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Dean Lee to Transfer This Semester

by Lynn Lightner

"The people are definitely what I will miss most" said Dr. Margaret Lee, summing up her eight years at ACC.

Dr. Lee, Dean of Liberal Arts since 1980 and an English instructor for five years prior to that, will soon be leaving to assume duties as Dean of Instruction at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Dr. Lee's major reason for leaving is that it's definite job promotion and it will provide more avenues for her to advance professionally.

Margaret Hunt, Dr. Lee's secretary, feels (as do many other of her colleagues) that Dr. Lee will probably become a president of a university someday. Hunt also had this to say in regard to Dean Lee's leaving, "One thing for certain, it will sure be a hard act to follow."

One remarkable act that Dean Lee and Terry Quinn accomplished was to bring to ACC the Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Special Skills program. To do so, Lee and Quinn wrote triproposals. Each proposal was about 150 pages long and had specific guidelines as to how it had to be written. Although the federal government usually only approves one out of fifty such proposals, Lee and Quinn's was granted.

Dr. Lee also wrote another proposal for Title III. Title III is the governments name for the congressional act which provides funding for developing institutions. This proposal was also approved and it alone brought to ACC over half a million dollars to be used for computer assisted instruction.

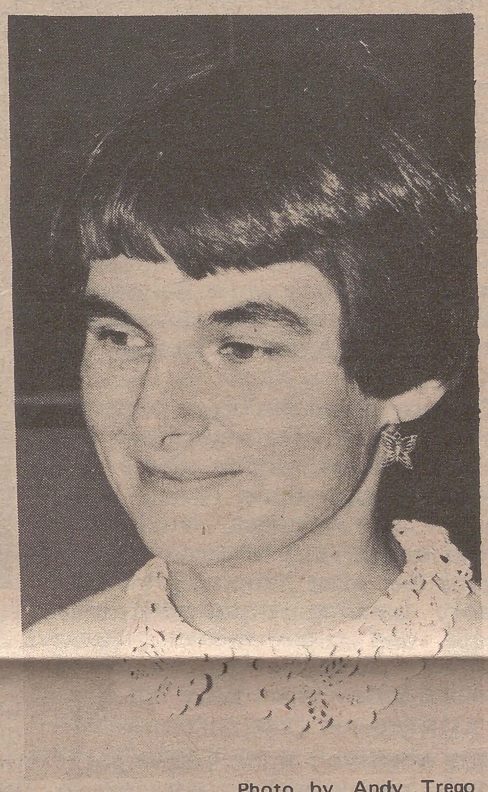


Photo by Andy Trego

Terry Quinn, having worked closely with Dr. Lee, described her as "very active and productive". He added, "Ever since she's been here she has made a strong contribution and has had a positive influence on all of us."

Dr. Charles Donnelly also stated that this college has become a much better institution because of Dean Lee's years of service; and he too expressed his regret at losing such an outstanding teacher and administrator. Donnelly, as do all of us here at ACC, wishes Dr. Peg Lee the very best as she faces the challenge of her new position.

Players Are Ready for'..Charlie Brown'

by Jenni Ritzler

Happiness is, the opening of the Alpena Community College Players' second production, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

The musical, under the direction of Sonya Titus, is set for November 17-19 at the Alpena Civic Theatre.

The production is based on the popular comic strip "Peanuts." Greg Tracey, president of the ACC Players, stated that there were some difficulties in casting the show. "Tryouts looked pretty slim. It was hard to find enough interested people who could also carry a tune. Things are running quite smoothly now and the cast is great."

The ACC Players have already presented a 35 minute segment of the show to the Interdisciplinary Studies class and also have plans to take the show on the road to several grade schools in the area, according to Tracey.

"We're ready to open," said Titus who encourages and welcomes any newcomers to the ACC Players. "Half of the students for the cast of ". . . Charlie Brown" are performing in theatre for the first time." Titus added that a lot of students are capable of performing in theatre. All they need is a little encouragement.

