



Bright Outlook Predicted For Financial Aid

by Steve Wright

Despite what has been a discouraging outlook on the federal student aid scene, Director of Admissions Max Lindsay has reported a brighter future for persons seeking financial assistance at ACC.

Attributing the situation to an upwards trend in the economy, Lindsay explained that for the 1983-84 fiscal year, all five federal aid programs will either be staying the same or showing an increase in funds available.

Pell Grants, the basis for the aid program, will remain at the same funding level as this year at 2.419 billion dollars.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, supplied to the extremely "needy" student, will be funded at the same level which is 355 million dollars.

The College Work Study Program provides earnings to a student while pursuing course studies. This program will be increased next year to 540 million dollars from this years 528 million.

National Direct Student Loans will remain the same at 179 million dollars. These loans are provided by the government with low interest repayments and other special benefits.

The Guaranteed Student Loans are making a comeback since the huge drop from 7.8 billion in 1982-1982 to 6.1 billion in 1982-1983. The projected amount for 1983-1984 is 6.5 billion dollars.

These figures seem very promising for the coming year. Students seeking federal aid for the 1983-1984 year should be assured of adequate funds to meet their needs. Those students not receiving financial aid are urged to apply.

Blood Drive Challenge Made

A blood drive sponsored by the Student Senate and Campus Activity Board will be held on March 18th from 9:00 to 3:00 in the Audio Visual room at NRC. As an incentive to give blood, the groups are challenging all campus clubs to participate. The club with the most donors will be treated to a pizza party. Belonging to a particular club is not a donor prerequisite. Anyone who would like to donate is free to do so.

Follett's Pulling Out of College Bookstore

by Joel and Greg Reeves

Due to managerial and policy changes at their headquarters in Chicago, Follett's Bookstore, Alpena Community College's source for textbooks and other school supplies, has announced that as of May 1st, 1983, they will be closing down their operations in Alpena.

Anse Cates, Follett's representative from Chicago, stated that there was no problem with operations here in Alpena, but that the new management had decided to close all small gross income operations, and that the bookstore at ACC fell into that category.

"Already four different agencies have voiced interest in locating a bookstore on campus," reported ACC president Charles Donnelly, "but a definite decision will not be made until the Board of Trustees meeting on April 21st." At this time provisions are being considered for buying back books this spring and reordering textbooks for the fall semester.

Follett's urges that students plan buying any supplies they might need before April 1st, as the business may close early.

JBM Hosts Auction

by Debbie Specht

"Croesus Venture" Benefit Auction Successful, both socially and financially, described the 2nd annual "Croesus Venture" held last Saturday at Alpena's Holiday Inn. The "Croesus Venture" is a fund raiser Benefit Auction for the Jesse Besser Museum. The auctioneer for the event was Dory Diggs from Detroit. Robert Haltiner was the "Croesus Venture" chairperson.

Approximately \$10,000 was raised to help run the museum, with various programs, functions, and exhibits. The "Croesus Venture" was a very well attended event with all 280 tickets sold.

The auction contained antiques, cruises, services, art works to name a few. The large quilt by Donna Esch and the quilting ladies from Fairview area was the top item of the event and was auctioned off for \$625.

Help Save the Seals

by Mike Olsen

For centuries, defenseless harp seals and hooded seals have been subjected to a very horrifying torture every spring off the east coast of Canada. Some 150,000 baby seals and 50,000 older seals are separated from their mothers to have their heads and sometimes their throats, smashed by clubs and long handled ice picks of hunters. With blood flowing from its nose and mouth, each seal is rolled onto its back, and a hunters knife is thrust deep into its belly, and the skin is ripped from its still quivering little body. Some of the baby seals are skinned while they are still alive!

Because of the letters, petitions, and financial support directed through International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) the countries of the European Economic Community have each made a commitment to ban the import of skins from young harp and hooded seals into their countries.

Canadian politicians are desperately trying to find new markets for their merchandise. The potential markets that they are planning to go after first are Japan, Hong Kong, and Russia.

The Prime Minister of Canada, Pierre Trudeau, already has announced plans for the Far East. Included at the end of this article is a list of addresses of representatives from Japan, Hong Kong, and the U.S.S.R. Please write and tell the representatives, politely, but firmly, how you feel about killing of the seal pups. Ask him to try and persuade his government not to allow the importation of any products from the Canadian seal hunt. It is critical that you do this right away, before Mr. Trudeau can make any deals for the skins of the seal pups.

Caring people are the financial backbone of the IFAW. It costs a lot of money to reach all the people who care about the tragedy of the seal pups and to fight this political battle. The IFAW depends entirely upon financial contributions.

A gift from you means the gift of life for the seals. Without your support it just cannot be done. It is so important, for the sake of each

and every seal pup, to write the letters, and give as generously as you can.

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Hiring Vietnam Vets

Employers in Michigan can earn a tax credit of \$4,500 by hiring an eligible Vietnam Era veteran.

Gordon Clowney, Director of the Detroit Veterans Administration Regional Office, said recent legislation has extended the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC) through December 31, 1984. This program provides for a credit of 50% of the first \$6,000 in wages paid the first year of employment and 25% of the first \$6,000 in wages paid the second year of employment for each eligible employee. The new law also repeals the limitation of the amount of first year wages used to figure tax credit.

The credit may be taken on employees hired through December 31, 1984, provided the employee is certified as eligible or such certification is requested in writing by the employer on or before the veterans first day of work. Employers are asked to consider hiring eligible veterans when vacancies occur.

For further information call (313) 226-4184 and ask about the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit.

