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Fournier tosses his hat into the ring

by Jackie Skaluba

"I don't think we should have as many laws as we do, regulating everything that comes down the pipe. Laws take away the rights of the people."

ACC instructor Bob Fournier has announced his candidacy for Representative of the 106th district early in order to get out his message.

"I expect the Republican party will spend \$500,000 to hold onto this district. I don't have that kind of budget, so my strategy is to talk to the people. I think the value of the 106th has increased. The stakes are higher."

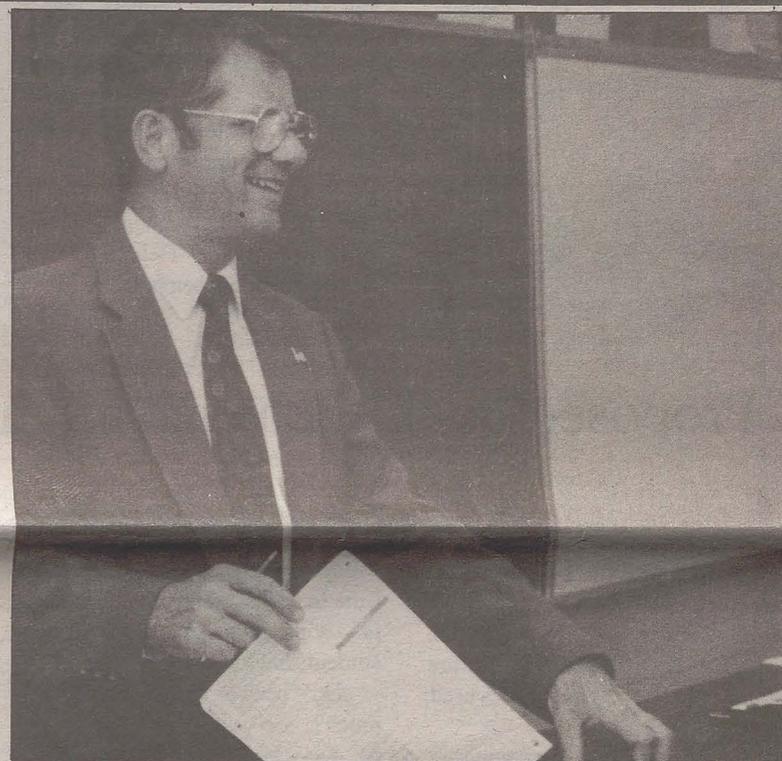
Fournier sees the astronomical costs of health care and the high number of people who do not have health insurance as major issues.

He lists as additional concerns -- the need to attract high-tech jobs and small businesses to the area, and the short-comings of the educational system. According to Fournier, "Michigan's educational system has had financial problems for a long time. The Michigan Education Association (MEA) is putting together, for the first time, a really workable approach to the problem." Fournier plans to attend a Sault Ste. Marie conference which will focus on the 12 page document, and he's optimistic, "There isn't anything that can't be solved over time. We need to understand that we're responsible, we're accountable. Raising taxes isn't the solution to funding the educational system."

Looking at daycare, Fournier feels that "... we have never really approached the issue." Instead of government stepping in and legislating what needs to be done, he believes that "... ACC and Alpena General Hospital must take leading roles, give of their expertise. That's just good management."

Fournier has concerns about the politics of reapportionment and feels it could better be "... solved in an unbiased, mathematical way by computer without regard to party."

While speaking before a group of students at Alpena Community College, environmental issues arose. Fournier responded, "I know in my heart that we must do it (recycling). I have mixed emotions. ... concerning the WERS facility. I'm concerned about (burning) plastics. I'll shake the bushes and find out."



Instructor Fournier has begun his campaign for political office based on the premise that less government is better government.

Mid-East expert to speak

by Joe McKenna

Dateline: August 1, 1990. Only one out of four Americans is able to locate the Persian Gulf on a map. Less than ten percent can find the miniscule country of Kuwait.

Dateline: August 2, 1990. Iraq pours tens of thousands of troops across the Kuwaiti border. President Bush and his western allies respond by a massive mobilization of personnel and equipment in the Arabian Desert. Months later the U.S. is embroiled in a financially costly war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. Americans then find their fate intertwined with this not so distant military conflict.

Now after the intervention is completed many questions still remain.

If anything, our involvement in the Persian Gulf awakened us to the fact that we can no longer ignore the political, economic and social forces of the world. This fall, Alpena students will have the rare opportunity to learn from an individual who has a wealth of

knowledge on the tumultuous region we commonly refer to as the Middle East. On October 16, Mr. Walter Cutler brings his distinguished career of Foreign Service to our campus.

Mr. Walter Cutler entered the service over thirty-five years ago in 1956. A long and colorful career included stops as an ambassador in Algeria, Iran, Korea, Vietnam, Tunisia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In 1989 the Ambassador left the Foreign Service to become President of the cultural institution, Meridian House International. This organization is dedicated to increasing international communication.

The major thrust of Mr. Cutler's presentation will concern the many unanswered questions in the Middle East, including the United State's new role in this unsettled region. The primary goals of Mr. Cutler's presentation is to enhance understanding of our third world neighbors and offer first-hand insights about the future of those regions.

Freedom of speech on university campuses under attack

by Jackie Skaluba

From the House Republican Press Office comes word of one legislator's reaction to the efforts by some colleges and universities to restrict free speech on campus.

"They have succumbed to the siren song of intimidation by those who preach mandatory sensitivity and 'political correctness,'" according to State Rep. Stephen Dresch, R-Hancock.

Dresch has introduced legislation to protect the First Amendment rights of students. This legislation parallels the efforts by the Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union which has filed suit against the University of Michigan.

At issue are certain policies adopted by the university which places restrictions on student's speech.

Governor Engler, in Alpena

briefly this month, commented, "We better defend the right of people to speak. It is the history and tradition of universities to tolerate a wide range of views".

ACC President Dr. Donald Newport added, "Rights and freedoms always bring with them responsibilities, even with something so cherished as the freedom of speech ... often the issue boils down to motivation. Certainly when censorship is used to inhibit the exchange of ideas or facts or as a means of arbitrary control, then few would debate our rightful freedom of expression. But, again, a right to extend my fist ends where another's nose begins."

Former advisor to ACC's student newspaper, instructor Jim Miesen, feels, "While state Rep. Dresch's fears regarding misguided restrictions on student's rights of free speech on college campuses

may be valid, his statements are really nothing more than over-blown rhetoric which in simplest terms, state that these restrictions should not be allowed.

"If the legislation would prevent government from threatening students' rights by withdrawing funds when some official did not agree with a student publication's right to print, then that act should be supported".

ACC advisor Frank McCourt was brief: "This is a crock. We have to teach our students to be somewhat sensitive".

University of Michigan faculty are calling the current charges of left-wing censorship, "political correctness' fever." In an attempt to counter what they see as a "frame-up", a conference for November 15 - 17, has been scheduled in hopes of clearing up the "widespread confusion and misinformation".

Opinion

Editor questions collection and use of summer fees

by Jackie Skaluba

Sometimes the strangest things happen. And no one questions them. And that's stranger still.

A funny thing happened on my way to an Associates Degree. ACC began charging a summertime student activities fee, but didn't offer any summertime student activities. Funnier than that -- the students didn't even question it.

I had heard that college students are notoriously poor, but ACC students must be the exception because they paid money for a service not rendered without complaint.

There were no sports events. Was the weight room available for student use? Student Senate received no extra monies with which to negotiate ticket discounts (from Alpena Civic Theatre and Thunder Bay Theatre) for students, and the campus newspaper was not published during the summer months.

Contact was made with Mike Hood, Dean of Admissions, who said the numbers were not readily available -- that those "figures don't exist." He did say they would be made available to *The Polemic* at a later date.

From the Board of Trustees minutes, I discovered that generated contact hours for the summer was 2,339. The student services fee is \$2 per contact hour, which could generate \$4,678.

This is not an absolutely accurate figure because there is a cap of 14 hours/maximum charge per student in the summer session. I don't know how many students this affects. But perhaps, given the information available, we can conclude it's a fairly accurate ball park figure.

If the mystery money wasn't used for summertime student activities, where did it go? Was it used to balance the budgets of the previous semester? Held in reserve for the following semester?

My question is this: why call it a student services fee when it's not being used for services during the semester in which it was collected?

During the summer semester, some instructors suggested that their students attend a play or musical performance as part of their class. Without the ticket discounts provided by Student Senate, prices at Thunder Bay Theatre were approximately \$11 a person -- a bit steep for some budgets; but should instructors drop these requirements? A bare-bones curriculum isn't the answer.



What is the celebration really about?

by Kirstine Titus

Lately there has been an incessant amount of talk about the year 1992 and how much it means to us -- as Americans. In fact, it is looked upon as un-American to not get out our flags and hip-hooray for an event that

excludes a large chunk of the American population. This event that I am moaning and groaning about is the 500th anniversary of "discovered" America.

What angers me so about this harmless celebration, you may

ask? What disturbs me is the fact, the obvious fact, that we seem to blatantly disregard and that is that Columbus didn't discover America! Yep, sorry, there was life before we decided to blunder our way across the ocean and sink our greedy claws into the "land of opportunity".

The Native Americans who had been living on their land for years are the rightful "owners" of America. But, of course, in our pompous, self-righteous delusion we believe we are the promised ones, we are the brave warriors of the new world. These people are invisible to us.

I admit that they were invisible to me until I heard a Native American speak about this matter at a conference recently. I, in my ignorance, had forgotten a crucial part of American history.

You, as readers, would have been spared my ramblings if it had not been for an article printed in the Alpena News this month.

This article stated, "The year 1992 means so much to all Americans. Five hundred years ago Christopher Columbus set foot in the 'New World' and we have not been the same since."

