



ACC students make a difference

by Rich Spicer

Two Alpena Community College students, Curt Spigelmyre and Rich Hibner, are volunteering their time to informative causes.

Spigelmyre, a sophomore, is vice-president of the Thunder Bay Recyclers. He moved into the position this past November when the group's previous vice-president became ill. He first became interested in the recycling issue when he read a booklet about it, and says, "Most landfills are filled up so the only option is to recycle. We're actually living on our own garbage."

One item the group is focusing attention on is 'curbside recycling'. For this concept, Alpena City residents are to leave recyclable materials by the street for pick-up. Spigelmyre stresses the importance of this concept and adds that the group's long-term goal is to have 15 locations in the city of Alpena where recyclable material can be stored. They also hope that an area trash hauler will volunteer its services to truck that material to the Alpena County Transfer Station, which is located just west of the DNR field offices on M-32. Spigelmyre states that some individuals are inconvenienced by having to drive such a distance to drop off their material, and says that having a hauler take the materials there would ensure more materials are recycled and, consequently, would contribute to a better environment.

Anyone with questions can write: Thunder Bay Recyclers, 421 S. Sheridan Street, Alpena. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Alpena City Council Chamber at City Hall. Any and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Hibner, a freshman, will moderate a discussion in February as part of the Alpena Community Forum. The forum will educate participants on today's crucial issues of society, and give people an opportunity to discuss their viewpoints and opinions on those issues. Hibner's forum, entitled "Growing Up At Risk", will be conducted in Room 450 of the

Natural Resources Center, on February 26th, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

A member of ACC's Presidential Leadership Committee, Hibner received a letter asking him if he wanted to become a part of the forum, and he said, "I guess I'll try it." People can gain, from attending the sessions Hibner says. "It encourages people to perhaps strike out on their own." He points to last year's session on the subject of day care, saying that "it got people to go out and possibly try to change things. That's the whole concept... to be able to go and see other people's viewpoints and possibly reach a common ground and then go out and try to continue bettering the situation..."

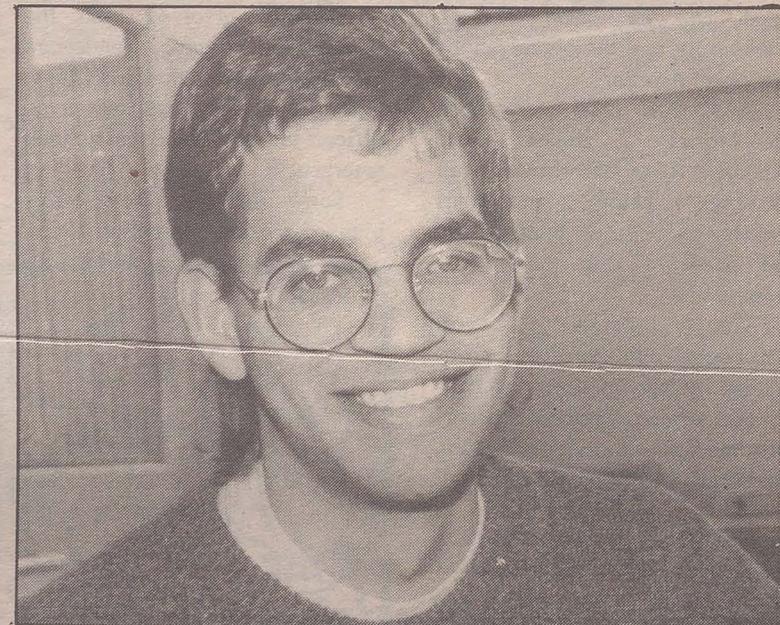
In addition to day care, last year's forums confronted such issues as drugs and the environment. This year, the upcoming issues to be discussed are "Regaining The Competitive Edge -- Are We up To The Job?" and "Abortion". The forums will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested can contact Margie Hunt at 356-9021, ext. 234. Hibner adds

that "Study guides are available at the ACC bookstore and are highly recommended. Each forum has a different study guide." Cost is \$3.95, or the guides can be borrowed from ACC or Alpena County Library.

Hibner encourages any interested persons to attend and states, "I think it will be a lot of fun."



Rich Hibner is a member of the ACC Leadership Committee.



Curt Spigelmyre, Vice-President of Thunder Bay Recyclers, has converted his environmental concern into action.

February is Community College Month at ACC

by Yvonne FaFave

ACC is joining in the national celebration this month to honor America's community colleges.

"The purpose of this celebration is to promote public awareness about the importance of community colleges to the education system," says Carlene Przykucki, ACC's Public Relations Director.

Community, technical and junior colleges are defined as nationally accredited post-secondary institutions at which the associate degree is the highest credential awarded. Today, there are 1,211 of these institutions across America.

Community College Month aims to focus on the associate degree as a valuable credential that can be a great asset in the job market. ACC plans to utilize the month to enlighten area residents about the advantages and course possibilities available.

Throughout the month, area radio stations will air public awareness spots promoting ACC. A weekly trivia contest is scheduled, and Feb. 9 will be ACC Day at Alpena Mall. Media Day at ACC will be an opportunity for interested residents to learn more about the campus.

Przykucki also invites students to check out the bulletin board near the public relations office in the Natural Resources Center for more information.

Foundation investing in ACC's future

by Yvonne LaFave

According to its report, in the past six months, the Alpena Community College Foundation Board has accepted over \$40,000 in donations to invest toward future needs at ACC.

The Alpena Community College Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting ACC's educational mission. The Foundation supports quality post-secondary education to meet the needs and interests of Northeastern Michigan.

According to the Foundation's director Lorraine Ruther, "The organization has been active since 1963, but it served only as a scholarship committee. In the early 80's the Foundation began to take a more assertive approach to support both student and staff

development."

When asked about the role the Foundation plays in ACC's progress and development, ACC's President Dr. Donald Newport said, "Our community college foundation is increasingly becoming a critical part of our overall progress. The Foundation provides funds that are essential for this college to be a truly first rate institution. Since we are now seeing funds from other sources become more restricted, private sector support is crucial to ACC's future success."

The Foundation accepts donations from the private sector in the form of cash, securities, properties, or bequests. These donations are invested, and the interest is put to many different uses. For instance, the Foundation administers 20

scholarships available to ACC students annually.

Ruther says, "Between Sept. 22, 1990 and Jan. 17, 1991, the Foundation accepted \$40,157.65 in donations." This money is invested, and the interest generated will support various segments of the college community.

For the next 16 months, the Foundation will also be focusing on matching the grant and funds supplied for ACC's building expansion plan.

Dr. Newport says, "The Foundation is becoming fundamental to the growth and development of the college. Private sector support is especially appropriate for ACC to pursue since we have built such an active partnership between this institution and Northeastern Michigan."

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