

# CAMPUS UPDATE

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# TRANSFERSTUDENTS 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 villans), 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, Intramurais, 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.



1983-84 Campus Update Staff

## What's New in the News....

# Two Seats Open on ACC Board of Trustees

Two six year seats on the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees will be decided upon in the November general election.

To qualify as a candidate one must be a resident of the Alpena Public Schools District, must collect at least 50 and not more than 200 signatures of voters registered in the district, and return the petition to the president's office.

The terms of present board members A. Harvey Hansen and Sylvia Owens expire December 30. Owens has opted not to run for re-election.

#### Summer Camp For Seniors

Alpena Community College played host to a summer program called "Elderhostel" from July 17-23. Fifteen seniors- -60 years or older- -lived at Wilson Dormitory and took courses at the Jessie Besser Museum. The group also devoted plenty of time to social and entertaining activities. Everyone involved, as John Loflin, bus driver for the entourage, remarked, "had a GREAT time." According to Dean of Students John McCormack, ACC will offer this special program, which blends learning and loving, for seniors again next summer.

### MISC.

Alpena Community College has Contracted for instruction of employees at North Eastern Products Incorporated in Hillman according to Al Reed, Dean of Occupational Education. Economic development funds are being used to finance employee training at the firm which manufactures foam footbals, soccer balls, basketballs, and other items. The six-week, eight hour a day sessions are conducted at the plant located at the former Ford building in Hillman. This polyurethane industry employs 25 people and is owned by Bernard Koester.

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#### ACC Undergoes Physical Changes

Many physical changes have taken place at Alpena Community College during the summer.

In order to better serve student's needs, the Business, Records, and Student Services Offices are now housed in one office at Van Lare Hall. This change should eliminate student shuffle by consolidating essential services to one area.

Also housed in Van Lare Hall are the Speech and Law Enforcement offices. Both were previously located at East Campus.

The nursing program, which was formerly housed at Van Lare Hall, is now occupying the entire fisheries building. In addition to practical and registered nursing courses, all other health occupation courses and related faculty offices are located in this building.

And since the bookstore vacated the room in the Besser Tech Center, a micro computer lab has been created in that spot. Monies from the Title III grant made possible the purchase of the new Apples located there.



#### Faces and Places

Dr. Lynne Anne Harned has left ACC after serving for three years as the director of special programs and the learning skills center. Harned is now directing special service programs and skill development laboratories and teaching reading at Sienna Heights College in Adrian, MI. As of yet, no replacement for Harned has been found.



Also changed in the move was the office of Frank McCourt - -(placement Office). It is now next to the Dean's office at Besser Tech.

None of the above changes caused radical physical remodeling. Yet these minor physical changes should vastly improve services to students.

#### Headcount Up

Fall headcount enrollment at Alpena Community College is up 9% on campus. Current enrollment is 1,423, up from 1, 305 last fall. The total includes 895 full-time students taking 12 credit hours or more, compared to 838 enrolled in the same number of hours last year. Part-time enrollment is presently 1,109-up from 1,007 according to Mike Hood, Director of Information and Records Services. Wurtsmith center figures will be available later in the week.

#### Sign of the Times

Activities are abounding at ACC. The Student Senate, Campus Activity Board, Intramural Directors and all of the clubs on campus are promising to make the 1983-84 school year one of the best. To highlight the events will be a new lighted sign purchased by the Student Senate. Located in front of Van Lare Hall, it will keep ACC students and passerbys informed of going ons.

#### "Campus Kick off Dance" **Proved Successful**

Friday, September 16, the Alpena Community College Student Activity Board sponsored a "Campus kick-off Dance" at the Alpena Civic Center, admission was

Approximately 120 persons attended the dance, a majority being students at ACC. Highlights of the evening included door prizes, free food, and a live band.

Back sacks, a calculator, record albums, an alarm clock, and gift certificates for Big Dave's Pizza and Records Etc. were among prizes raffled off. Tim Boyk, Lori Hubert, Pat Arnold and Tony Terry were a few of the forunate winners.

The Student Activity Fund furnished punch, chips and dip, pretzels, and a vegetable dip for the students to enjoy between dancing and socializing.