The cast features ACC students: Terry Skiba as Charlie Brown, Arnold Janke as Linus, Matt Elder as Schroeder, Sue Manning as Lucy, Dana Kitchen as Patty and Don Elliot III as Snoopy.

Free tickets of 20 per performance will be available to ACC students the week of November 9th on a first come first serve basis, compliments of the Student Activity Board.

Circle K Notes

by Kathy Gauden

At the October 26 Circle "K" Club meeting, several members had ideas about community service projects. Rick Roussin was elected the chairman of the "OK Club", which is for people with special needs between the ages of 20-30. According to Paul Wegmeyer, president of the Circle "K" Club, "If everything works as planned, they will be putting on a dance at Pied Piper." Date and time are undecided as of now. Wegmeyer also commented that, "Past history shows this is a beneficial service project."

The Circle "K" Club will also be assisting the American Red Cross with a blood drive, December 3 in Van Lare Hall. Wegmeyer strongly encourages the student body as well as the community, to participate in this project.

Writing/Thinking Workshop Held

by Greg Hurd

Last week a workshop was held to discuss the new "Writing/Thinking" program implemented this fall. The workshop, the second in a series, dealt with the initial results of the program.

Ten ACC instructors took part in the session co-ordinated by Jim Miesen, who attended lectures on the program last summer at Beaver College. A representative of the Pennsylvania college, Dr. Belcher, was also in attendence. The other instructors from ACC were Richard Miles, Charles Neumann, Elbridge Dunckel, Russ Garlitz, Richard Matteson, John McGill, J. Wesley Law, Richard Moreau, and Richard Clute.

The group focused on student improvement with the program, which clarifies student thought through writing. Those present were generally pleased with how the program has worked. Overall, it has proved to be successful, both in student and faculty acceptence. Several other instructors have expressed interest in carrying the program and similar workshops into the second semester.

The present group will continue with the program for the remainder of the semester. A final workshop will be held in December.

Changes in VA Assistance

by Christy Preseau

Among ACC's 182 veterans there may be some who are not aware of this year's change in how GI benefits are counted toward general financial aid.

Before this year GI benefits were counted as family income in determining eligibility for Pell Grants; but last year all GI benefits were required to be counted as financial aid. This bill disqualified thousands of vets from getting federal assistance--regardless of their needs.

This year there has been a new act passed--The Student Financial Assistance Technical Amendments of 1982. This act will give veterans another chance to get Pell Grants because now only 1/3 of veterans benefits will be considered financial aid.

ACC's veteran's advisor, Richard Counsellor, advises veterans who are confused or want to ask questions to see him.

Update Welcomes New Artist

by Andy Trego

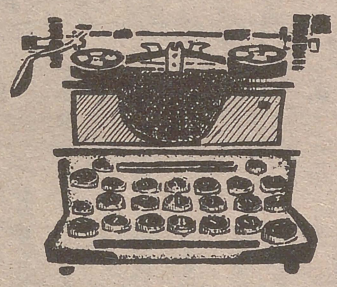
A new staff member was recently added to the Campus Update crew to fill the position of advertising artist. He is Jon Gapczynski; ACC freshman and illustrated drafting major.

Jon's previous job experiences include artwork for Model Printing. "Drafting takes up a lot of my time," he said, "I'm not used to this type of routine. But I enjoy it a lot."

Jon's artistic skills "run in the family," stating that his older sister is a cartoonist living in Muskegon.

After obtaining his associate degree from ACC, Jon would like to find a job designing album covers, preferably "surrealistic stuff."

EDITORIAL PAGE

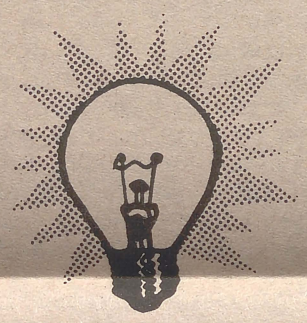


Each year, Halloween is celebrated with a certain amount of fear. It comes in the form of ghouls and goblins with grotesque masks and costumes. The initial fear is lost when the ghoul or ghost reveals their true identity. In spite of the crazy appearence, there is a person underneath, a link with reality.