Well, that's right. We haven't been the same since. Since that year we have murdered, burned, degraded, and virtually destroyed the Native American's proud culture. We have stripped them of their land.

I'm sure some of you are thinking, "What does she want from us? I mean, I'm sure. We've already given them Indians better fishing rights! Now, we gotta give 'em something else?"

Well, if that is what you're thinking then I'm afraid you're right. We do have to give them something back, and that is a little dignity. So, I'm sorry, but this year should not be a joyful celebration but a mournful plea for forgiveness.

Proposed book exchange might save students \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

by Yvonne LaFave

\$46.05, \$59.95, \$50.40: these numbers run rampant through the minds of students leaving the campus bookstore. These are some of the prices for used books...used?

If the student is a first semester

college student, it may take some time to adjust. The price of books is something public school students have previously ignored.

Do books really cost that much?

Yes - books do cost a lot.

How does the system work? ACC's bookstore buys new books...At the end of each semester, Follett Books buys used books for a percentage of the original price. The bookstore then purchases the used books and

restocks the shelves for the upcoming semester.

Obviously, the cost of the used book is affected by repurchase, by the time it takes to inventory and restock books, by overhead expenses such as lights, heat, insurance, salaries.

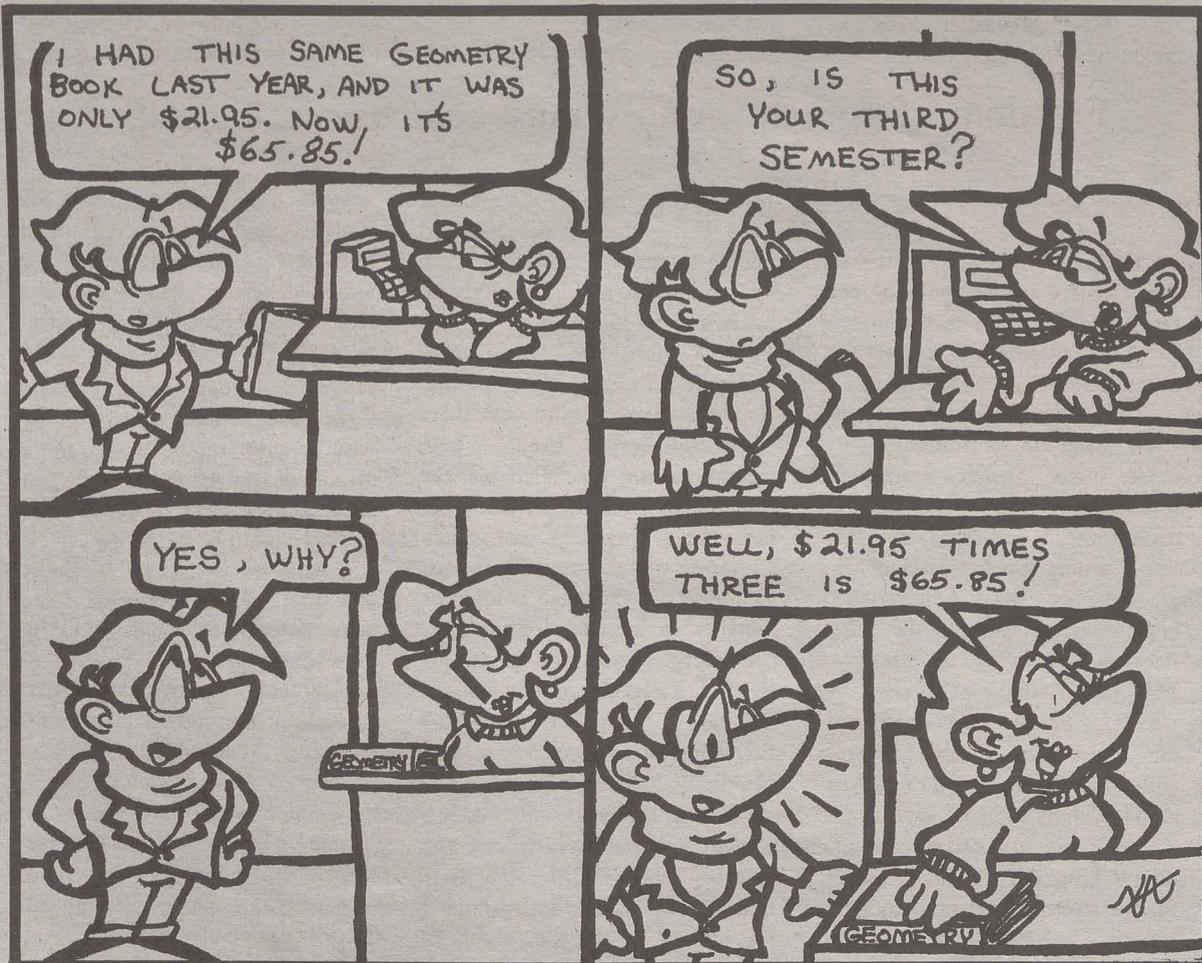
Taking all this into consideration, the book store is probably charging the student a "fair price" and no one is probably vacationing in Bermuda on profits from the college owned and operated bookstore.

However, on some campuses, students have organized an end of the semester book trade. Students who want to get a bit more for their used books, and students seeking a "good deal", meet and exchange. Often these exchanges are sponsored and run by the student governments.

According to Terry Rock, Director of College Relations at Delta Community College, "while there is no book trade organized this year, book-trades in the past have been successful with a lot of students doing business."

Student Senate Representative Rose Hunt commented, "We just got into office and there hasn't been any discussion about a book trade, but students could definitely bring it up at a meeting for formal discussion."

Food for thought?



The summer of 1991 in retrospect: things you didn't know

by Joe McKenna

The summer months have been co-operative enough to give us plenty of subject material to dwell on for at least several lifetimes. So let's consider a few highlights or more appropriately lowlights of last summer.

1. The recession is over and America is steadily/rapidly (depending on which economist you choose to follow) reaching full/partial (pick your economist again) recovery. The sad fact is that many Americans never knew that a recession was occurring. White collar recession is what the experts conveniently labeled it. Perhaps it really was; indeed the hardest hit areas were those yuppie (are they still called that?) filled urban centers.

Carefully neglected is the permanent recession existing in America. That's the true tragedy; there are too many people entrapped in the low-end of the job market spectrum. Dead-end jobs. No upward mobility. No hope. No future. A nation of burger-floppers and store clerks in our service oriented economy,

oblivious to the booms and busts of the global economy. One whopper, hold the mayo, please.

2. The Persian Gulf War is over, but it still continues to offer us some sickening, though sometimes humorous, scenarios. "We have destroyed all of Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons capability." -- General Norman Scharzkopf. I extracted that from a Detroit newspaper at the conclusion of the 100 hour ground offensive in the Persian Gulf debacle. I guess this is further proof that U.S. military intelligence remains a huge oxymoron. Four months later Saddam's toting the stuff across the sand. Oops!!!

On the humorous side . . . Over the course of our military intervention, 36 women on a single ship mysteriously became impregnated. Yet the military quickly issued a statement claiming that no improper male/female fraternization occurred. Hmm...?! Must have been the water.

3. The Senate clandestinely

raised their salaries late one summer night. Accident, or a long filibuster to delay the vote? No, I don't think so. The more likely scenario is that the Senate delayed their vote until 11:45 pm in order to keep the newspapers from breaking the stories.

Do you think it worked? You bet. By the time the public discovered the raise, it was stale news. That compounded with the general public's consensus that politicians are supposed to lie, cheat, steal, make a non-story.

The logic behind the raise is as infallible as anything else out of Washington. The Senators claim that this wasn't a pay raise (really guys!) it was a pay equalization to keep up with representative's salaries. I wish I could vote myself a \$20,000 pay equalization.

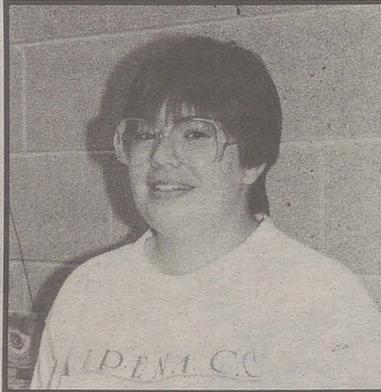
4. Communism is dead! The Evil Empire has collapsed into a loose confederation of independent republics. It would be pretty easy to kick Communism around right now, but we must make a few things clear. First, the Soviet Union is not a communist state, and any Soviet citizen would tell you the same. The Soviets are socialist, meaning the workers are paid for the amount of work done for the state. Communism, beyond state ownership of capital, resources, and production facilities, is the distribution of goods and services according to need. Communism is the final step in Marx's ideology.

What we are witnessing in the Soviet Union is not the rising force of democracy but a growing, disturbing trend of nationalism. Nationalism is permanently linked to democratization; some consider it a prerequisite. But nationalism is a destructive force -- look at Yugoslavia, the Kurds in Iraq, Northern Ireland, etc. Even inside the Soviet Union eighty percent of their internal borders are disputed. The whole situation is a mess. This is not to belittle the enormous moral strides that the Soviet Union has accomplished or to condemn the desires of independence within the republics, but only to somberly remind us that a decaying empire ripped apart by nationalistic forces has triumphed over communism.

If communism is dead, why outlaw the communist party in the Soviet Union? Is communism dead? Ask one billion Chinese! Ask millions of disgruntled, jobless East Europeans. Reeling from a serious setback, yes -- dead, no.

