

County Library Faces Possible Closure

by Jenni Ritzler

The Alpena County Library has launched its annual fund drive beginning November 9.

Each year the library has appealed for funds to help finance library service. This year the need is far greater than in past years, according to Roger Mendel, director.

The library will experience a \$10,500 shortfall for the 1982 budget year unless sufficient funds are raised. Increased costs for utilities, insurance and other operating expenses plus decreased revenues account for the projected shortage of funds, Mendel said.

The library's major sources of income which have been reduced include: Penal fines (District Court fines) and state aid. Mendel said that book fines are also down \$1,000 from last year's figures.

Reductions have already taken effect in efforts to keep the library open. Library hours have been reduced by 4.5 hours a week; the staff has been reduced and staff hours have been changed from 35 hours a week to 30. Mendel added that there have not been any salary increases for the staff since 1981.

Without sufficient revenue, Mendel said, the library may close its doors in December and reopen after the first of the year. If this closure does occur, the public will have to look to other sources, i.e., the Alpena Community College Library and other libraries in the public school system. According to Mendel, these sources would probably not fulfill the many needs of adult readers.

With over 12,000 registered borrowers, the director noted that if every library card holder donated one dollar, this would keep the library open.

All donations to the library are

tax deductible as well as qualifying for a special income tax credit on state income tax returns, Mendel said.

He said a Friends of the Library meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the library. The library's financial condition will be a topic of discussion and the meeting is open to the public.

Spring Trip Set

by Debbie Specht

How does a vertical-loop coaster, a dolphin show, a trip down main street, plus plenty of sunshine and warm climate sound? Tempting? Well, you can enjoy this and much more in Florida.

When Spring break rolls around next year, a group of people will be on their way on the sunshine trip to Florida. The group is scheduled to depart from Alpena on Friday, February 16 and arrive back on Sunday, February 27. Two price package is \$399.

The trip includes a whole schedule of activities. Nashville, the site of the Grand Old Opry, will be presenting an evening performance of country and western singers. In Florida the group will go to such places as Busch Gardens, Sea World, Disney World or E.P.C.O.T., and even on an Escape Cruise from Port Canaveral. There will even be time to get a tan at Daytona Beach.

A meeting for the trip to Florida will be held on November 23 in Room 102 of VLH at 2 p.m. Deadline for registering for the trip is November 23. Any questions about the trip should be directed to Frank McCourt.

tions for Pell Grants. In addition, Congress set aside 30 million dollars to be used nationally to meet the needs of the program.

Veterans who were denied Pell Grants this fall can now reapply under the present guidelines. Payments will be retroactive to cover fall semester, according to Max Lindsay, Director of Financial Aid at Alpena Community College. Lindsay is now in the process of recalculating applications. Questions concerning individual benefits can be directed to him.

New Class Helps Critical Thinking

by Lynn Lightner

"One morning, exactly at sunrise, a Buddhist monk began to climb a tall mountain. A narrow path, no more than a foot or two wide, spiraled around the mountain to a glittering temple at the summit. The monk ascended at varying rates of speed, stopping many times along the way to rest and eat dried fruit he carried with him. He reached the temple shortly before sunset. After several days of fasting and meditation he began his journey back along the same path, starting at sunrise and again walking at variable speeds with many pauses along the way. His average speed descending was, of course, greater than his average climbing speed. Prove that there is a spot along the path that the monk will occupy on both trips at precisely the same time of day."

Puzzled? Well, if you are, the

'Slave' Auction Held at Dorm

by Jeannette Licavoli

Do I hear a bid? Going once, going twice, sold! At the traditional RHA Slave Auction held Nov. 8th at Russell Wilson Dormitory, "slaves" were auctioned off to the highest bidder for one hour of hard labor.

Doug Field, a resident of the dormitory, served as the auctioneer for the event. He kept the buyers on their toes with his quick professional sounding lingo.

