study over more than the traditional one or two-year period. Faculty advisors will be available to meet with Alpena campus students Aug. 21-23 and also by appointment (356-9021). Students who'll attend the Huron Shores Campus can contact director Tim Sleevi, 739-1445.

Offer 1-semester corrections officer program at Huron Shores this fall

Corrections officers are in demand and residents of the Alcona and Iosco counties have close access this fall to training that will get them priority placement on Michigan Department of Corrections employment lists.

The Huron Shores Campus at Wurtsmith AFB is offering ACC's one-semester

corrections officer training program, which is certified by the Michigan Correctional Officers' Training Council.

It includes these five corrections courses: LAW 231, 235, 236, 237 and 238.

They're conveniently scheduled Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to noon

(see page 7) and will prepare successful graduates to work at state and local correctional facilities.

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For registration or financial aid information, contact Tim Sleevi at 739-1445. To learn more about the corrections field, contact instructor Mike Roy at 356-9021 Ext. 208.

New ACC program will meet demand for utility employees

If you like to work outdoors and enjoy hearty physical activity as part of your daily routine, there's a job waiting for you -- as soon as you complete the new Utility Technician Program at Alpena Community College!

While students enroll for the first semester of training, industry observers are counting the positions which will open up over the next three years and looking to ACC for trained entry level employees to fill them.

The pay is good. Starting wages currently are \$12 to \$13 an hour, increasing to \$16 or more an hour after three to four years.

ACC's two-semester program was developed under a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association. A study conducted by ACC found there was no educational program in the state to provide field training and practical theory in the various phases of power line installation and maintenance.

The need for such a program has been illustrated by the statewide support which has come as industry representatives reached into their pocketbooks to provide start-up funds.

Contributions include \$15,000 each from Alpena Power Co. and Edison Sault Electric, along with \$6,000 from Cloverland Electric. Scholarship assistance has been donated by various electric cooperatives and among those donating equipment are Alpena Power and Presque Isle Electric.

"Your staff needs to be commended," Bill Gregory of

Edison Sault Electric told the ACC Board of Trustees. "You have the environment, you have the people and you'll get the job done."

Gregory came before the board in May to support initiation of the 34 credit hour program. He pointed out that ACC's program over the next several years will provide companies like his the ability to identify replacements for some 200 highly-trained, highly-skilled workers and to fill an estimated 50 new positions.

Until now, Gregory said, Michigan utilities have had to provide on the job training for high school graduates they wished to employ, seek out military veterans with appropriate background or "steal" good linemen from other companies.

Men and women who graduate from ACC's program will be qualified to work with electrical, telephone and telegraph transmission systems.

They'll be headed up in the world as they routinely climb 40-foot power poles to install cross arms, conductors, transformers and switches. They'll know how to operate digger and derrick trucks and how to accomplish underground as well as overhead distribution, construction and maintenance.

Are you up to the challenge? Openings remain in this fall's initial class of 30 students. For more information, call ACC's Admissions Office, 356-9021 Ext. 200.

(See related photo, page 8.)

Classes begin Aug. 27 in Alpena; Sept. 4 at Huron Shores