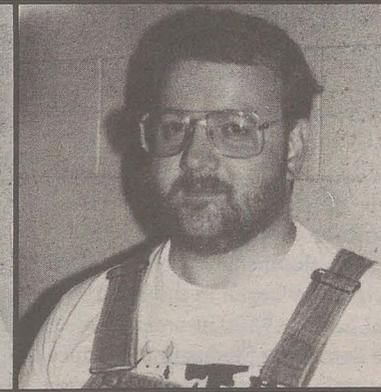
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Would you like to have a Student Senate organized and run book exchange on the ACC campus?



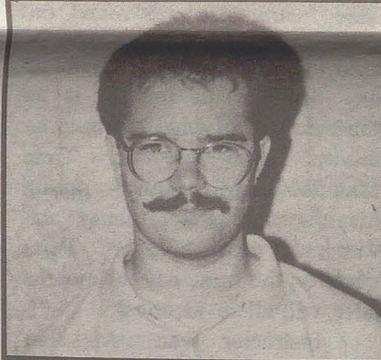
Karen Mason

"Yes! I think it's an excellent idea. It'll save students money. Many of us do it already, but something organized would be even better."



Steve Smith

"I think it would be a good idea. It would give the students a way to save money."



Jay Bushey

"Sounds like a good idea, yet I would like to know more about it."



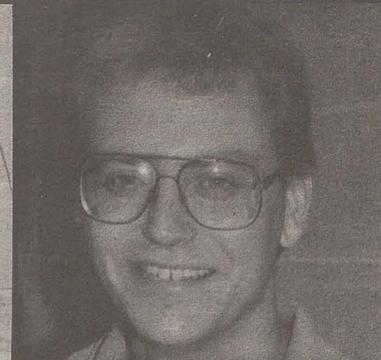
Amy Yantomasi

"It would be really good, sure would help with costs of books."



Sandra Parent

"I think it would be a great idea. It would save students a great deal of money and it would help those students who have low grants or have to pay for all classes and books."



Tom Mason

"Yes, I feel it would be a great way of saving students money. I feel, however, the student should be allowed the choice of using this type book exchange in addition to what the book store would offer."

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ACC computerizes Machine Tool Lab

by Jackie Skaluba

Over the summer a bid of \$11,700 from Skiba Building was accepted by the Board of Trustees to construct ACC's Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) Machine Tool Lab.

Skiba's part in the total effort was to provide for additional floor space while separating the computers from the Machine Tool area, where the actual manufacturing occurs.

This expansion of the Machine Tool Lab coincides with an expansion in the program itself. This expansion includes the purchase of a new full size three axis vertical CNC milling machine. This purchase will provide students with more hands-on experience in the field.

Development of CNC technology began in the late 1940s and early 1950s in order to meet the demands of industry to produce multiple precision parts efficiently. Just as in the computer industry, CNC technology has become more efficient and more cost effective. In its infancy, the computers and peripheral equipment required more space than the machines doing the actual manufacturing. Today they are contained in a small desktop unit.

Some of the machines in the college's CNC lab are small by industrial standards, but they are fully functional and better adapted to the educational process.

Using Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) software programs, students can 'talk' to the machines in the Machine Tool Lab from the computer. Drawings created on CAD programs and converted by CAM programs can

"Your PC is stoned!"

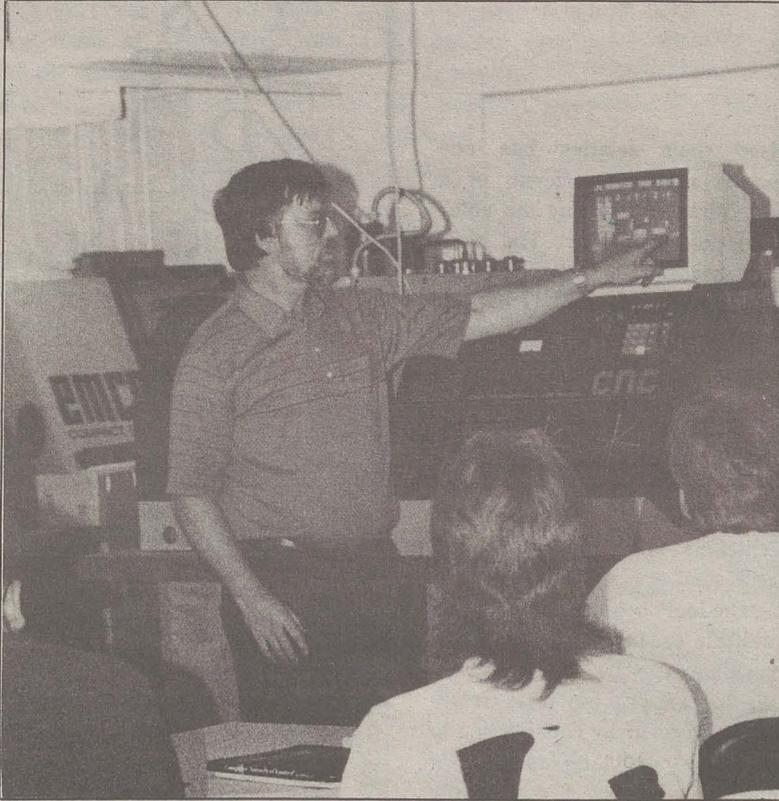
by Jackie Skaluba

The presence of the 'stoned' virus was announced by a computer in the Van Lare Hall Computer Lab. Cute, maybe. A joke, definitely not.

The 'stoned' virus has arrived at ACC. Identified during summer break, program adjustments have already been made to combat it, as well as the 'Bouncing Ball' virus.

Computer Lab users will automatically scan the hard drive when they boot up. After this operation is complete the user will be asked if he would like to have his disk scanned for viruses. The user will be prompted through this procedure by the program.

For the present the situation is well under control. Concerned students can have their diskettes scanned after they boot up without any special assistance.



Ivan McLaren explains the intricacies of the new Machine Tool Lab to students.

be sent from the computer to the machines to manufacture specific parts or these same instructions can be hand-keyed into the machines themselves. When these instructions are saved on disks or magnetic tape they can be used to produce precision parts at any time. This process is an intrinsic part of what has become known as "Just in Time Manufacturing" thus, saving manufacturers time, money and warehouse storage space. Parts made on the same day, or months later, will all be identical.

Instructor Ivan McLaren hopes to expand the program still further over the next few years to include robotics, Computer

Integrated Manufacturing (CIM), and Automated Manufacturing.

CIM and Automated Manufacturing integrates work "cells" (groups) of CNC lathes, mills, robots, vision, and other systems with a common computer communication network. These machines can then communicate with each other to perform a series of operations and produce a completed part.

McLaren believes that being familiar with this type of technology, and with an "applied" mathematical background in algebra, geometry, and trigonometry, students will have a competitive edge in today's job market.



Jackie Timm and Collyn Reidasch ponder new ideas about how to help the students with the grant money.

New service for transfer students

by Traci Manning

ACC's Student Support Service is the recipient of a federal grant aimed at transfer students according to Jackie Timm, Director. The \$30,000 grant will aid transfer students attending four year institutions who are first generation college students, are handicapped, or have low income status.

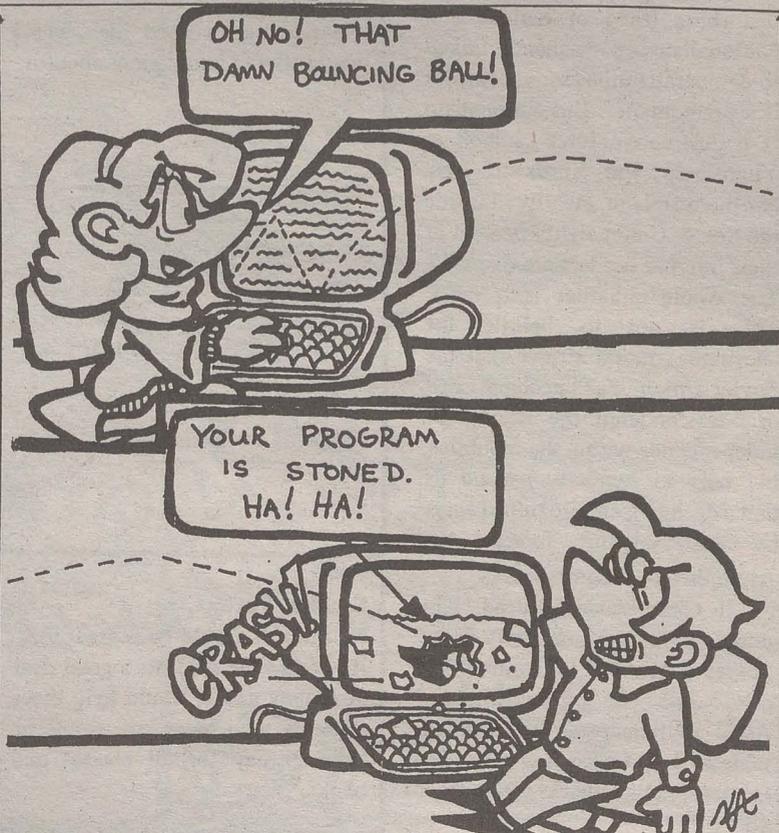
The grant, called the Student Support Service Transfer Initiative, is part of a trio federal grant. The other two areas are the Upward Bound and the Talent Search programs.

Timm, with the help of Developmental Studies Technician Collyn Riedasch, will utilize grant monies for visitation in Michigan, two workshops, and the purchase of computer programs to aid students with the transferring process. The workshops will be

held at the beginning of next semester focusing on financial aid and the application process. The computer program reviews catalogs from four year colleges, letter formats and application forms.

Timm hopes the students from local high schools will find out about the grant and consider attending Alpena Community College because they will have help contacting a four year institution and applying to that institution.

Timm will attend meetings with other directors to develop ideas to help the students. Students can receive help by contacting Jackie Timm in The Learning Center. "There are no boundaries for schools we can help you transfer to," Timm states, hoping students will use this opportunity.



