



Theresa Walchak Crowned Miss Alpena

by Christy Preseau

Theresa Walchak was crowned the 1982 Miss Alpena at the 17th annual pageant held at the Alpena High School Auditorium on October 8. Members of her court included: Kristina Smolinski, first runner up, Jodi Duncan, second runner up, Sandra Wilmont, third runner up, Janice Hale, fourth runner up, and Terri Hoos was named Miss Congeniality. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Charmain Washburn.

However, this year's pageant did not meet the standards set by previous pageants. There were a few rough spots during the show and some were brought upon by lack of preparation. One being the unsatisfactory presentation of entertainment during the intermission and while the judges were out adding their scores. There were technical difficulties including: Breakage of a tape and extended periods of time when the stage lights were out. There were also unfilled time gaps between the individual talent presentations which caused uneasiness in the audience. Although the pageant had some bad spots there were also some good points.

One of the highlights of the evening was when the contestants were asked personalized questions about themselves. The way they reacted and answered the questions was fascinating. During the interview, after the pageant, one of the contestants was asked how she felt at the time of the questioning and she replied, "We knew that we were going to have to answer a question, but we didn't know what subject matter it would be on. So, before it was my turn I had questions that could be asked, running through my mind; so, when it was my turn I was somewhat prepared."

The individual talent presentations were a relaxing and enjoyable part of the evening. The contestants were judged on originality, costumes, props, and talent itself. Walchak performed a stunt routine with her older sister: Smolinski played a medley of songs from the arrangement of "Fiddler on the Roof", on the organ; Duncan did an interpretive dance to the song "The Devil went down to Georgia"; Wilmont performed a violin solo; Hale sang a song from the musical "The Wiz"; and Hoos recited a humorous reading.



From left: Janice Hale, Sandra Wilmont, Jodi Duncan, Kristina Smolinski, and Teri Hoos

Alternatives to College Financing

by Nancy LaFramboise

For the would-be college students who may have trouble financing their way through school, the military may be their answer for their college or vocational/technical training.

Qualifications must be met in order for a person to join the Armed Forces but if he or she is accepted the member can become eligible for several different educational programs. One exceptional program is VEAP (Veterans Educational Assistance Program). VEAP was signed into law by Congress in October 1976 replacing the old GI Bill.

VEAP allows the service member to accumulate up to \$8,100 for his or her college or vocational/technical education while serving in the military. It is a savings plan where the service member saves so much each month and the government matches the amount 2 to 1. For each one dollar the service member saves two dollars will be added. The amount saved each month varies from \$25-\$100 depending on which branch of service. Also depending on the branch of service, the amount accumulated may be higher if the member can qualify for supplement-

tal benefits.

VEAP can only be used after the member has completed his or her enlistment but there are different in-service educational opportunities available also. One widely used program is taking college courses on off-duty hours while still in the military. For approved courses the military may pay up to 75% of the tuition in accredited colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools.

One other program for financial assistance is joining ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps). Many colleges offer Army, Air Force or Navy-Marine Corps ROTC programs. Depending on the branch of service, ROTC can pay for tuition, most academic fees and free uniforms. \$100 per month pay is also allowed for subsistence allowance. Checking with the college of your choice could tell you if ROTC was offered at that school.

Brochures and other information may be obtained at the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy Recruiting offices which are located on the second floor of the Federal Building on Water Street in Alpena.

A Night in Las Vegas

by Jeannette Licavoli

Many risky gamblers tried their luck with games of chance made famous by Las Vegas casinos during the third annual Casino Night, October 7, in the Holiday Inn Holiday dome.

Gamblers were given \$200,000 at the door to play craps, roulette, poker, blackjack and bigwheel. During the games, door prizes were raffled off and won by Kevin Rogers, Judy Avery, and Jessie Goins.

As time was running out excitement and intensity grew stronger among high stake gamblers, but when the clock stopped at 11:00 p.m. all prospective amounts of cash were tabulated, and 18 lucky winners walked away with prizes ranging from the grand prize of a walking stereo to watches, camera, clock radio and record gift certificates.

Also there were refreshments and snack bar provided for the gamblers. Casino Night was sponsored by the Campus Activity Board and organized by Judy Avery and Scott Fowler.

earth Notes

The production of *Earth* magazine is underway for the 1982-83 school year. The staff will be undertaking the ambitious project of putting out two issues of the literary publication, one in December and the other in April.

This year's format will vary somewhat from previous designs, as a portion of the magazine will be devoted to the year's student activities. A contest will be held for the best submission of short stories, essays, poetry, and artwork for the winter and spring issue. The entry deadline for the *Earth's* winter publication will be November 30th.

"We hope to get many submissions from students here at ACC, but also eagerly anticipate input from the rest of the community as well," stated *Earth* assistant editor, Greg Reeves. Other staff articles, artwork, and photos will also be in the magazine this year.