"Phoenix", a four piece band provided the music for the dance in four, 45 minute sets. They played a variety of rock and roll hits. The first two sets consisted of newer rock and roll while the third set was nostalgic rock and roll such as Credence Clearwater Revivals "Proud Mary" and Chuck Berry's B. "Johnny Goode".

Chris Beecher, a sohomore at ACC commented that the band played "good music" that was "good to dance to." Another student at ACC, Roger Flurey stated that "the band is average but I'm having fun." The band finished with another set of popular rock and roll hits like Bob Segar's "Oldtime Rock and Roll."

The dance was funded through the Student Activity Board and was organized by Steve Wright.

by: Elise Gagnon

#### Miss Alpena Pageant **Draws 8 Contestants**

By: Julie Taylor

On October 7, eight Alpena women between the ages of 18 and 22 will compete for the title and prizes offered in the 17th Annual Miss Alpena Pageant.

According to Lois Centala, director of this year's competition, the winner will receive \$100, and the remaining contestants will receive \$50 prizes.

Each contestant will be judged by a panel on talent, poise and appearance, and an interview conducted by the judges prior to the

Master of ceremonies for this year's contest will be Charmaine Washburn. Joe Bloomberg will & conduct a magic show in conjuction with this year's theme "It's Magic".

In addition to the prizes and title, Miss Alpena will compete in the National Cherry Queen competition held in Traverse City. Theresa Walchak, the reigning Miss Alpena, was one of six semifinalists out of 24 girls in this years

Tickets for the pageant, set at 8 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium, may be obtained from area Zontas and at the door.

#### Jesse Besser Museum Plans Fall Harvest Dav

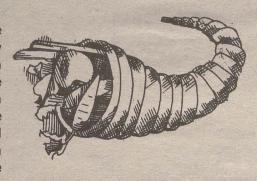
Tintype photography, basket weaving demonstrations and square dancing will all be part of the Jesse Besser Museum Fall Harvest Day celebration Saturday, October 1 from 10 to 4 p.m.

This yearly event provides an opportunity for visitors to see 30 artisans demonstration pioneer crafts and industries as well as domestic and farming skills. From Central Michigan University's Public Broadcasting Station the Silver String Serenaders will perform at 3:30-5:00. They are from the Our Front Porch series and will perform on the Museum's back porch. All are welcomed to join in the square dancing.

"Forest, Prairie, and Plains: Native American Art from the Chandler-Pohrt Collection" is now on exhibit at the Museum through October 2. Objects date from the mid to late 19th centry with examples such as carved stone pipes, bear-claw necklace, and painted deerskin shirt made with beads, human hair and porcupine quills.

lagoo: Teller of Sky Legends is now showing at the Museum's Sky Theatre through October 2. The program features sky lore and legends of various Michigan Indian tribes and also examines cultural differences between Indians and Europeans. Programs will be presented Sundays at 2:00 and 4:00 Admission is \$1.00 for p.m. adults and \$.50 for students under 18.

While at the Museum, don't miss the early maps of the Great They demonstrate the advancement of civilization into this area and the accuracy of cartography.



#### Books, Books, Books

For those students who still need to purchase textbooks and school supplies, ACC's new bookstore, "The Paper-Works" is located at 106 N. Second avenue (downtown) Alpena. Business hours are: Monday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 9;30 p.m., Tuesday thru Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Weekend Business Administraton Courses At ACC

A move is being made to encourage Lake Superior State College to offer a masters degree in business administration in Alpena. At least 20 people must sign up for the program, and about 13 people have already indicated a definite interest. Classes tentatively would be offered weekends at a cost of \$90 per hour. Interested persons can contact John McCormack at Alpena Community College.



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#### POETRY

Free Spirit

Fly now, great one, who soars the vast skies with ease

Go freely into the distance in search of your destiny

You who feel the strong currents lifting so high

Spread you great wings among the different layers of sky

How you are a wonder of many wonders

Showing us your beauty as you soar by

Raising our spirits high, high Go freely, great eagle, go into the

By Jenni Ritzler

The magic of the seasons The every changing times The past

The present

The future Are all just visions of the mind. The whispering winds The cool breezes of September

The warm rays of sunshine. Can be found at anytime. The sound of total silence in a deep forest glen.