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Challenges and variety sought by Macy

by Sally Wong

"Every person is valuable and has a unique life experience and story to bring to the learning experience and to the community," Rita Macy, new assistant dean and Workplace Partnership Grand director at Alpena Community College.

Macy's duties at ACC are twofold. She works with area businesses offering their employees a variety of courses to assist them "on-the-job" and supervises the students in the program at the worksite. Ms. Macy also manages the curriculum and instructors at the college who will go to the businesses to teach.

A United States Department of Education Grant was awarded to ACC for an 18 month program to work in educational partnership with businesses. Nationwide 500 applicants applied for the grant, but only 75 were issued.

There is the possibility that a continuation grant might be awarded to extend the length of the program. A refiling process would be necessary. Macy will begin the lengthy process soon.

The current project will be piloted at the Besser Company, where about 100 employees are enrolled. Classes are scheduled to begin in late September, focusing on reading, writing and math.

Instructors for the program are Janet Fulton from Rogers City, and Ken Sumerix and Don Mac Masters from Alpena.

The latest event in the project

enough, she also serves on two committees. As a member of the Staff Development Committee she is helping coordinate support services for staff development needs. On the college's Curriculum Committee she is guiding the committee through revision and overall curriculum assessment. Is there more? You bet, Williams is also the Director of The Learning Center.

All of which promises to keep her very busy in the future. Williams says she is enjoying her ACC experience but admits that "I'll miss the classroom."

As for the remarkable coincidence involving ACC hiring two assistant deans from the same college, both Rita Macy and herself, Williams smiles and muses, "The funny thing is that she and I were products of completely different searches."

Dr. Williams is married with two children, ages 11 and 12.

New technical club formed

by Jackie Skaluba

The fall semester finds a new club on campus, the Industrial Technology Association (ITA).

During an organizational meeting held on September 5, 1991, the club formally stated its purpose and elected officers.

The club focuses on the technical areas: Manufacturing, Machine Tool, CAD-CAM, Engineering, Design and Robotics, with their main objective being "to develop and maintain a common understanding among members and industry" for the benefit of both.

With this in mind, club president Greg Witter is looking for sponsorship from industries in the community. He also hopes to be able to attend the annual Business Expo October 4-5 at the

Civic Center to introduce the club to the community. And he is planning to have guest speakers from industry talk to the club.

Officers elected in addition to Witter are: Dan Johnson, vice-president; Glen Sheldon, secretary; Ted Skerski, treasurer; Duane Stewart, club representative to Student Senate and Mike Cramer, projects coordinator.

Currently there are 26 individuals signed up as members with instructor Ivan McLaren as advisor. Membership is open to those interested. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the first and third Thursday of each month at 3pm in the CNC lab. For further information contact any club member or Ivan McLaren at ext. 268.



Assistant Dean Sheila Williams is pictured in The Learning Center which she supervises as one of her many duties since coming to the campus.

A change in direction brings Williams to campus

by Rich Spicer

On July 1, Dr. Sheila Williams joined the staff of Alpena Community College as an assistant dean.

Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the departure of Darby Williams in February of 1988. The new Williams arrives from Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, where she held a position as a political science instructor and was the Director of International Education. Another new assistant dean, Rita Macy was also previously employed at the college.

Williams possesses a Bachelors and Masters degree in political science and two years ago earned a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Arkansas.

Desiring a change of pace from the classroom atmosphere, the Kansas-born Williams was originally "looking for a position in the South", but when ACC expressed interest in filling an administrative position, she considered it an opportunity she could not pass up.

As an assistant dean, Williams has assumed a multitude of responsibilities in less than three months on the job. She is formulating and coordinating a development program for part-time faculty members. She is also coordinating and developing an institutional assessment plan, which focuses on the entire campus, but particularly on student outcomes.

Additionally, Williams is in charge of the mentor program for all new and part-time faculty members and overseeing the trio of federal grant programs at ACC (Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Student Support Services).

If that doesn't keep her busy



Macy

was a visit from Workplace Education experts, Barbara VanHorn and Bernice Schaeffer from Pennsylvania State University Institute for the Study of Adult Illiteracy. Macy said, "They found the project innovative with a great deal of potential."

Macy is enjoying her new role at ACC and in the Alpena Area. She is impressed with the organized and progressive programs and activities that are available. She also appreciates the co-operative and friendly staff, instructors and students.

For the last 3 years, Macy was the director of the Learning Opportunity Center and Community Literary Program at

Crowder College in Neoska, Missouri. She has taught all grades, elementary through college level, specifically in Reading, English and Spanish.

Macy received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and English at Missouri Southern State University. She obtained her Masters degree at Southwest Missouri State in the area of Educational Specialist and is currently working on her Doctorate in Reading Education specializing in Linguistics and Adult Education from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Recently, she completed writing a chapter for the book *Strategies for Working with Adult Learning*, which will be published soon. She has written articles for educational journals.

Challenges, variety and working with people in all types of situations especially interest her. Macy's hobbies include: "playing tennis kinda, experimental cooking, sewing, enjoying all kinds of music, playing the piano and walking with daughter Molly along Lake Huron's shore." She has two sons and a daughter.

"I have a great concern for serving the community of people through education to promote a better quality of life. We are all learning from each other no matter what area of life we are involved in," said Macy. "The important part for me is that I am a learner, also. We are all learning continually from each other."

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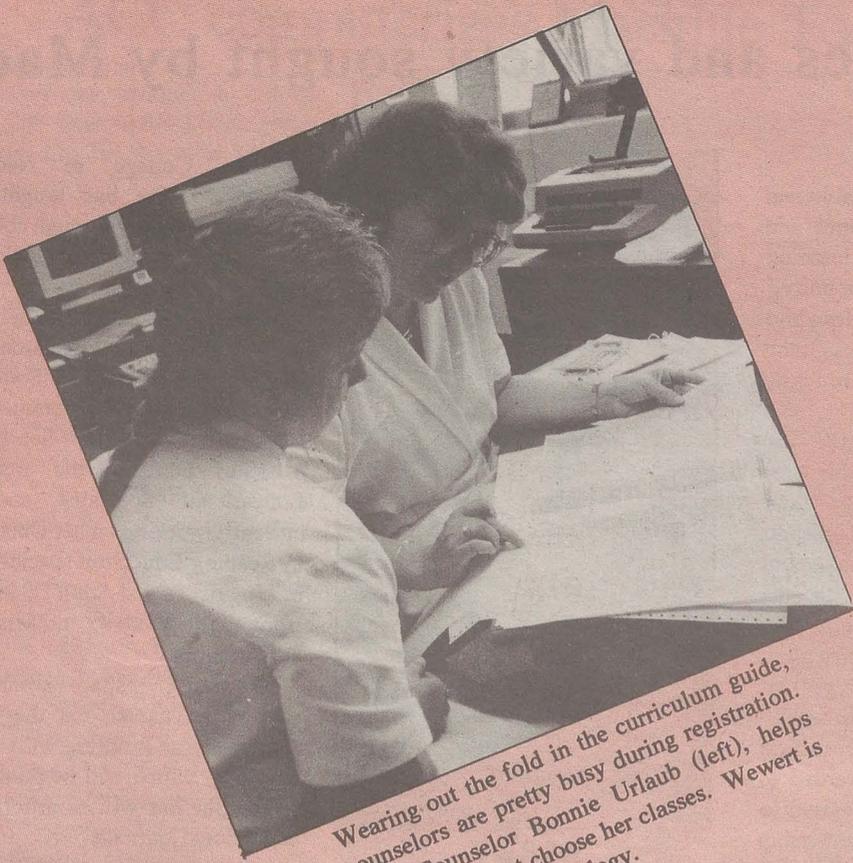
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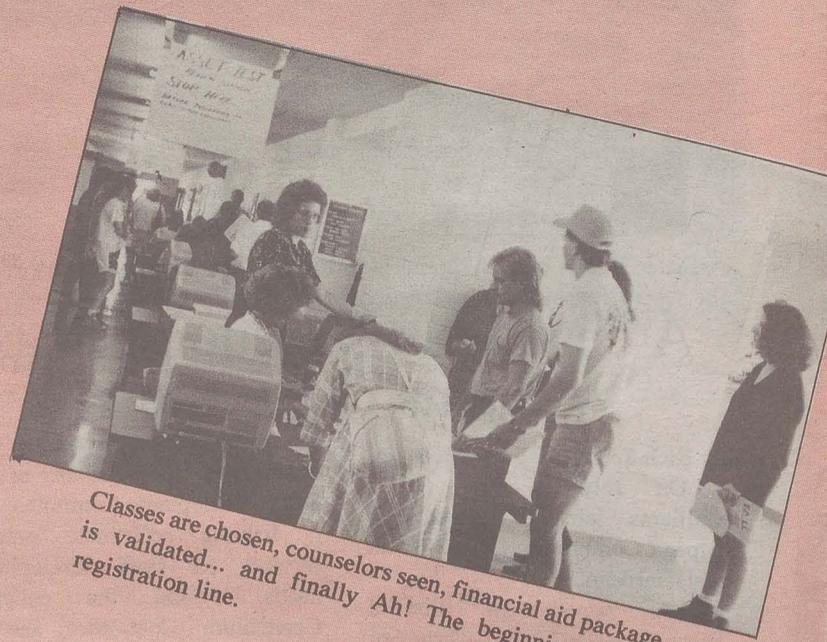
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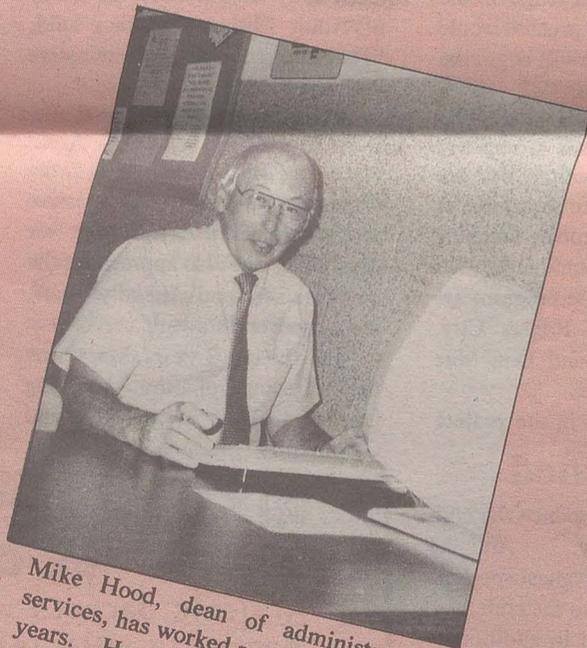
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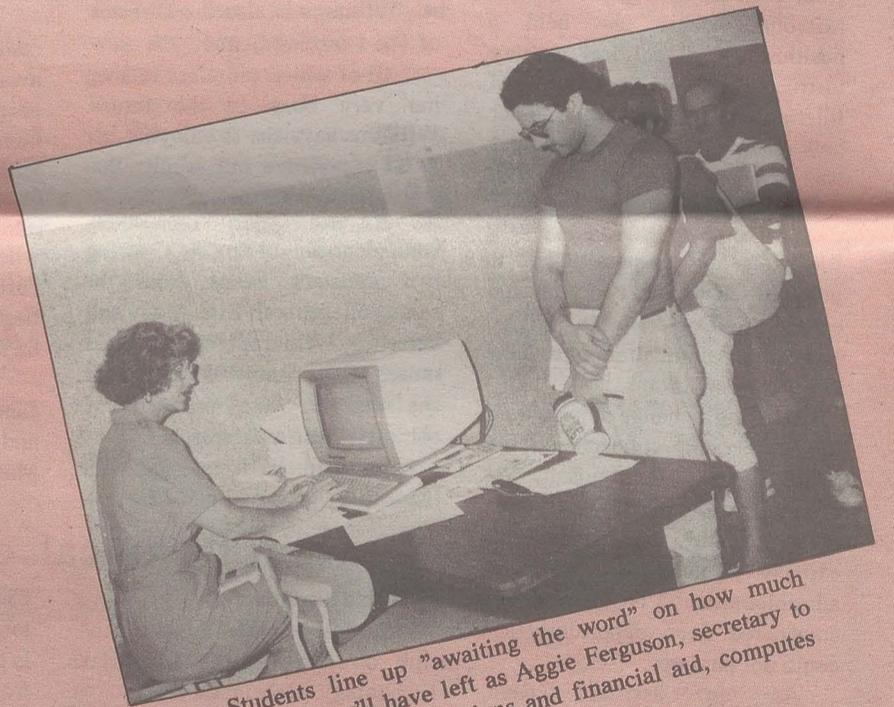
Wearing out the fold in the curriculum guide, counselors are pretty busy during registration. Here Counselor Bonnie Urlaub (left), helps Krista Wekwert choose her classes. Wekwert is enrolled in pre-technology.