This year, reality and true horror have blurred. Due to an increase in food and drug tampering, some forty cities have banned Halloween altogether. Evidence shows that some candies and foods were drugged or poisoned before being bought by the consumer. A sick element in society has given us all something to be fearful of. Virtually all foods are vunerable.

Sadly to say, we only have two real alternatives: promote greater awareness to parents and children on the possible dangers and provide them with protective devices, such as metal detectors or we can simply ban Halloween. The latter would prove to be the most effective and less dangerous route to go, though it may receive the most public opposition. However, Halloween has become a dangerous business, and that's something we should all consider.

Letters to the Editor may be submitted through ACC intra-school mail or dropped off at the *Campus Update* office. All letters must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Letters will be printed as is and must not contain offensive language.



To the Editor:

We would like to reply to the biased feature story supposably written as a critique on the Miss Alpena Pageant.

It was very opionated and did not give the facts about the show objectively. The journalism was poor and the order in which it was presented was very unorganized.

We would like to take this opportunity to set the facts straight.

First of all, the extended periods of time the stage lights were out as Ms Preseau stated, were all a part of the show. It was to create an effect on the audiance. Maybe the reporter couldn't figure out what was suppose to be happening, however, the rest of the people did and were impressed.

Secondly, the tape breakage was not the fault of the sound crew as Ms. Preseau led you to believe. The fact is that the tape used was one of inferior quality and even though the girl was told to get a better tape she didn't.

Thirdly, Ms. Preseau's statement "some were brought upon by the lack of preperation" was the worst part of the so called article.

Two very qualified sound men worked the sound system and the lighting crew used were the best in the area.

We were setting lights and sound for two days straight before the pageant. We were there early in the day and didn't leave until everything was perfect, and I do mean perfect.

We didn't see Ms. Preseau at either Tech or Dress rehearsal, so how can she make that very derogatory statement.

May we suggest that if she tries reporting again she brush up on her journalism and present her story correctly.

Personal note to the contestants . . you did a splendid job and don't let the comments from the article affect you. They were of course slanted at you also but knowing the type of girls you are we know you will not give it a second thought.

Michael A. Centala
Mark J. Nowak
Sound Techs Miss Alpena Pageant

Delayed Reactions

by Joel Reeves

It seems like just about any reputable newspaper one opens these days contains an astrology column. And why not. Some of history's greatest civilizations including the Chaldeans, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Greeks, and even the Romans studied astrology.

When one considers that even the Romans studied astrology, well, one must stop and wonder. As for myself, I find it almost unbelievable that astrology is still generally considered to be a pseudo (false) science. After all, not just anybody can predict the future of man by studying movements and positions of the heavenly bodies.

To prove this, I spent a little time last night gazing at heavenly bodies. After she pulled the shades I looked at the stars for a while. Besides getting a stiff neck, I was also inspired to reveal the following forecast.

ARIES:
Element of confusion is present - many people have suggestions, but many others don't. Some are worthy suggestions, while some aren't. For instance, avoid those who suggest that you can land on your feet after jumping off a 14 - story building. Historically, only cats and one human, Herve Villechaize, have ever accomplished such a feat.

TAURUS:
Just when you think you've got it made, people will be attracted to you with their problems. Set your own pace, dance to your own tune, cross your own bridges, and don't count your chickens before they're hatched. Be rude, after all friends are a dime a dozen.

GEMINI:
Watch Cancer!

CANCER:
Watch Gemini !

LEO:
Better keep an eye on those two fellows above you. I think there's something funny going on up there.

VIRGO:
College students born under this sign who are majoring in Business need not apologize. Other people must learn to accept you for what you are.

LIBRA:
Highlight independence and originality. Stand in the middle of a one-way street dressed in a pilgrim's costume and direct traffic during rush hour. If anyone gets out of their car and asks what you are doing, tell them. Most people find that sort of thing amusing.