The rushing mountain stream with it's teeming life Are but a fraction of what I care for.

There is so much to living and yet so little time.

I wish for a thousand tomorrows but take them as they come. Wondering, Waiting, Wishing

> for what the future may bring.

But excepting what is there and making the best of it. The time will come, as I'm sure it will.

When the Universe and all its powers will be the vision in my mind.

by James Sanders

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Need money? Like a challenge? Turn your spare time into money. Groups or individuals needed to promote college vacation tours. For more information, call 414-781-0455 or write, Designers of Travel, 4025 N. 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005.

#### **Intramural Sports** Season Underway

by: lynn Lightner

The Intramural Sports program at ACC is getting underway and there is something for everyone. The main events in Season I are co-ed volleyball andsoftball.

Offered at East Campus gym on Monday and Thursday nights from 6-7:15 p.m. is a Body toning class. Interested persons may join at any time. Also any interested golfers should see Frank McCourt in the Besser Tech Center about getting a reduced rate on green fees.

Frank McCourt stated that the intramural program "will be as successful as the number of students who will participate." He went on to add, "We will do our best to offer whatever the students long. want."

Any suggestions or comments about the intramural program can be directed to McCourt in BTC or to any of his work study students. Steve Wright is this year's Student Co-ordinator and Anthony Terry is the Head Official. Other helpers include: Chris Beach, Mark Garber, Gregg Quinn, Delton Alexander and George Morrison.

#### "Loverboy" Found Lacking

by: Mike Huggler Loverboy puts on a flashy intense stage show; unfortunitely their music doesn.t compete. Keep it Up is their third album after their first two went platinum.

The group, like Asia, is sliding downhill because they can't break free from their mold. It's hard to tell one song from another, whether it's on this album or any other.

This time around, even their pure, well-mixed guitars are drowned out by Doug Johnson's "newly discovered" keyboards and special effects. Loverboy's formula for a song is too funky to appeal to heavy metal fans, yet too heavy for popular airplay, and, most importantly, much too repetitious to hold anyone's attention very

The only bright spot on Keep it Up is "It's Never Easy" the bands first ballad. Also, "Prime of Your Life" is pretty good. Other than those two cuts, the album is a wasted effort, not worth buying.

#### **Parking Patrols Enforcing Laws**

With the start of the new school year comes enforcement of parking regulations by ACC's Parking Pat-

For the past month the patrol has been actively issuing tickets to many vehicles for being improperly parked. Students should pay paticular attention to designated parking areas and should also exhibit a parking permit on the

This year ACC's student parking permit sticker is white with red lettering. The permit should be placed on the automobile's left rear bumper. Students parking their automobiles on campus may be ticketed if the vehicle permit is not

For many vehicles that do not have the ACC student parking permit, the permit may be obtained in the Dean of Students Office, room 100 in Van Lare Hall.

#### **ATTENTION VETERANS:**

ministration, you should stop in to benefits.

100 Van Lare Hall and check to Veterans and Veterans' dependants- make sure that you have been cert-- If you are expecting to receive GI ified for this semester. You must bill or any other kind of education- request certification for each semal benifits from the Veterans Ad- ester that you want to receive

#### Campus Column

by: Madeline Hoppe

Circle K International is the most active student club on the campus of ACC according to club president, John Loflin.

Current goals are to complete two community projects each month, in addition to three major activities, - - assisting Blue Horizons, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Provincial House.

Circle K is sponsored by Kiwanis International, a world wide organization of business and professional men, who offer moral support and an exchange of ideas.

Service, education, leadership and fun are aspects of Circle K, the largest collegiate organization in North America. Social events are an important part of the local chapter. It is 15 charter members have plans for a hayride, cookout, sleighride and dances.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at BTC, 11:30 a.m. and open to all interested ACC students. Barbara Manning heads the membership committee and may be reached at 356-9021 Extension 240 or at the Student Affairs Office. Membership dues are \$5 per year. Becoming a part of Circle K is an opportunity to enrich the lives of others and at the same time, enhancing your life because you care.