Classes are chosen, counselors seen, financial aid package is validated... and finally Ah! The beginning of the registration line.



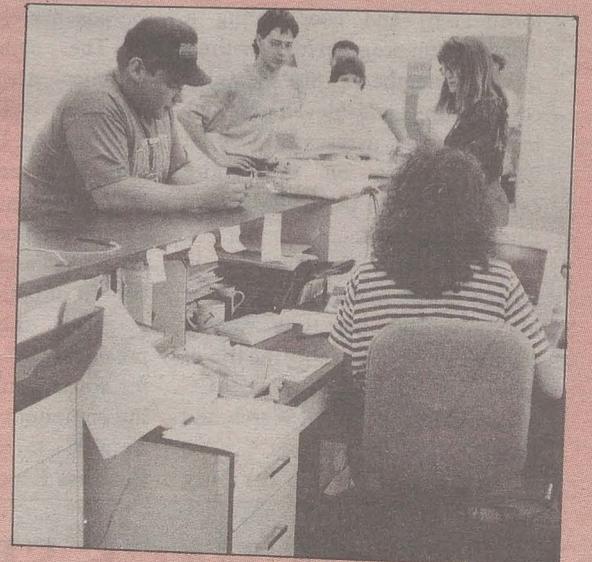
Mike Hood, dean of administrative services, has worked registration for 20 years. He says that everyone's first experience with registration is "hair raising".



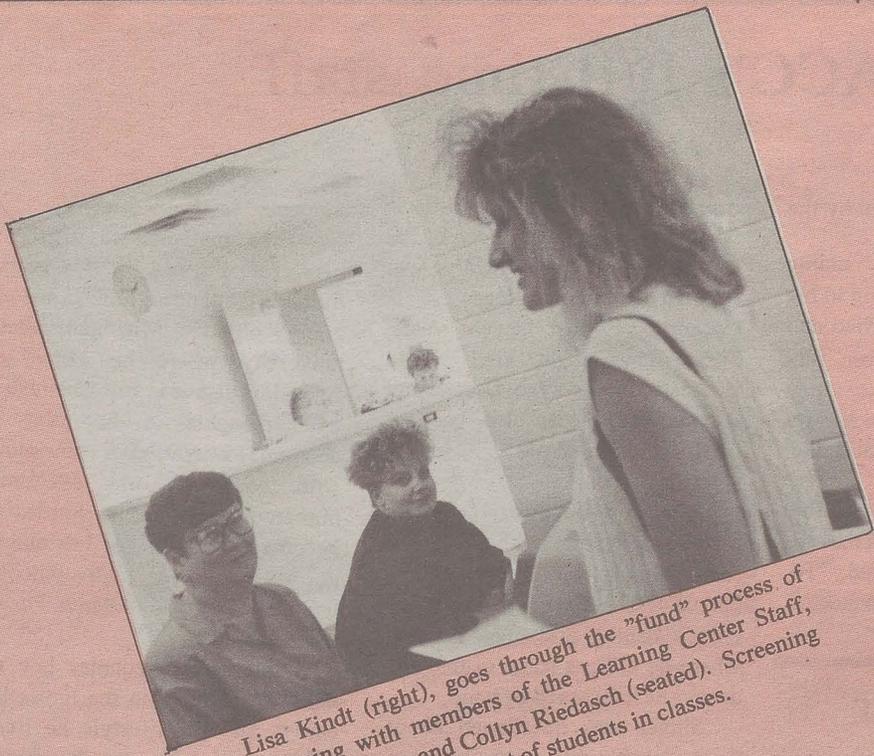
Students line up "awaiting the word" on how much money they'll have left as Aggie Ferguson, secretary to the director of admissions and financial aid, computes Pell Grant information.



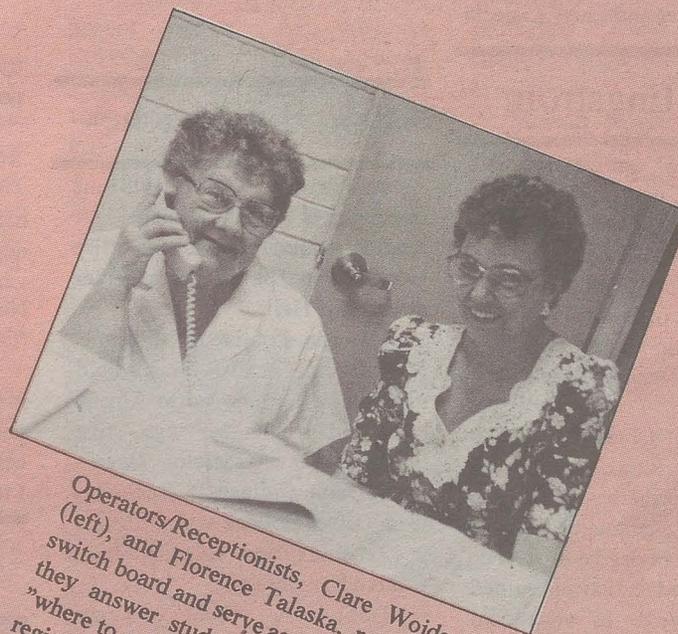
Ted Kruse (seated), parking attendant, will become a familiar face to students as they discover "little white tickets" on their windows this term.



Student Paul Nolan solemnly bows his head, as he "forks over" his tuition money to Clerical Assistant Kathy Momrik.



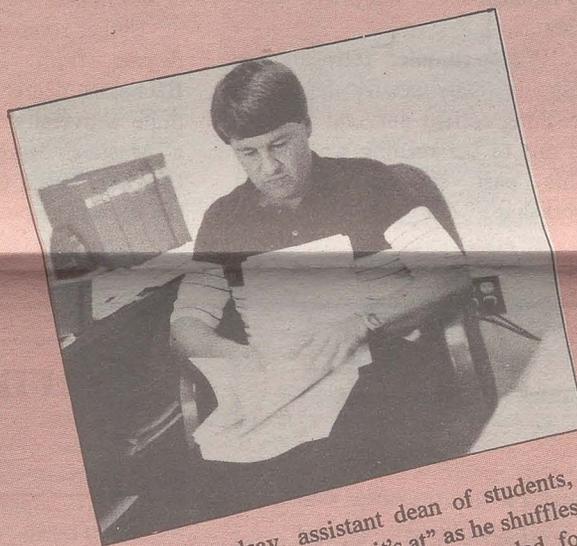
Lisa Kindt (right), goes through the "fund" process of screening with members of the Learning Center Staff, Phyllis Tipman and Collyn Riedasch (seated). Screening insures proper placement of students in classes.



