



TRANSFER STUDENTS EXCELLING

by: Jackie Timm

Alpena Community College students who transfer to four year colleges do extremely well academically.

A Title III grant review conducted by Dr. Richard Alfred, Assistant Professor of Higher Education and Director of the Community College program at the University of Michigan, recently verified this. Statistics from ACC transfer students during the last five to ten years were carefully analyzed.

Normally, when community college students transfer to baccalaureate institutions, grade point averages drop a half point (.5) or more the first semester and then rise. Yet ACC students at Central Michigan University average just .2 below their ACC grade point average during the first semester. And at Ferris, no significant change can be detected.

In addition to higher than normal grade point averages, ACC students have a high graduation rate. For example, 47% of the ACC students who transfer to the University of Michigan graduate from there. Of these 48% attain between A B (3.) and A C (2.) and 33% have A C (2.) or better.

A review of statistics from Michigan Tech University from 1977-79 shows that 87% of ACC transfer students either graduated from there during that period or remained there. All of the 87% maintained averages between B and C.

The study indicates that ACC students do better than average, thus reinforcing the fact that a local community college has much to offer academically.

Newly Renovated Thunder Bay Theatre Plans Creative Month

by: Diana Carter

Alpena's newly renovated Thunder Bay Theater will open its first winter season on October 6 with the presentation, "An Evening of Melodrama."

Keith Titus, president of TBT, describes the production as "a sort of gay 90's night," complete with audience sing-a-longs, melodramatic skits, and vaudeville "turns" and "olios" (short entertainment spots between acts). Unshelled peanuts (to eat and throw at the villains), beer, and other refreshments will also be available. It promises to be a fun filled, nostalgia-evoking evening. Students can obtain reduced rate tickets at the Student Affairs Center located in BTC.

TBT has undergone many exciting changes beginning with their relocation offers a larger seating capacity, more stage and storage space and living quarters for the professional company.

The building renovation is still in progress. It is "going well" according to Titus. Volunteers are still need for painting, installing new doors, completing make-up and dressing rooms, etc.

In addition to their regular productions, TBT will be presenting their Second Annual Keith Titus & Company in Concert on October 29. Also, October marks the opening of their "Creative Arts Center", offering professional instruction in dance, vocal, and piano.

ACC gets new Student Affairs Office

by: Anthony Terry

The Student Affairs Office is a new department added by Alpena Community College this year. Its purpose is to assist students in a more convenient way. It focuses on student needs and the problems they may face.

Some of the information that can be found there are work-study jobs, Intramurals, job placement, part-time jobs, Student Senate, and the Michigan Student Information System. In addition to that Circle-K, Concrete, Forestry, and information on any other club can be obtained there.

The Student Affairs Office can be found in the lobby of Besser Tech. The phone number is 356-9021 Ex. 240.



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