

Editorial

In vivid contrast to the newly-paved parking lots at ACC, are the construction-torn roads of the town of Alpena. Instead of driving to school on smooth roads, and struggling to park in a pothole; we bump to school on dicimated streets, and ride smoothly in the parking lots.

We used to complain about the weather, now we complain about the road conditions. Families gather for street strategy sessions in the evenings to negotiate tomorrow's passable routes. But many times, carefully-made plans fail because the construction seems to be swallowing the whole town. We find nothing more frustrating than detouring through detours, wasting thirty minutes on a five-minute trip, and fighting traffic worthy of Detroit.

The intentions of the drainage-pipe installation are good. No longer will we have flooded streets because the sewers have backed up. Also, the many crews hard-at-work in various sections of town, hope to accomplish the job quickly.

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We think this is an example of poor planning. Hopefully, those who planned this situation, have been as inconvenienced as the rest of us. Maybe, we can all learn from it.

INTRODUCING THE STAFF

By Andrea Dean

Tom Greene will be advertising manager this year for the **Campus Update**. He will be selling ads to local businesses and billing the customers. Greene will also be responsible for the layout and design of the ads.

Born and raised in East Tawas, Greene lived with his parents, two sisters, and one brother. He worked for five years at the Iosco County News and Oscoda Press. His job consisted of camerawork, ad/job layout, and operating a press. This previous experience will be helpful to his new position on the staff.

Greene moved to Alpena recently to attend Alpena Community College. A freshman, he is interested in Business Administration Courses. He plans on obtaining an Associate in Science or a one year certificate in Small Business Management. He says states, "I'd rather be running a business than working for someone else." As advertising manager, Greene will have an opportunity to do that.

Greene has one goal in life, shared by many people. He simply, "wants to succeed."

Linda Rhoads, Photographer

A new face to the **Campus Update** staff is Linda Rhoads. This is her first year at Alpena Community College, and she will be working as the papers' photographer. Rhoads' studies consist of general education, with a major in photography. Her plans include becoming a photographer, cameraperson,

or newspaper photographer. Further education in the field will enable her to decide on a specific career.

Because of her continuing interest in the photographic process and the desire to develop her talent, Rhoads applied for the **Campus Update** position. She feels the job will provide a good background for gaining experience for a possible job career.

Rhoads' hobbies are centered around sports, especially basketball. She likes to be involved rather than being a spectator. Rhoads had been active in sports at Alpena High School, playing on the girl's basketball team for two years.

Rhoads is looking forward to her new position on our staff. She will be taking shots of typical campus activities. So smile....you may be her next subject.

Sheri Rickert, Business Manager

The newly-appointed Business Manager for the **Campus Update** is Sheri Rickert. Rickert's job involves composing articles, and ordering supplies as necessary. Born and raised in Mikado, she is a sophomore at ACC.

Studying to be a counselor, she will graduate from ACC in December. Plans include transferring to Central Michigan University for further education.

Rickert has spent many summers traveling throughout the country. Expeditions have taken her to the

West Coast, with a stop in each state along the way. She is looking forward to touring the East Coast as well, someday.

Besides traveling, Rickert's free time is devoted to ceramics, painting, and music. She is currently taking voice lessons, and enjoys singing in her church choir. Rickert also sang in the 1979 Miss Alcona Pageant, placing as third runner-up.

Rickert feels it is important to "set your goals high." Striving to reach these goals will form positive attitudes and a good sense of accomplishment.

Dorm plans for students

By Rhonda Pomranke

The Russell Wilson Hall Dormitory houses 175 students. Floor and house meetings were held to inform residents of rules and regulations, and to introduce the staff.

The staff includes Frank McCourt, Director of Housing; Neil McMichael, Head Resident; resident advisors Renee' Belanger, Scott Green, Dawn Townsend, Mark Grimes, Bob Teetzel; and Security Guards Dave Perry, Rich Richmond, and John Silvia.

New recreation machines include two pinball machines, two foosball tables, and a space invaders game. Planned activities for the future are a cookout, a hayride, a Halloween dance, and a carnival day.

GI BILL REPLACED BY VEAP

By Andrea Dean

The GI Bill of Rights "is one of the best regulated funds," commented Don Pregizer, coordinator of Veteran's Outreach at Alpena Community College.

The GI Bill is the military benefit program which includes education and training at government expense. Even though this bonus has been discontinued for two years, veterans have until 1989 to collect benefits.

Qualifications for the GI Bill have become stronger than in previous years. Now, the veteran must attend an approved school, usually a two or four year institution. This was revised to curb the veterans who were taking advantage of the program.

Another requirement for receiving benefits is for the veteran to be released with an honorable or medical discharge.

Each veteran is monitored from the first day of classes. He must progress academically, maintaining at least a 2.0 G.P.A. Reports are sent to the Veterans Administration assuring this information, and the fact that each veteran is attending the institution. If the student fails to meet these qualifications, he must reimburse the government the amount that was allotted to him.

Replacing the GI Bill is the Veteran Education Assistance Program (VEAP). Under it, the person in

service puts \$50-\$75 a month into a fund going towards his college education, for a maximum of 36 months. The government adds twice the dollar value to the fund. Upon honorable discharge, the veteran receives the money in 36 equal increments, as long as it is used toward education. All money is refundable, minus the government's contribution, whenever the veteran decides to discontinue education.

Along with the monitoring of veterans at ACC, Pregizer also provides personal assistance, such as counseling. He helps them get additional financial aid programs beyond

the government bonus, and offers housing. His sincere concern for the readjusting veteran is apparent. Pregizer is "ready to help whatever problem arises."

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