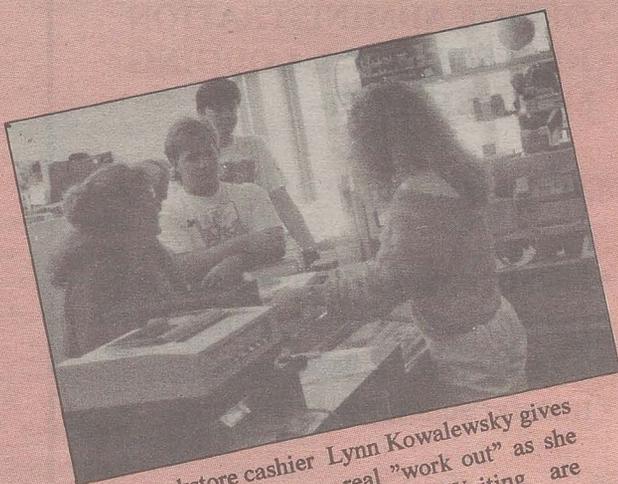
Operators/Receptionists, Clare Wojda (left), and Florence Talaska, man the switch board and serve as traffic cops as they answer students questions about "where to go and people to see," during registration.



From left to right, Lynn Pernie, Don Lockhart, Chris Frank and Liz Hering, patiently wait to speak with the "most wanted" person on campus at registration time -- Max Lindsay, assistant dean of students.



Max Lindsay, assistant dean of students, knows exactly "where it's at" as he shuffles through the stacks of papers needed for registration.



Bookstore cashier Lynn Kowalewsky gives the cash register a real "work out" as she checks out Ruth Elowski. Waiting are Chuck Bruning and Gary Londo.

Hundreds of students streamed through VanLare Hall August 21-23 in a madcap rush to register for fall semester classes.

Enrollment increased 5% over last year with a head count of 2,447 students. Total credit hours generated peaked at 22,942 surpassing last year's figure of 21,127. A whopping \$550,000 in Pell Grant monies was distributed to financial aid students.

Max Lindsay, assistant dean of students, commented on the effect of the increased enrollment. "There were a lot of sections closed early. Several classes had to be added such as freshman English".

Registration moved at a steady pace as students journeyed everywhere on campus from counselors to testing, from financial aid to registration computers, from the cashier to the bookstore and the parking registration table --all in search of an education.

by Lisa Suszek

Four new instructors join ACC's full-time staff

by Rich Spicer and Larry Lisiecki

Rick Engstrom

Automotive service students are finding a new and possibly familiar face this year. Mr. Rick Engstrom, after 19 years in the automotive department at Alpena High School, officially replaced Earl Bradford in August as ACC's Automotive Service Technology instructor.

A native of Ishpeming, in the Upper Peninsula, Engstrom attended Northern Michigan University. He graduated in 1972 with a Bachelors degree in science and industrial education and earned a Masters degree in vocational education five years later.

In addition to being a staff newcomer, Engstrom is using a brand new curriculum to organize the Automotive Service Technology program, and is teaching three classes this semester.

Engstrom counts auto racing, photography, woodworking and gardening among his hobbies. He is married with three children, ages

12, 9 and 5.

Dorothy Fancher

Another newly-named full-time instructor is Dorothy Fancher. A reading instructor, Fancher's office is located in The Learning Center at VanLare Hall.

Fancher, a native of Michigan, was born in Grand Rapids, raised in Saginaw and moved to Alpena three and a half years ago. She received her Associates Degree from Delta College, a Bachelors from Olivet College and a Masters in Teaching and Reading from Oakland University.

During the school year she teaches two developmental reading courses (093 - 094) and the Becoming A Master Student class, which deals with teaching students to manage stress and proper study habits.

When summer rolls around, Fancher can usually be found teaching college survival skills or in one of her reading workshops. This past summer she held workshops for JTPA a job

training program sponsored by the government.

Her hobbies include reading gothic romances and singing in her church choir. She is married and has a son, David, to whom she devotes much of her time attending various activities. She also enjoys New Wave Jazz music and the "Oldies".

When asked, "What is the main idea you try to get across to your students?", she replied, "To convince them to use the strategies I teach in all their classes".

John Singer

Mr. John Singer recently replaced Dr. Richard Moreau as a full-time instructor in Alpena Community College's chemistry department.

Singer received his Associates degree from ACC and his Bachelors degree from Michigan State University. After obtaining a Masters degree in Chemical Education from Central Michigan University, he pursued specialized

training at various institutions, which included the College of the Atlantic in Maine, Marygrove College and Hope College.

For the past seven years, Singer has taught high school chemistry in Newaygo, Oscoda and Alpena. He has also been a part-time instructor at ACC for six years.

His off-campus activities include camping with his wife Jannine and their two daughters, Nicole and Kelsey. Singer also enjoys fishing and duck hunting where he utilizes some of the 170 decoys he has carved by hand.

Singer was questioned about the noticeable differences between teaching in the college atmosphere and the high school classroom. He responded: "The tuition paying college student has a vested interest in his education and a greater responsibility for learning."

Ken Sumerix

Another new full-timer who may be familiar to some ACC

students is Ken Sumerix. A part-time mathematics instructor here for the past two years, Sumerix attended ACC before going on to Michigan State university where he earned a Bachelors degree in Bio-Chemistry with thoughts of becoming a doctor. However, after conversing with educators and attending numerous seminars, he decided to become a teacher. He has taught at several area high schools, including Hillman, Atlanta, Posen and Alpena.

Sumerix is a country boy at heart as reflected in the music he enjoys and the lifestyle he lives off-campus. He can be found tending the cattle on his farm or helping his wife Melony - who is expecting their first child in October - with her gardening. He also enjoys hunting, fishing and coin collecting.

When asked to compare the difference between teaching high school and college, he replied, "In college there are no discipline problems or at least I haven't encountered any."

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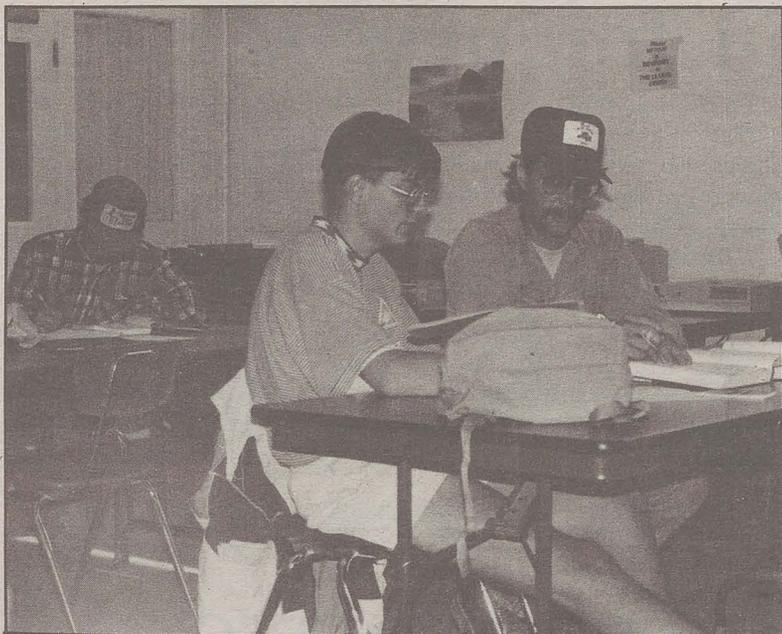
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As the semester continues The Learning Center will be a hub of activity, while students seek help in expanding their knowledge.

The Learning Center gives students TLC

by Lisa Suszek

Do you and your grades need TLC?

The Learning Center (TLC), located in Room 127 Van Lare Hall, provides students with several grade improving, educational services free of charge.

"If you're a student carrying one hour or 21 hours, you can come in and receive tutoring help," commented Dr. Sheila Williams, assistant dean and director of TLC.

Individual or group tutoring is available for all ACC courses. Appointments can be made through TLC Tutor-Coordinator Jewell Lancaster.

When you first apply for tutoring, you will be asked to complete an application form and meet with a TLC advisor who can provide answers to questions regarding TLC services.

It is strongly recommended that you call or stop by TLC to make an appointment at least 24 hours in advance so that a tutor can be contacted regarding the reserved tutoring appointment.

"Every time there is a session there is a tutor evaluation and a student evaluation," stated Williams. "In case of a personality conflict a student can have a different tutor."

Tutoring is done by trained and qualified ACC students who have the necessary coursework background to assist others. Many have been referred by instructors. A tutor must also have a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

In addition, TLC offers to help students learn and review study skill techniques.

Other services available in TLC include free academic skills materials, review of supplemental coursework materials provided by instructors, computerized word processing programs for student writing, referrals to other campus services, and recommendations for placement in English, reading, and coursework offered through self paced lab courses.

Write your way to fame and fortune

by Sarah Lindsey

Students at ACC can earn \$250 through an essay contest sponsored by LAND (Liberal Arts Network for Development). A \$500 scholarship will also be awarded to the college of the first prize winner. The second place award is \$150; third place is \$100. This contest is only open to students at Michigan's community colleges.

The theme for this year's essay competition is "Developing Global Awareness: A World Without Walls". LAND sponsors an essay contest every year.

All essays that are submitted should be 1,000-2,000 words in length. They should follow MLA manuscript format. They are

by Lisa Suszek

25 year ACC veteran chemistry professor, Dr. Richard Moreau, resigned last year from the teaching profession in pursuit of, "... change and new opportunities."

Moreau entered the ACC scene in 1965, carrying with him a B.A. degree from Eastern Michigan University and a M.A.T. in Analytical Chemistry from Michigan State University (MSU). In 1970 Moreau took leave a year to work for his doctrate in Chemical Limnology, at MSU.