The lowest starting bid began with Mary Henkel at one penny who was then sold for \$4.25. Frank McCourt was sold to Virgil Stoltz for \$10.00 and in turn, Frank bought Virgil for \$16.25. Later in the auction, Fred Thompson, Rich Matzke, Robert Shank, Bob Kelly and Jessie Goins were up for sale to one buyer. Bidders were sweating it out as the price was rapidly shooting up. But ultimately they bought themselves for the highest going bid of the evening; \$30.50.

President of RHA Pat Joyce organized the activity, in which a total of \$136.25 dollars was raised for the club. Another slave auction will be held sometime in December. Watch for schedule and date in the Splinter. Everyone is welcome to come and participate.

Language and Reason course offered next semester could help you figure out problems like this in no time at all.

The Language and Reason course was available this semester to Interdisciplinary Studies students only. However, in response to a faculty desire to see more students taking such a course, it is now open next semester to any interested student.

Mr. Terry Hall, the Language and Reason instructor, believes, as do many teachers here at ACC, that this type of critical thinking course can be of great help to students going into any type of field. Whether the field be math, science, computers, or English, the problem solving, critical thinking and language comprehension skills which this course is designed to develop are invaluable.

Not only will you be able to figure out the exact spot to which a Buddhist monk occupies at precisely the same time of day in two different trips, but you will also become a better reader and a better writer.

Research on courses such as this one has shown that a learning of problem solving skills can have a great effect on IQ level. The IQ increase after developing critical thinking skills often ranges anywhere from 10 to even 30 points higher.

Interdisciplinary Program Holds Open House

by Christy Preseau

An open house was held for the families of the students who are involved in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program on November 5.

Approximately 150 guests attended the open house and were engaged in a variety of events throughout the evening.

Staff members Terry Hall and Bart Boyer had conferences with the parents about their students. They discussed how they felt the student had changed since they have been involved in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. The guests were also able to see the students at work

Veterans Still Eligible for Grants

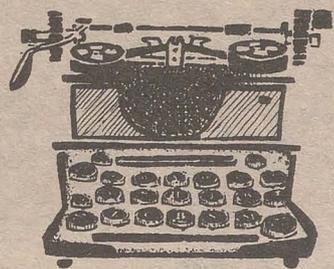
by Jackie Timm

Student veterans will benefit from a congressional veto of the fiscal budget 1982.

This fall financial aid for veterans applying for Pell Grants was based on full veteran education benefits. This was a change from the calculations of the formula of the last two years. Consequently many veterans formerly eligible became ineligible for Pell Grants.

When the appropriations bill was over ruled, stipulations in the formula allowed veterans to one third of their benefits as a basis for calcula-

EDITORIAL PAGE



Last week Vietnam veterans were finally given a coming home-of sorts. The event was the dedication of a war memorial to those who had died in Vietnam. While the government had a lot to do with the soldiers being killed, it had virtually nothing to do with its construction, other than sanctioning it and supplying the land. No government official spoke at the dedication, as if it would bring to question America's role in the war.

It seems as if the war itself has been forgotten, much like those who served. The Veteran's Administration has thus far refused to acknowledge a possible link with Agent Orange and many of the physiological ailments plaguing veterans. It's almost as if it never happened.

Just recently, researchers and psychiatrists have concluded that there is a delayed stress syndrome which brings about an emotional change in some Vietnam vets due to the intense fear and paranoia from the war. At the same time while many of the soldiers did not necessarily agree with the government's involvement, they were chastised by their contemporaries upon coming home. This influx of feelings has to have some sort of outlet, unless reasoning and counseling are used. The Vietnam veteran has become one of America's unknown citizens.

The men and women who died in Vietnam were only a portion of those lost by the war. In their memorial, we cannot forget those who brought back living scars.

The war in Vietnam is said by many to have been a testing ground for new weapons and strategies of death, while those living were merely incidental. The Vietnam veterans memorial in Washington is a black granite V-shaped monument. If the government had built it, it may very well have been a dollar sign.

