



## Archaeology Class Makes a Major Find

by Andy Trego

Several pieces of previously unknown Indian artifacts were recently discovered near Alpena by Richard Clute and his class of 12 archaeology students.

The disk-shaped stones, found near Squaw Bay and three locations around Alpena last May, are estimated to be from the Algonquian tribe of about 1300 A.D. although no conclusive tests to determine their age have yet been performed. Clute said he decided to excavate after learning that "people gardening in the area had been finding them for years."

All of the approximately 150 well-preserved discs are inscribed with symbols which Clute has seen before but never on relics like these. He theorizes that these markings are spiritual symbols which were part of a religious ceremony.

Clute will make a national presentation of the Indian artifacts at a three day Midwest Archaeology Conference at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History starting October 1. This winter both he and Charles Cleland, an archaeologist from the MSU museum, will be trying to decipher the meaning of these mysterious stones. Together, their conclusions will be published in American Antiquity, Journal of the Society for American Archaeology.

The Indian discs are currently being stored at the Jesse Besser museum.



### Theatre Discount

Alpena Community College is offering students a discount on State Theatre tickets for the entire semester.

Students may purchase their theatre tickets at a rate of \$1.50. This discount applies for shows playing Wednesday through Sunday. According to Frank McCourt, Student Services, students will need to present their fall semester schedule at the door until college I.D. cards are issued. Theatre schedules will be posted on campus bulletin boards.



Early American disks excavated by the ACC Archaeology class

## Grant Provides New Program in Humanities

by Joel Reeves

The new Interdisciplinary Studies program headed by Dr. Lawrence Boyer and Terry Hall is under way with an enrollment of 17 students and the strong support of both faculty and administration.

The program is composed of five areas of study including English Composition, Introduction to Popular Art and Culture, Humanities, Language and Reason, and Beginning Hatha Yoga. As Boyer pointed out, Hatha Yoga is meant to provide students in the program with physical exercise. This, according to research Boyer has studied, "will help students to develop conceptually, mature better, and become more sophisticated psychologically."

One of the main objectives of the program—developed by Boyer and Hall and approved by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)—is the development of student literacy. "There has been a dramatic decline of student literacy in the past 10 years," says Boyer, "and we think it is even more dramatic than what tests, such as the ACT or SAT, indicate."

A second objective of the program is the development of conceptual capacities—which is the ability to form ideas. There is also the usefulness of those conceptual skills in

## Graduate Follow-up

by Debbie Meggert

Trying to follow up on graduates of ACC may seem a difficult task, but Henry Valli and his crew know how to do it.

His method is called "Project Follow-Up." Some of the questions asked include current employment status, quality of instruction, current salary, if their job is related to the courses completed, if training received at ACC was useful in performing their job, and the availability of jobs in their occupational area.

Questionnaires are sent to all graduates at their last given address. Most students can be located; however, the problem is in having the students send back the questionnaires.

The 1980-81 statistics were not yet available so tallies from the 1979 graduates were used.

In 1979, 173 graduated, of the 173, 77 or 44.8% were continuing their education. 95 or 55.2% were not. Of the current employment status 98 or 57.6% were employed. 4 or 2.4% were in full-time military service. 18 or 10.6% unemployed but actively seeking employment. 50 or 29.4% not in labor force and not seeking employment because of choice.

Students who have completed courses in their major field of study were asked to rate the quality of

instruction:

PERCENTAGE	RESPONSE
67 or 43.5%	Very Good
64 or 41.6%	Good
19 or 12.3%	Average
3 or 1.9%	Poor
1 or .6%	Very Poor

Students currently employed were asked is the job related to the courses you have completed at ACC? 56 or 62.9% yes and 33 or 37.1% no.

Current salary averaged \$857.24 a month for full-time and \$777.00 a month for part time.

Students were asked to rate the training they received at ACC to its usefulness in performing their job:

PERCENTAGE	RESPONSE
28 or 34.1%	Very Good
30 or 36.6%	Good
16 or 19.5%	Average
4 or 4.9%	Poor
4 or 4.9%	Very Poor

Students were also asked to rate the availability of jobs in your occupational area:

PERCENTAGE	RESPONSE
19 or 21.6%	Very Good
23 or 26.1%	Good
18 or 20.5%	Average
17 or 19.3%	Poor
11 or 12.5%	Very Poor