During his ACC career, Moreau taught classes ranging from beginners chemistry (CEM 101) to Quantitative Instrumental Analysis Laboratory (CEM 225).

"You could go through all the listings in the catalogue," sated Moreau. "I've taught all of them at one time or another."

Some of his most memorable moments at ACC were: "When my daughter received the Anna and Jesse Besser Recognition Award at her graduation, working for Knowledge Bowl and the Science Olympics."

judged on originality of ideas, relevance of ideas as they apply to the close of the decade and the future, and the quality of writing.

LAND offers these ideas as suggested themes for essays. However, students are not required to use any of them. They may choose their own related topics.

-What can we learn about our own diverse cultures by studying the values of others.

-How does a global perspective offer insights into the ways other societies have dealt with problems that we face: for example, racism, the ecological crisis, economic change?

For any further information about the contest, contact Sonya Titus in the English department.

Moreau resigns, leaving good memories

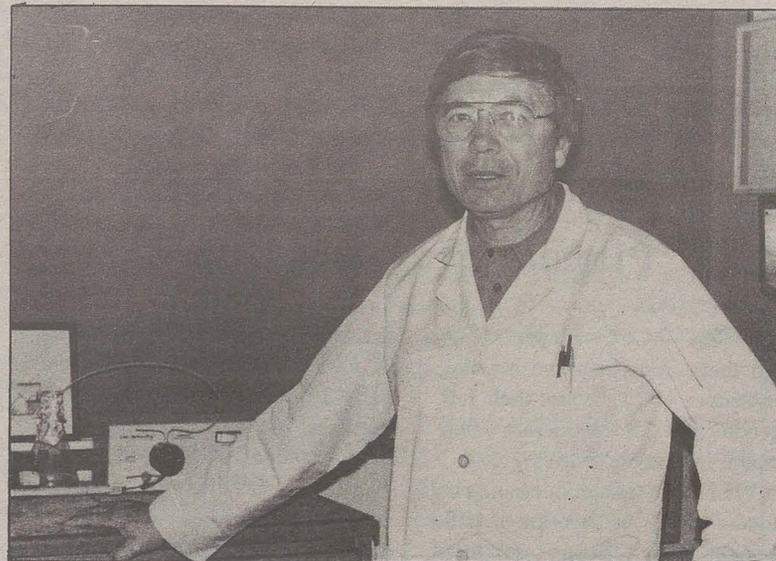
Currently Moreau lives in Mount Pleasant, MI, and is working for Thomas Task Management Incorporated, where he analyzes water resources in the laboratory.

"It is a lot of the same stuff that we did in the chemistry lab." Moreau commented.

How does Moreau feel about leaving his teaching career? "I

contributed what I could to the profession. I was looking for a change in opportunity and this one came up."

Moreau hopes he will be remembered by his students as a teacher who, "Provided them with the basic fundamentals of chemistry, hopefully inspired their interest in chemistry and gave them motivation."



Dr Richard Moreau, former chemistry instructor at ACC, is currently employed by Thomas Task Management Incorporated, in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Fall Semester Calendar

Fall break; no classes	Nov. 15
(Classes resume	Nov. 18)
Thanksgiving vacation; no classes	beg. 5 pm Nov. 27 thru Nov. 29
(Classes resume	Dec. 2)
Early registration for spring semester	Dec. 2 - 20
Payment due for early registration	3:30 pm Dec. 20
Final exams	Dec. 16 - 19

Spring Semester Calendar

New, full-time freshmen registration	Jan. 7
Registration	Jan. 8 - 9
Classes begin	Jan. 13
Late registration	Jan. 13 - 24
Mid-semester break; no classes	Feb. 24 - 28
(Classes resume	March 2)
Spring break	beg. 5 pm April 15 thru April 20
(Classes resume	April 21
Final exams	May 11 - 13
Commencement	May 14

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TBAC has full schedule slated for new season

by Sally Wong

For \$10 students can experience four presentations of the Thunder Bay Arts Council's 1991-92 season, a savings of \$60. Also, TBAC is offering two additional concerts with free admission to all area residents.

Arts groups in Michigan are experiencing budget cuts at the state level and TBAC has been affected by this action since they rely on state grants for much of their funding. However, TBAC has slated a full season this year, and will attempt to continue operation through fund raisers and donations.

This year's season begins Oct. 18 with a concert by a harmonica virtuoso, Peter "Madcat" Ruth, followed in December by the annual "free" performance of Handel's "Messiah" by the Alpena Community Chorus. The "Messiah" pre-Christmas performance is becoming a local tradition having been resurrected four years ago by James Hart, who directs the chorus and Mary Louise Hart, who accompanies the performance.

In February local artists will be featured in TBAC's Annual "In Concert" series. This year's local performers will be vocalist Jean Martin - Brown, and flutists Betsy

Adamus, Judy Case, and Mary Ann Hubbard.

In March the musical Heritage of Black America will be presented by the Brozeal Dennard Chorale and the University of Michigan Percussion Ensemble

will perform in April.

The Alpena Community Chorus will complete the season with the performance of the spring oratorio in May.

TBAC has launched its season ticket drive with a single parent

family rate of \$35, a two parent family rate of \$55, an adult ticket of \$25, and student rate of \$10.

For a season ticket or more information, students may call 356-6678.

ACC Players are acting up again!

by: Lisa Suszek

The ACC Players Club held their first executive meeting September 10 to discuss their fall agenda and to restructure their general meeting activities.

For their fall production, The Players will be working with Thunder Bay Theatre on their Renaissance Holiday Faire, a performance of *Saint George and the Dragon*, which hosts side shows of music, dancing, sword fighting, pantomime and other unique attractions.

"All ACC students are invited to try out," commented club president Karen Mason. "There should be work for all in one area or another."

The general meetings this year will be used to cultivate the skills of members with little or no

acting experience through the use of games. Two such games are "The Prince of Paris", which is used to develop listening and memorization skills and "Line Tag", which aids in physical coordination.

Actors will also dabble with the art of improvisation and guest directors will be invited to expose The Players to a variety of techniques.

Officers for the 1991-92 year include President, Karen Mason; Vice President, Keiker Doyle; Secretary, Sandra Parent; Treasurer, Robin Sherwood; Stage Manager, Kathryn Pingel; and Advisor, Nan Hall.

General meetings and tryout times will be posted around campus at a later date.

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Kirstine Titus is the moat-swimming Princess and Matt Southwell the moonstruck Prince in "Once Upon a Mattress".

"Mattress" is no sleeper

by Tammy Wisniewski

ACC students may want to take advantage of the free admission to Alpena Civic Theatre (ACT) productions for the first ACT play which involves several college students and teachers. The opening production of ACT's 1991-92 season is the musical comedy, "Once Upon a Mattress", directed by faculty instructor Sonya Titus.

Free admission to ACT productions is possible due to ACT discounting tickets for college students and the Student Senate paying the discount price. Monies for this arrangement come from the activity fee assessed ACC students.

"Once Upon a Mattress" tells the "true story" of the Princess and the Pea. The fractured fairy tale involves a mother dominated Prince, played by sophomore Matt Southwell, who is looking for a wife. No one in the realm can marry until the Prince does, so everyone, except the Queen, is anxious to find a princess. The Queen puts all "possible"

wives through impossible tasks to insure "her boy" remains single. Sir Harry, played by sophomore Brad Grochowski, "finds" a moat-swimming princess, played by sophomore Kirstine Titus, who just may be a match for the wily Queen.

Roger M. Phillips, ACC instructor, plays the King who lives under a curse that renders him mute.

Phillips, an experienced actor-director, has appeared in both ACT and Thunder Bay Theatre productions. Grochowski and Titus are members of the ACC drama group and Titus has appeared on stage with ACT and TBT.

Matt Southwell is also no stranger to the stage. He has previously appeared in ACT productions and sings lead with Slip's house band, "Night Wing".

Other college students involved with the production include sophomores Matt Kinsel, Bob Arntfeldt and Mark Spragg and freshman John Trelfa.

Reviews

Students can buy laughs...cheap

by Traci Manning

The Comedy Club held next to the Adobe Room at the Thunderbowl Lanes will be holding a three dollar discount special for college students on Sunday nights on the second weekend of every month through April. Admission price will be \$5.

I attended the Comedy Club and really enjoyed myself. The comedians kept the crowd laughing at all times. Most of the audience were college students or in that age group.

Headlining over the next few months will be Steve Mitchell

October 11, 12 and 13; Orlando Roy November 8, 9 and 10; Harry Milkie December 13, 14 and 15.

Reservations would be beneficial to have a good vantage point although there isn't a bad seat in the house.

"The comedians are all professional and as good as T.V.," states Jack Benslov, owner and manager of the Comedy Club.

Benslov believes that since Sundays are usually slow, the discount for students will help future business. Even though the age limit is 18 and over the entire weekend, Benslov hopes the "college night" will help because

the comedians can work with a homogenous audience.

The last time I attended the Comedy Club I wasn't really pleased but I think it was because I went on a Saturday night and felt very young. There were very few others under the age of 21, and I felt overpowered by the age difference.

I would suggest you check out the Sunday Night, College Night Comedy Club and have a good time with your peers.

Art show is astounding

by Laurie Wade

Throughout the years Northeastern Michigan has enjoyed and sometimes endured its share of wildlife art exhibits. Contrary to our popular belief, there are artists with the visual insight and the talent to entice an audience away from the gift shop monotony of what has become the Kitchy tourist style of wildlife art.

