



Financial Aid Programs Begin to Feel Pinch

by Lori Lightner

Student aid programs have undergone a series of cuts which will have a tremendous effect on the amount of financial aid available in the coming years.

Perhaps the most far-reaching cuts have occurred in the Pell (formerly Basic Educational Opportunity Grant—BEOG) grant program. Funds have already been reduced by \$200 million, and proposed budget figures would disqualify 70% of the students currently receiving aid from this source.

If the proposed cuts are approved by Congress, the year 1983-84 will be even more difficult for students seeking federal assistance. According to Max Lindsay, Assistant Dean of Students, 1983-84 will be the year of the big money crunch. At that time, a family of four with both parents living would have to earn an annual income of less than \$7,800 to meet the qualifications for the Pell grant program.

Several programs are to be completely phased out by 1983, including the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) for students with extreme financial need, the National Direct Student Loan program, and Veteran's Cost of Instruction programs.

The College Work-Study program is also targeted for reductions. Instead of having a few people benefit from what is left of CWS funds, next year will see more people working fewer hours at ACC. The maximum award will probably be reduced to \$600.

The Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program has also run into some big funding programs. Next year's awards will be increased by 6%, but significant tuition hikes by nearly all colleges and universities will counteract this gain. In past years, more students have achieved qualifying scores on the ACT test, so test standards for monetary awards will likely be raised.

The following numbers, taken from an American Council on Education (ACE) report, indicate how many students will be eliminated nationwide from student aid programs due to the budget cuts.

Program	Approximate No. of Students to be Eliminated Due to Cuts
Pell	600,000
SEOG	75,000
NDSL	50,000
College Work-Study	110,000
State Student Incentive Grants	30,000
TRIO Programs	60,000

New Members Join Circle K

by John Leask

The ACC Circle K was proud to welcome it's new members for the second semester at last Monday's Meeting. Pinning the shiny new members pins on was college President Dr. Charles Donnelly. Also welcoming the new members was Michigan District of Circle K Governor Phil Peet. Phil is enrolled in the fisheries program here at Alpena.

Members include:

- Dave Bolda (District Sec/Trs)
 - Katie Corpus
 - Jenny Brown (District M, D, & E)
 - Beth Foster
 - Don Lake
 - Henry Lake
 - Kim Reynolds
- Club Officers include:
- John Leask—President
 - Tony Lauricella—Vice President
 - Bob Swift—Treasurer
 - Kelly Kujawa—Secretary

If you are interested in working with others in the community and on campus maybe Circle K is for you. Not only can it make you a more well rounded individual but may learn a skill to carry with you for the rest of your life. Stop by Mondays at 5:30 P.M. in NRC room 450 or call Phil or Dave @ 356-6513 in room 154S Wilson Dormitory.

Journey Into the Past

by Cindy Robinette

History in Alpena in the 1880's is the topic for an Alpena History Lecture Series to begin Sunday February 21st and run four Sundays at the Jesse Besser Museum.

The Alpena History Lecture Series, made possible by grants from the Michigan Counsel for Humanities and the Fletcher Paper Company is in conjunction with an exhibit called "Alpena in the 1880's" which was on display at the museum last fall.

Richard Matteson will start off the series February 21st and will deal with the way Alpena looked at the U.S. in the 1880's. February

will be the second part of the series with speakers Wes and Delores Law examining how the current events in the 1880's affected Alpena. Richard Clute will be the third speaker on March 7th and will discuss how ethnic groups affected the business and labor in Alpena, and on March 14th the topic of Women in Alpena in the 1880's will wind up the series with Ann Taber as speaker.

The series is an attempt to get the community acquainted with Alpena History. It is free of charge and open to the public beginning at 3 p.m. at the museum.

ACC PLAYERS PRESENT

'GODSPELL'

A musical based on the gospel according to St. Matthew

Alpena Civic Theatre

March 17-21 8:00 p.m.

Reservations necessary

Admission \$3.50

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by Nancy LaFramboise

Alpena Community College Players' presentation of 'Godspell' should be an entertaining and lively show.

'Godspell' will be the first theater play that the college has presented within the last few years. The show will open on March 17 at Alpena Civic Theatre.

The college Players are interested student body members who wanted theatre this year. At present the students do not have any financial support for the play. Royalties, set construction, costumes, theater rent and other play expenses will be covered by the ticket sales.

The ACC Players have been called a "drama group without a home", but because of generosity around the college the members have been able to rehearse the show

at different places around the school. Van Lare Hall's music room, the East Campus cafeteria, and a class room are being used for rehearsals. On March 10 the players will be starting rehearsals at the theater.

The production is going well, and Greg Tracey, president of ACC Players' executive board, says the show will be "fantastic". He stresses the musical performances as well as the choreography.

'Godspell' is the only play planned for this year. However, two plays may be possible for next year. Any interested student may participate in the shows.

In order to raise area support for their group, the Players plan to have a patron drive in the near future.