SCORPIO:
Today you will attempt to climb the highest mountain. However, don't make any long range plans such as swimming the deepest sea.

SAGITTARIUS:
Death is in the cards. Today would be a good day to give up astrology.

CAPRICORN:
Answer—E.T., Ed Garvey (NFL players' lawyer), and Ronald Reagan.
Question—Name three aliens that are making more money than they should be.

AQUARIUS:
Something to be aware of— "When the moon is in the seventh house and Jupiter aligns with Mars, then peace will guide the planets and love will rule the stars . . ."
This usually indicates that your wife is going to have a baby or that it's about time to take out the garbage again.

PISCES:
Your future is much obscured. You may be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize or your cousin Rico will trigger the Third World War.

Now, if the predictions I have sighted here don't come true, someone out there isn't trying. After all, astrology is an exact science.

Some of the best things in life are still free. Students can save time and money by placing an ad in the *Campus Update.* Each issue reaches one thousand readers and is also distributed at Wurtsmith Airforce Base. If you have something to sell, give away, or just a message--drop your ad off at the *Campus Update* office or at our mailbox in the Business Office at Van Lare Hall.

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A Note From Dr. Donnelly

In our first issue we featured a column by Dean Van Lare which was originally presented in 1959. The column addressed the students' place in society and goals within education. We've asked Dr. Donnelly *to say a few words on similar issues and where students stand today.*

What a great experience it has been for me to have served as President of this excellent collegiate institution for the past five years of its thirty years of existence! Yes, it hardly seems possible that this community college was founded only thirty years ago.

Alpena Community College was established in 1952 as an extension of the secondary school program by the K-12 Board of Education. It was the last such college to be founded in that manner. As with other community colleges that started in that fashion, the college's primary mission was to offer the first two years of a four-year college program, enabling students to spend the first two years of college at home.

Gradually the college grew from being only a junior college to a full-fledged comprehensive community college, offering not only the first two years of a transfer program, but also offering occupational programs preparing students for immediate employment. Some of these programs last one year while others last two years. In addition the college now offers community services in a strong continuing education program, developmental programs - especially in reading and English, all supported by strong counseling services.

In 1980 the college followed the lead of ten sister community colleges by separating from the K-12 and became an independent community college. It would thus no longer be dependent upon a secondary institution for its existence.

This community college offers several advantages to its students. It has a philosophy of open door meaning that any high school graduate can be admitted as well as any adult who can profit from its offerings. Many students are able to pursue higher education as a result of this philosophy.

Our college also offers the opportunity to gain an associate degree without leaving home. It is considerably less expensive than having to go to a four-year college.

Alpena Community College offers many opportunities for students to prepare for jobs with our varied one and two year occupational programs. It also offers adults an opportunity to take one or more courses of their choice to retain old skills or gather new skills or just to get more culture or recreation.

Since our college is not a research institution it can concentrate on teaching. That allows our instructors to spend their time with students and thus improve the quality of education offered.

But in 1982 with a great deal of emphasis upon economic development and jobs what does the future hold for our students as they prepare for jobs and for living? Many experts suggest that most of our current students will change jobs in the future at least three times in their lifetimes. There seems to be no great disagreement with that statement. That being the case it would be prudent for a student at Alpena Community College to prepare himself or herself for that possibility.

Students will see even more rapid and drastic changes in our society in the 80's and 90's than we have already seen in the early part of this century. Every generation seems to have its share of changes such as the influence of the railroads in the last century, the invention of the automobile and the subsequent revolution by standardizing parts, and the influence of airplanes and space travel. All of these affected jobs and the kind of training and education needed.

Now with the population almost exploding by comparison with previous centuries, changes take place much more rapidly. I submit that two factors will be important in determining the kind of education needed in the next few decades. These are the microprocessing chip and telecommunications. The rapid use of these two items will make changes so fast that it staggers one's imagination.