Shortly before the November 2nd. elections, Alpena's Right to Life group ran a pro-Republican ad which featured a grisly photo of a dead fetus. The message was very clear. The group attempted to make abortions out to be goal of the Democratic Party. While the ad did very little to garner Republican votes, its methodology is questionable.

Since the Supreme Court legalized abortions in 1974, the women's decision has been pure choice. Thousands of Planned Parenthood clinics were formed to counsel women in their decision. Each woman is different in her feelings of guilt toward abortion. This alone is enough of a burden without being reminded of it. A woman should have a choice in what is done with her body.

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.



Delayed Reactions

by Joel Reeves

There has been a great deal of controversy in the medical community lately concerning the detrimental effects of video games and rock-and-roll music on the eyesight, hearing, and mental health of this nation's young people. When I became aware of this shocking news I decided to get my annual physical a little early.

So as I sat in the waiting room of Alpena's finest medical examiner, reading a captivating story from "Field & Stream" and waiting for my appointment, I began to hear screams coming from within the examination room. Although it was somewhat annoying to be interrupted right in the middle of learning how to hunt big bucks with a Phantom jet and infrared radar, I decided to investigate the disturbance.

Inside the office was my physician, Mincey, dressed in a white medical robe with a stethoscope around his neck. He was treating a patient who was strapped to a table. On another table nearby sat a large glass container which was divided into three sections. Occupying each section were a number of rats.

Between the screams I inquired of Dr. Mincey the patient's malady.

"What's the matter with that guy, Doctor?"

Too involved in his work to turn around, Mincey answered with a sigh.

"He's got a progressive disease called Intellataritis."

Taking a step toward the patient's table to get a closer view, I was horrified to discover the identity of the man lying there. It was George Plimpton. I guess all those video game commercials had finally caught up with him.

Turning to the medical examiner I asked stupidly, "Intellataritis, is it a very serious ailment?"

Without looking up Mincey replied, "It's an epidemic! If I can't cure this man, Intellataritis could wipe out more than half the population of the United States and Canada, plus part of the Dominican Republic!"

Wow, I thought, this wasn't just any old disease we were dealing with. It had real potential.

"Do you think you'll be able to cure him?" I asked.

"Well I'm not sure," began the agitated doctor, "but if the postmortem I am performing on him has positive results, he may stand a chance."

Not being all that familiar with

medical terminology I inquired, "Isn't a postmortem done after a person is dead?"

"Usually," responded Mincey, "but I don't like to waste any time with technicalities when a person's life is at stake."

Still somewhat confused I turned to look at the laboratory rats. I noticed that in the first of the three partitioned sections the rodents appeared extremely calm and satisfied, while in the second they were quite aggressive. I lifted the lid on the first section. From it streamed the sound of Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony". Astounded, I quickly replaced the lid.

Looking up suddenly Mincey said, "So you've discovered my experiment concerning the effects that certain types of sound have on rats."

"Yes," I said, "I'm afraid I've knocked off one of the lids accidentally. May I open another?"

Mincey nodded his approval.

Upon removing the lid to the second section I was overwhelmed by "Pac Man Fever."

"Do you see how aggressive they become when exposed to rock-and-roll," interjected Mincey, "Imagine what it would do to people!"

I replaced the lid and was about to remove the lid on the third section when I noticed that none of the rats were moving in that compartment. I looked up at Mincey questioningly.

"Yes, I am afraid they have all expired."

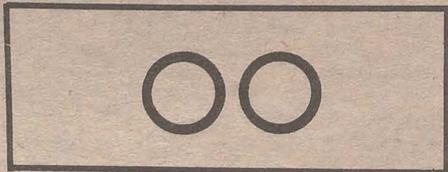
"But why?" I queried.

The medical examiner motioned for me to lift the lid. It became quite clear to me why the rats had passed away. From within the compartment poured the voice of Sissy Spacek singing the theme song to "Coal Miner's Daughter".

Turning around now to see if George Plimpton was recovering yet, I heard Mincey's frantic voice, "I'm afraid he's too far gone! He keeps comparing Intellevision to Atari. And after everything he's gone through too."

