

Independence, cont.

of ACC funds into its own hands.

The school system will require a transition period of about nine months to handle the details of separation. The college Trustees must handle the legal ramifications of the new college district, before the independence and millage are officially instituted on July 1, 1980. Specifically, the trustees must establish policy, and expedite the transfer of property and personnel.

The newly elected Board of Trustees is a truly representative entry. This cross-section of the local population has been nominated to sit on the Board: for the two-year terms Lee Britton and Rev. Terrence A. Raymond; for the four-year terms A. Harvey Hansen and Sylvia L. Owens; and for the six-year terms Sally L. Park, Roger C. Bauer, and Mel Matchett.

After 4 years, all the terms for the ACC Board will be for six years, except for the treasurer and secretary, the Trustees hold, by law, non-paid positions.

Credit for passing the millage and separate district must go to the voting public and to the ACC Steering Committee. In August of this year, the Steering Committee was formed of interested citizens and members of the ACC faculty and administration to carry out a low-key campaign for independence. For efficiency, the Steering Committee was divided into seven subcommittees: Group Endorsement, Publicity, Alumnae, Student, Finance, Precinct, and Speakers. Their efforts have gradually crescendoed into a victory.

Autonomy is consistent with ACC's philosophy to fulfill the needs of the Northeast Michigan community. Plans for growth could involve annexing contiguous districts to expand the tax base. This would involve adding surrounding counties to the college district. Instead of the higher tuition out-of-district students currently pay, the citizens will pay in taxes based on the 1.5 mills levied by the ACC board.

Board pays for dead plant

A student was paid a \$2.50 claim for a plant that died when dormitory heat was allowed to get too high during a vacation period at the U. of Wisconsin-Madison. But the claim board, while recommending acceptance of the claim, noted that producing a check would cost about \$10 and so members chipped in personally and paid the student for his plant.

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Alumni Feature

Richard M. Wing

Richard M. Wing, a former Alpena Community College student and instructor of Concrete Technology, has been appointed Technical Engineer of the Masonary Institute of Northwestern Ohio.

Wing is a member of the American Concrete Institute. He holds an Associate degree in concrete technology from ACC.

Wing's appointment was announced by John A. Heslip, executive director of the two institutes. "This staff expansion demonstrates our commitment to architectural and engineering services as our No. 1 priority," Heslip stated.

Wing will be responsible for providing technical assistance on masonry design and construction in outstate Michigan and northwestern Ohio.

For the past six years, Wing has served as materials technologist and field engineer for Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., a large construction testing firm with three offices in Michigan.

Wing is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is married and the father of four sons.

Student Feature



Julie Albert

by Shari Ratz

"I guess my only real goal in life is to learn all the time, every day, because the more you learn, the more questions you have," said Julie Albert, one of two women enrolled in pre-engineering classes at ACC.

Albert became interested in engineering while attending a Michigan Tech. seminar called "Women in Engineering." It was there that she discovered how many different aspects of engineering there are and heard from several women who were involved in engineering. She was "fascinated" to find that she could put her abilities in math and mechanical reasoning to a useful and interesting purpose; "working out ways to solve problems."

Since entering the pre-engineering program, Albert has found that most people accept her presence, although they are "surprised" at her choice of study. She said, "My experiences have helped me not to judge people by how they look, because if I looked at a picture of myself, I wouldn't label that picture 'Engineer'." Albert plans to attend

the University of Michigan next fall. She will pursue a career in Electrical Engineering and hopes, someday, to teach the subject at college level.

Here at ACC, Albert works with Mr. Sparks in the Physics department and has accompanied him on several Physics demonstrations to area sixth grade classes. She thinks these visits are important, because a lot of the kids see laser beams on TV, but don't understand the reality of how they work or what Physics is all about. She hopes that these demonstrations will help the students to decide if they may be interested in Physics.

Albert is also involved in Phi Theta Kappa and the First United Methodist Church's Bell Choir. She is the recipient of the Herbert H. Dow award, a monetary award of recognition to one student who's involved in both school and community activities and has a good grade point average.

Albert enjoys music, jazz dance, cross-country skiing, roller-skating, racquetball, all of her classes, and "having a good time."

One philosophy of Albert's is to avoid the word "can't." She thinks it better to try everything and not think in terms of "can't," because according to Albert, "If you say you can't enough, you start believing that you can't."

movies

The Laughing Policeman

by Rhonda Pomranke

It's no joke, but it is a detective thriller. The movie is about a middle-aged detective whose dedication to his work absorbs his whole life. The detective hunts for the mass murderer who machine-gunned a busload of people. Don't miss **The Laughing Policeman**, a thriller which authenticates the view of modern police tactics. Starring Walter Matthau, Bruce Dern, Lou Gossett, and Anthony Zerbe. The movie will be shown Thursday November 8 at 7:30 in room 150 at NRC, free of charge.....

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