

# Student Feature



**Kathy Ryan**

By Elizabeth Littler

Kathy Ryan is the enterprising young woman whose sleek design was selected by the news staff for the paper's new nameplate.

Originally from Flint, Ryan graduated from Flushing Senior High School in 1977. This fall she enrolled at Alpena Community College to study design, jewelry and ceramics, as well as, English and sociology.

Ryan lives with her grandparents in Hubbard Lake. In the year between high school and college, she lived in Florida. It was during this time, working in photography, freelancing in art and bartending that she decided her career in art was going nowhere. She felt she needed more training and wanted to establish more connections in the advertising community.

Ryan plans to attend the well-known Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. She will apply for scholarships, grants and any financial aid available to help her achieve her goal of furthering her education.

Like many students, Ryan finds money hard to come by, so, she makes her own clothes and bartends at the Hubbard Lake Tavern 40 to 45 hours a week. The money pays for art supplies.

Ryan can't remember deciding to be an artist. "It's the only thing I've ever done," she states. The branch of art she prefers is advertising design, with photography and silver jewelry work coming next. She enjoys the creative and expressive release of working with her hands. "I like to make a subtle statement. Not everyone will understand, but if a few do..."

Ryan appreciates the outdoors while riding her 10-speed bike. She also has a good time just being with friends and talking, but not in a bar, that's too much like work.

# Faculty Feature



**Karen Riegler**

By Suzanne Kitts

Karen Riegler, director of the Learning Skills Center, located in the Natural Resources Center, has resided in Alpena since December, 1976.

Riegler and her husband Tim, DNR park ranger, have been married for two years and are expecting their first child in April.

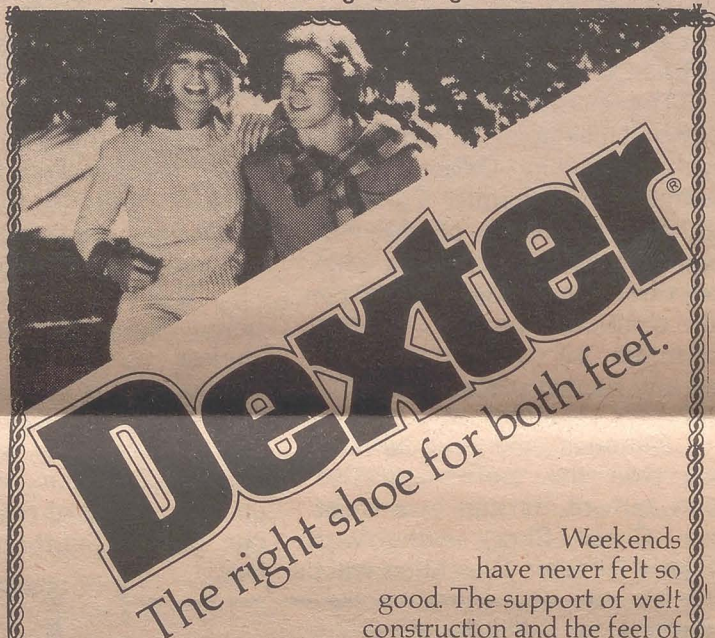
Riegler attended Michigan State University and received a B.A. and M.A. in English, and an M.A. in English, and an M.S. in reading. After graduating, she went on to work at Lansing Community College for 2½ years, teaching in the same area of work she is currently engaged in.

Active in the Educational Specialist Program at MSU, Riegler would eventually like to have a job planning out and setting up similar programs at the state level.

Riegler enjoys working at the L.S.C., but said she gets frustrated when people think it's only for "Dummies." "It's for all people that aren't as efficient in one subject as they are in others."

Hobbies that she enjoys in her leisure time are collecting books, cross-country skiing, playing board games, quilting, and sewing, (including making stuffed animals).

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