It was only a short time later that Mincey gave up and pronounced George Plimpton destined to a life as an Intellatarioholic.

So it is clear that the effects of video games and rock-and-roll have a horrendous influence on the mental and physical health... of adults. If they would learn to moderate their activities like young people do, everything would be fine. I guess that's asking too much though, isn't it?



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PROPOSAL PASSAGE THE FIRST STEP

Nuclear Freeze Group Encourages Awareness

by Andy Trego

Tom Kenney, chairperson of the Alpena Nuclear Freeze Group, is optimistic about the progress of the nuclear freeze movement.

The House and Senate recently voted on the issue and it "lost only by a few votes," Kenney said. It will be voted on again in an early session of the new Congress and Kenney expects it to pass.

"Many legislators are taking this very seriously. (Sen.) Levin has been a very vocal supporter," Kenney said adding that Sen. Riegle supported the referendum while Rep. Davis hasn't taken a definite position. "It appears the Reagan administration is our biggest opponent."

A nuclear freeze, defined by Kenney, would mean "the United States and the Soviet Union would negotiate on a mutual and verifiable freeze on the development, testing, and deployment of nuclear weapons. It would be a call for negotiations," he said. "There are ways to check (to make sure both sides are abiding by the agreement). Its been done before."

"But the weapons they will be building in the next 5 years will not be easy to detect," said Kenney.

"That's why we need this freeze now."

A total of nine states have approved the nuclear freeze referendum with eight of those doing so in the last election. But more important, according to Kenney, is that 25% of the entire population of the country approved it. It is also expected that more states will join the peace movement in the general election of 1984.

Although a state or congressional approval is mostly a symbolic move, it puts increased pressure on the administration. A state's governor will send a message to the secretary of defense, the secretary of state, and the president to let them know the people's sentiments.

The Alpena Nuclear Freeze Group recently raised \$150 to help finance their debts at a fund raiser held at the Owl Cafe featuring country music by a group of local musicians who donated their talent to the cause.

Kenney stated that the passage of the freeze proposal in Michigan is the first step in many. "We need to stay active on the issue and keep the people informed and motivated."



"The Fishbowl" by Suzan Rasche

These are some of the other works currently on exhibit in ACC's "Little Gallery". A more detailed look at Hazel Schmitkons' paintings and the "Little Gallery" will be featured in our next issue.



"Landscape" by Suzan Rasche

OPEN HOUSE

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solving problems, which consisted of mathematical computations and analogies. After watching the students, the guests were given a chance to try the problem solving themselves.

Two other highlights of the evening were the concert by Michael Coonrod and the showing of Hazel Schmitkons' art work. After the presentations, the guests were able to talk with the artists.

Schmitkons' work will be on exhibit at the Little Gallery in Van Lare Hall until December 15; and will be open to all students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Also, if anyone would like their work on exhibit contact Terry Hall, Ext. 306.

Both photos by Andy Trego

REMINDER

Do you have any talents? RHA will be holding a talent show at Russell Wilson Residents Hall on November 22 at 8:00 p.m. Acts are to be there at 7:30 p.m. Sign up in Van Lare Hall or dorm by November 18. Prizes will be awarded for the three top acts, so come on and show off your talents.



