



ACC ACCREDITATION EXTENDED

DONNELLY'S APPEAL SUCCESSFUL

By Jackie Timm

The length of accreditation of Alpena Community College has recently been changed from three to seven years. The Executive Board of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association took the action at their meeting in Chicago last week.

An appeal made by College President Dr. Charles Donnelly prompted the action. This was in response to the recommendations made by the North Central visiting team last spring when they also granted ACC a three year accreditation.

Dr. Donnelly responded to the original recommendations of the visiting team with a lengthy written report, citing several inconsistencies in the visiting team's evaluation. He and the chairman of the team then made formal presentations during their appearance before the review committee.

A three year recommendation accreditation would have also required immediate action to prepare for the next evaluation. Such preparation requires lengthy studies by administration and staff. Donnelly also noted that the added expenses of hosting a visiting team are costly.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRIP

by Deb Ferriter

The Law Enforcement Club visited five correctional facilities in lower Michigan last week.

The club includes students in the Law Enforcement program at ACC. One of the main functions is to organize field trips, one each semester.

This semester's outing was a "corrections trip." Twenty-seven students left at noon on Wednesday, November 4, and returned on Friday evening.

On Wednesday, the group stopped in Bridgeport at the State Police Crime Lab. There they talked with a handwriting analyst and a ballistics expert, toured a drug unit, and saw demonstrations of polygraph (lie-detector) testing and finger printing.

The next day, the students visited two prisons. At Huron Valley Women's Prison, they were guided through the housing unit by a woman serving a life sentence for murder. Two students said they were somewhat surprised at the woman's pleasant manner, and at the clean, modern appearance of the facility. A few students applied for work at the prison.

The second prison was the Milan Federal Prison, which houses 700 men. Prisoners there can learn trades such as auto shop and building trades.

On Friday students talked with residents of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry, in Ypsilanti. The residents are people who have been declared incompetent to stand trial. They are held at the center until they can be declared competent. A staff member explained that people avoiding trial by declaring incompetency usually do not get away with it for long, as it's hard to keep up the farce continuously.

The final stop was at the W. J. Maxey Boys' Training School in Whitmore Lake. This facility houses 13-18 year old males convicted of felonies. It is a high school - dormitory setting. Residents are locked in the dorms at night, but there are no fences outside the buildings.

The school follows group rehabilitation practices which are now becoming common in similar institutions. For example, residents are assigned to small groups for therapeutic purposes. Daily activities such as school, are carried out in groups. (There is one group per class.) If any member gets out of line, others in his group are responsible to report it. They also carry out peer group therapy in special sessions.

The Law Enforcement Club plans their field trips to enhance classroom learning and expose students to employment possibilities. The students seemed to find this trip enjoyable and informative, and some did apply for jobs to pursue careers in law enforcement.

CAMPUS CONNECTION

by Jackie Timm

Karen James has assumed administrative responsibilities for Alpena Community College at Wurtsmith Air Force Base. She will serve as the liaison between the base office and main campus in her role as a consultant.

James' duties include curriculum development, staff procurement, and evaluation. One of her goals is to develop a three semester plan for core curriculum. Presently, James is coordinating an ad program for second semester registration. She is also serving as advisor to the business club and ACC Student Advisory Group. James will be promoting ACC programs at WAFB by speaking for local groups.

James, who is the first female administrator for ACC at Wurtsmith, received her BA from the University of Michigan and her MA in Educational Administration from CMU. Her office hours on base are from 8-12 and from 1-4:30.

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HALLOWEEN PARTIES SUCCESSFUL

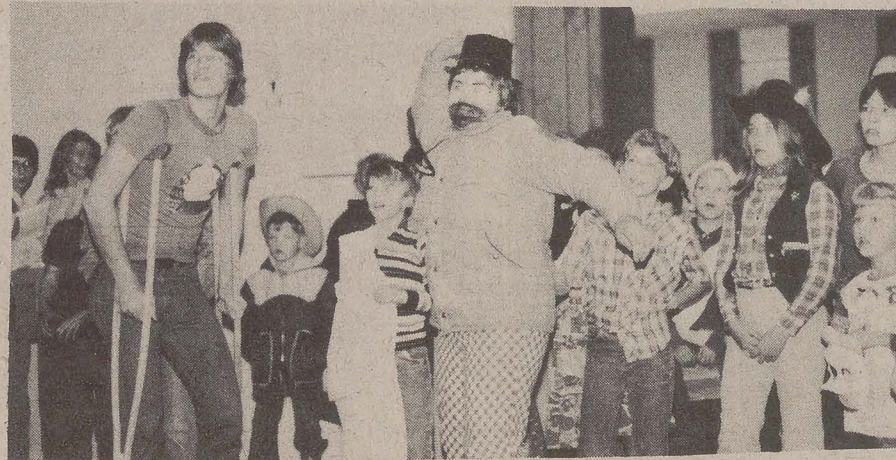
by Deb Ferriter

The Residence Hall Association hosted two parties during Halloween week, one for children from Alpena's Big Brothers-Big Sisters program, and the other for Pied Piper students.

The parties featured a spook house, games, refreshments, dancing, and Halloween candy bags.

On Thursday, October 29, about 40 children waiting for a Big Brother or Sister came to the first party. The young guests seemed to enjoy the whole party, especially the spook house.

Staffed by 15 students, the spook house occupied almost an entire dorm floor. Special effects



DAN KOULE (ON CRUTCHES) SPONSERED THE PARTY

included a headless man, a Dracula, a spider lady with a web, and an assortment of unidentified things hanging from doorways and ceilings. A recording of eerie background music completed the effect.

About 60 Pied Piper students came to the second party on Friday afternoon. This group had mixed reactions to the spook house. Many seemed to prefer dancing to being spooked.

The R.H.A. puts on the Halloween parties each year, and Assistant R.A. Ginger Hoffmeyer said the hosts have as much fun as the guests.