Most jobs in the future will involve the use of computers and television in some form. Computer programming will undoubtedly be the largest demand area in the next two years. In fact, many futurists predict that by 2000 there will be one million - yes, million - new jobs generated for computer programmers in this country. Telecommunications in business and industry will probably offer almost as many new jobs.

Every student who graduates from a community college should have some knowledge of a computer and some knowledge of the telecommunication process. Without this kind of knowledge a student will be unable to compete in the years ahead.

Computers and television are leading the way in forcing our society to change and therefore need to be studied carefully. However, some things do not change and likewise need to be studied carefully. I refer to such things as the beauty of nature, the appreciation of paintings, art and classical music, the ability to read discerningly, the ability to communicate orally, the complexity of mankind, and the ability to govern ourselves.

Alpena Community College offers students both of the above opportunities. One can prepare for the work world by taking our occupational courses or by taking courses necessary to transfer to a four-year college. But equally as important as preparing for work is preparing for living. One can get help for the latter by taking courses in English, literature, social sciences, humanities, and sciences. It will be so much easier for students to cope with life in the 80's and 90's if they have this adequate preparation.

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Bombers and Sweeties Top Intramural Finals

BOMBERS

by Lynn Lightner

The Bombers won the men's flag football season with a perfect 6-0 win loss record.

Overall the Bombers accumulated 139 points and only gave up 71. They also took tournament honors by defeating the Religious Freaks in the Finals by a score of 19-7.

Joe Garber, a Bomber team member, had this comment on the season, "It was a good time, lots of fun, excellent excercise and besides that it was the only football in town."

Photo by Andy Trego

Front row: Bruce Mischley, Mark Leask, Joe Garber, Paul Cousineau Back row: Tom Dutcher, Carney Knechtel, Chuck Stevens, Jeff Sheppler Missing: Scott Scheulke, Nate Smith

SENATE SWEETIES

by Lynn Lightner

Although they went by the name of Senate Sweeties, the other teams didn't think they were that sweet! As a matter of fact, 2 of the 3 other teams weren't even willing to get out on the football field and find out.

Rumors of the Senate Sweeties number of practices and of having a tough team scared off their potential opponents. Consequently, the Senate Sweeties were only able to get one victory under their belt and had to accept 5 forfeits in winning the flag football season.

The Senate Sweeties weren't too happy about merely winning by intimidation and would have rather had the chance to demonstrate their physical capabilities.

Pam Gilbert, a Senate Sweetie team member had this to say, "I just wish that girls wouldn't sign up unless they planned on showing up. It was very disheartening to us girls that really wanted to play and something like this could even cause the doing away with of the whole girl's intramural sports program."

Photo by Andy Trego

Front row: Judy Avery, Laurie Williams, Pam Gilbert
Back row: Janice Hale, Tammy Reinstein, Cheryl Dierking
Missing: Annette Kanine, Tina Watz, Coach Gar Gilbert

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There are 51 shopping days until Christmas.....

HALLOWEEN PARTIES SUCCESSFUL

by Jeannette Licavoli

To kick off Halloween chills and thrills, the Campus Activity Board sponsored the 8th traditional year of Halloween parties filled with fun and excitement for Pied Piper students and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Held at Russell Wilson Dormitory on Oct. 29th. It was the first party for Pied Piper in which 75 students were chaperoned through the works of RHA dorm staff and resident's spook house, consisting of a torture chamber, witches and Doctor Fubars, mad scientist and his assistant, dressed in doctor suits and horrid masks, held a frankenstien-like prisoner in chains. As the children approached the exit, the monster broke loose and roared, the children were visibly shaken when they left the spook house. Following the spook house, tours, snacks, and refreshments were served.

An evening party was then conducted for Big Brothers, Big Sisters who were taken through the scary spook house and enjoyed trick or treating in the dorm. Later games and prizes and a costume contest with snacks and refreshments were also provided. Pat Joyce, president of RHA, organized the making of the spook house and the parties.

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