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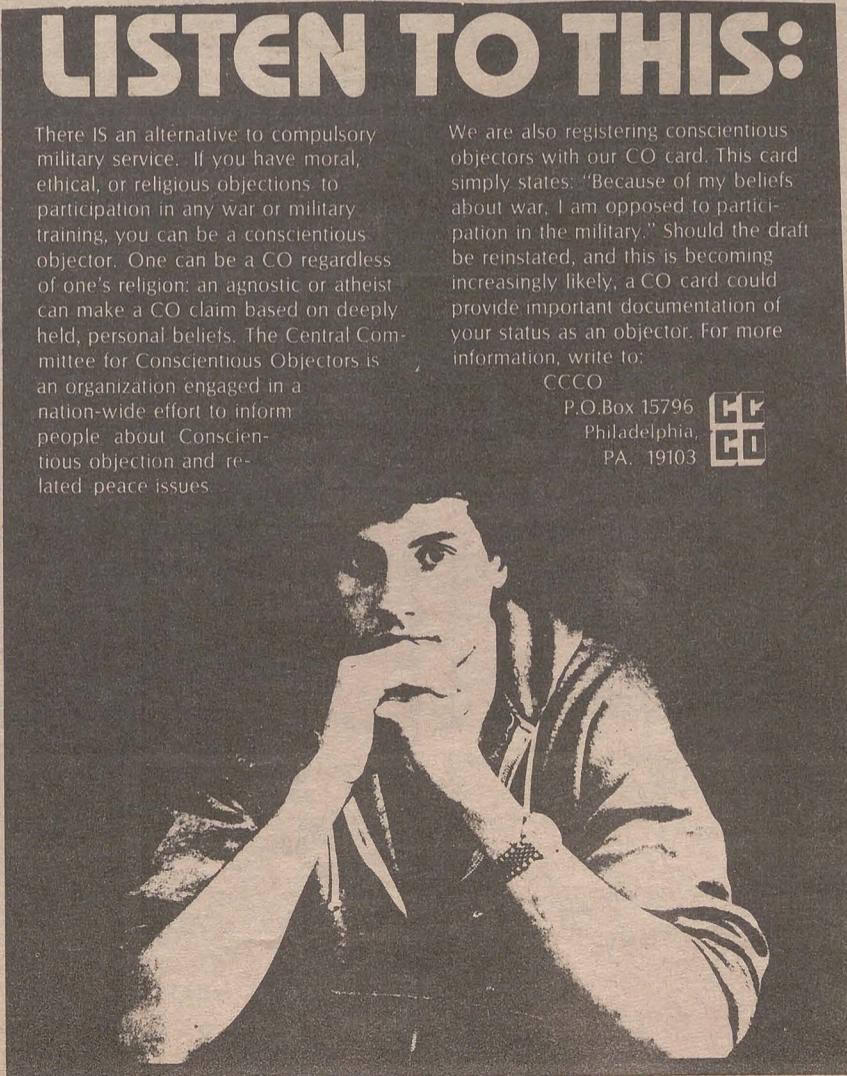
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Campus Column

by Jackie Timm

Alpena Community College is under contract with Pine Finishing Industries of Millersburg under a grant from vocational-technical education economic development job training funds.

Pine Finishing Industries is a new industry in Presque Isle county which will manufacture metal furniture. Initially it will employ 15 people with plans to boost the payroll to 60.

ACC is contracting for instruction of supervisors. Employees will initially be trained in brazing, spot welding, grinding, and buffing. The supervisors will oversee a three week skill training session. The employees, who will be selected by Northeast Michigan Manpower Consortium, will then begin a phase of "on the job training."

According to Al Reed, Dean of Occupational/Technical Education at ACC, instruction for new or expanding industry is not new to the college. Employees for Oracle Corporation were trained under a similar grant.

Former Junior Miss Attending ACC

by Debbie Specht

Suzanne Lewis, Alpena's former Junior Miss, is currently a freshman attending Alpena Community College.

Lewis is pursuing her career in accounting. After her two years at ACC, she plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Eastern Michigan.

Lewis was the first Junior Miss to be given a medallion and a scroll instead of a crown. A \$2000 scholarship for two years at ACC was awarded, as well as, \$500 in gifts donated by area merchants.

Throughout the year Lewis made many appearances. She was in Alpena's Fourth of July and Thanksgiving parade, also the Posen Potato festival parade. She also appeared in the State Junior Miss pageant at Marshall in January. Lewis said that the appearances did not interfere with her busy schedule. Most appearances were set up in advance and spread out through the year.

Lewis summed up the year as "exciting, fun and full of memorable moments."

On October 23, Suzanne Lewis handed down her reign as Alpena's Junior Miss to Lisa Garant.



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