The J. L. Adams exhibit, *Studies in Light and Form*, at the Jesse Besser Museum, is an astonishing collection of exquisitely formulated wildlife pencil drawings and prints. The ability that Adams has to convey the physical presence and the communion of wildlife interaction, with subtle plays of tonal greys and textural pattern is overwhelming.

From the massive bulk depicted in her drawing of three walruses, to the fluid patterns created in her work, *Impala Hills*, she not only defines the photo like realism of these animals, but the

attitude of these creatures within their social groups.

The viewer will delight in North American and African Wildlife. These linear forms traipse across the pages or are silenced in a languid pose of compositional grandeur.

Catching-Up, The Black and White of It and The Three Calves exhibit the technical ability of Adams as an artist, the heart and soul fed connection she has with nature, and the majestic wildlife both have given us. J. L. Adams puts the Art back into Wildlife Art.

The Adams exhibit runs through October 27 at the Jesse Besser Museum during regular business hours. For further information call 356-2202.

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Sports

Biesenthal busy with more than basketball

by Jennifer Sherman

New staff member Tammy Biesenthal has centered her life around sports and fitness.

Biesenthal is a health fitness technician, the director of the intramural basketball program and the ACC women's basketball coach.

Her responsibilities as a health fitness technician are to help students and employees maintain their best possible physical health. "I enjoy helping others to keep themselves in good health," Tammy commented.

The IM program includes: floor hockey, flag football, softball, bowling and basketball. Through this program, students will have access to the fitness facilities and open gym. Her responsibilities are to organize games and schedule referees.

Assistant to last year's team, Biesenthal looks forward to the challenges of being head coach. "I'm excited about the depth of this year's team. The players are working hard to be successful for the season. With more people, we will play a running style of basketball," coach commented.

Biesenthal played basketball at Sienna Heights in Adrian, and Concordia College in Ann Arbor where she finished her degree in health fitness and education. She taught one year at Novi High School.

The 28--year-old Concordia graduate has been involved in basketball for many years. She's coached at a junior high in Ann Arbor, at Huron High School and has been an assistant coach for three years. Biesenthal has instructed summer basketball camps for boys and girls for over eight years.

When asked what sports have done for Biesenthal's life, she commented, "Most of my friends are involved in sports; it's a great opportunity for people to meet new friends."

"Compared to other schools, we have a lot of support from staff and students. I'm hoping more people will attend more of the women's games," coach commented on the local support.

In her spare time, she enjoys watching her husband Jay play baseball. Together they waterski,

play tennis, golf and run their athletic card business.

The Biesenthals were brought to Alpena for two main reasons. "My husband and I wanted to be near our families. Jay is pursuing a career in nursing at ACC."

The Biesenthals are planning on having children after Jay completes his program. "Our 11 year old dog Jenny is our only child for now."

IM has new advisor

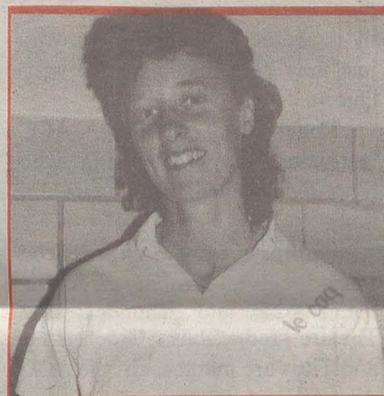
by Jen Goodburne
Tammy Biesenthal has taken over for Richard Miles as intramural advisor.

She has chosen to continue the activities of past years and hopes for even more student participation.

Flag football has already begun, but don't miss out on future team or individual activities. Anyone interested in participating can pick up registration forms in room 100 of Van Lare Hall.

Starting dates for activities and other information will be posted on bulletin boards and in *The Splitter*.

Biesenthal encourages students to request new activities. "This is for the students. We like to do whatever the students are interested in." She welcomes suggestions for new sports to include in the program.



Biesenthal

SPORTS SHORTS

Due to successful recruiting, the Lumberjack Cross Country team has five freshmen runners. In past seasons, lack of experience meant vacancies on the team had to be filled with basketball players. However, the freshmen on this year's squad all ran cross country in high school. Coach Tom Bennett said, "We're a little isolated, and we don't always get the kids we want." The difference between this team and one made of cross trainers is night and day; Bennett is "very pleased" with these freshmen.

ACC participated in a summer basketball league at Jordan Community College, playing once in June, twice in July, and once in August. Men's coach Frank McCourt had the opportunity to see fresh faces on the court, and said as a result of the league, "there are a couple players here who wouldn't be otherwise."

Richard Miles, coach of ACC's Women's Softball, is pleased to see the abundance of good female athletes on campus this fall. Last spring's rookie team made its first season a successful one, and Miles is looking forward to this year. He asks that any female athlete interested in competitive, inter-collegiate softball contact him at East Campus in office 123.

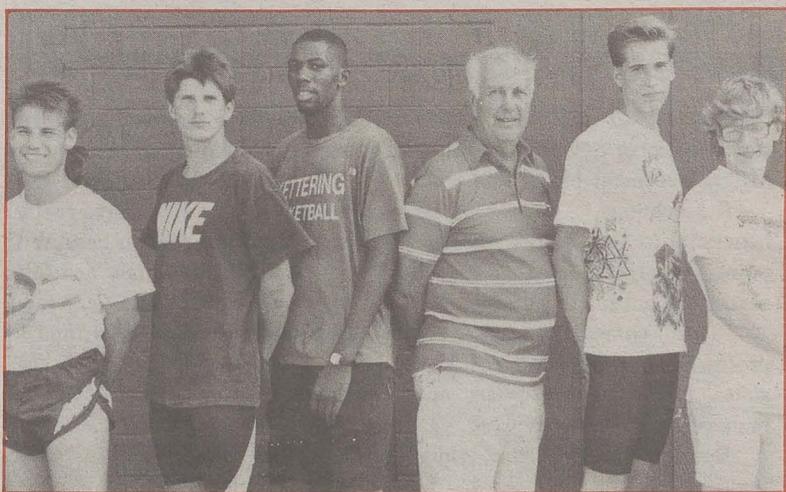


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Pictured prior to their first meet is Tom Cieciorka, Mark Samp Jay King, Coach Tom Bennett, Keith Timm and Bill Garant

Lumberjacks declare victory in first meet

by Jen Goodburne

The Lumberjack Cross Country sent five runners to the starting line on Saturday, September 14, for the season's first official meet against Wurtsmith Air Force Base... but WAFB failed to show. Coach Tom Bennett declared a victory and the Lumberjacks ran the five mile course unopposed.

Mark Samp crossed the line first with a time of 29:58, the only 'Jack to finish under 30 minutes. Bill Garant came in second with a time of 31:42, followed by Keith Timm at the 32:04 mark, Tom Cieciorka at 32:34, and Jay King at 34:22.

"I'm pleased with these times for the first meet," stated Bennett. "They're do-able."

Looking ahead to conference competition, Bennett knows the five freshmen have some hard work to do. The 'Jacks will be running against teams consisting mainly of sophomores, as well as teams from four-year schools. "I would like to have every meet be better -- that's all you can hope for with a freshmen team," he said.

Freshmen or not, the runners have formed a solid team. "They all ran cross country in high school," said Bennett. "They're all hard workers."

Bennett feels that if the times improve from meet to meet, everything else will fall into place. The coming weeks will demand determination and sweat, but Bennett is not gloomy. "I'm a happy camper."

After 38 years of coaching . . .

Bennett adds experience to cross country team

by Andrew McGarry

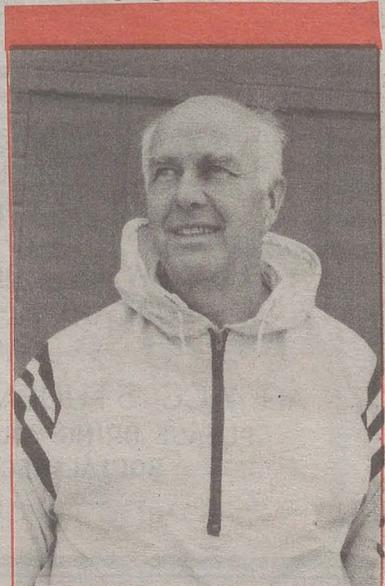
Good things come to those who wait -- or that may be what cross-country coach Tom Bennett has stuck in the back of his mind. After 38 years of coaching, he has decided to give it one more try. Although this might sound like a last hurrah, his year to year commitment could keep him at ACC for a couple more years.

Bennett's coaching experience began in 1952. He started with a small high school team from Reading, MI., and stayed there for four years. He then went to Big Rapids for another four year stint. After coaching at these two places, he moved to Alpena in 1960 where he has lived since.

While living in Alpena, Bennett taught biology and coached both track and cross-country at the high school. He indulged in those activities for 29 years, just calling it quits in 1989. Since then he has accepted the role as cross-country coach for ACC. Bennett just recently took a

course in knot-tying and weeks ago he married. He seems to be enjoying the married life.

"She's got me golfing," he said. "I had never done it before,



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but now I'm shooting in the mid-50s for nine holes" -- a very respectable score for a beginning

player.

While talking about things he enjoys, he offered his secret on maintaining his coaching status.

"I think being around younger people keeps me thinking a little bit younger," he said with a grin. "I'm hoping some of it will rub off."

"Cross-country kids are fun to coach; they like to work and are generally good students," he said. "I don't have to make cuts or pick who starts; the kids do that."

To fill his time, Bennett enjoys photography. His own business, The Memory Bank, specializes in outdoor settings, like wildlife, flowers, and sunsets.

It isn't hard to figure out that Tom Bennett was born to be outdoors. "I love the fresh air," he said.

Bennett probably will continue to enjoy the outdoors along with the other benefits of retired/coaching life. Who knows, he might even maintain his coaching status for 10 more years -- well, maybe not.