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ACC Has Active Student Senate

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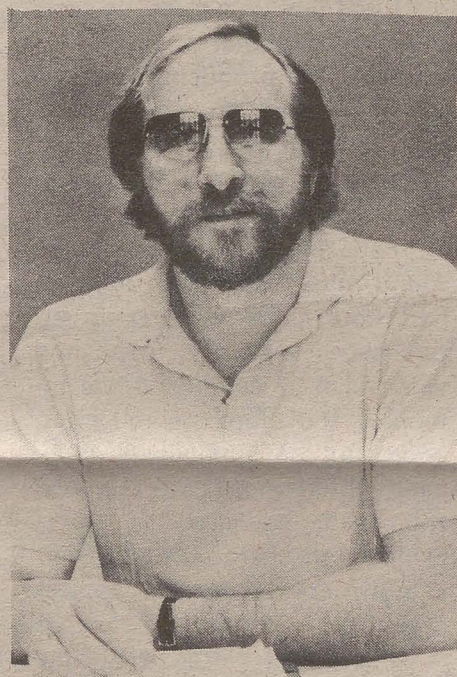
According to President, Frank Pickard, the 1983-84 Student Senate is more active than any of its recent predecessors.

Pickard credits this to "the cooperation and compromise on the part of every Student Senate member" and their "excellent rapport with faculty, administrators, and advisors."

The success of a Student Senate depends on students taking an interest and becoming involved in what their Senate does. As president, Pickard's main objective is to "do everything we can to make the Student Senate more visible." He maintains an "open-door policy" and encourages comments, questions, and suggestions. "You don't have to be a member of the Senate to participate on a committee," he emphasized.

The purpose of a student senate is to represent the student body as a whole. Paradoxically, overcoming student apathy is the most difficult task facing Pickard and the other Senate members. All students are urged to attend the weekly Senate meetings, but few do. Last week only three students participated. "Students just aren't interested in what is going on with the Senate," commented Pickard. "I wish I could spread some of my enthusiasm around!"

To stimulate interest and encourage student participation, the Senate has instituted a number of activities. The "Lumberjack Louie" contest, which offers a \$20 reward to the finder, is the



Frank Pickard, President of the Student Senate says this years Senate is more active than past years.

most original and has also generated the most interest. "The contest has been very successful," reports Pickard.

The Student Senate has also been very active on the issue of whether to reinstate varsity sports.

They recently conducted a poll in an attempt to secure to opinion of the student body in this issue. Seventy percent of those polled were freshmen because "the freshmen are the ones who will be living with the results of the poll." Of the 403 students surveyed, 83% voted to reinstate sports, with the majority favoring to finance it by charging a student activity fee, at the time of registration, of \$5.00 per full-time student and \$2.50 per half-time student. A final answer to the sport's issue is expected by the Board of Trustees at the January Board meeting.

Pickard and seven of the senate members recently attended a two-day consortium in Traverse City, hosted by Northwestern Michigan College, where they met with Student Senate members from seven other colleges to discuss common problems and solutions. Each member attended a different workshop on such topics as "How to work with your advisor", leadership and internal organization", and "how to start a campus radio station". Although Pickard was disappointed in the organization of the consortium, he still found it worthwhile. "Everybody commented that they gained something from their workshops," he said.

Two Seats Filled on College Board

by: Julie Taylor

On January 1, Florence Stibitz and A. Harvey Hansen will take their newly acquired seats on the Alpena Community College Board of Education.

In the November 8 election, Stibitz tallied 5,002 votes while Hansen recieved 3,858 votes. Running mates John Briggs and Alan Kurt received 2,602 and 2,147 ballots respectively.

Stibitz, who ran strong in the city, is a 43-year-old homemaker. A resident of Alpena for the past 16 years, she has been active in the Hockey Association, the Community Concert Association, and St. Bernard Church.

A strong runner in the out-country area, Hansen is a 59-year-old mail carrier and cattle farmer. He is a lifelong resident of the Alpena area and a graduate of Alpena High School.

Stibitz and Hansen join reigning ACC board members Sally Park, Roger Bauer, Melvin Matchett, Dr. Lee Britton, and Jerry Newhouse as non-paid trustees for six-year terms each.



GOOD LUCK
HUNTERS!

Former ACC Student Displays Art Work

by: Kris Fritz

Brian Gougeon, a former ACC student, will be displaying his latest art works at Jesse Besser museum. The display begins on Nov. 13 will run two months. His works are mainly pastels portraying contrasts of everyday items and ideas. "Art makes you think" says Gougeon. "If you take an everyday item and place it in an unfamiliar setting it suddenly becomes noticable, and afterwards the viewer will think of it differently." In most of his works he uses opposites working against each other to create new ideas from common things.

Gougeon attended ACC during his freshman year at college. While he studied here he followed a general curriculum, thinking he might major in the natural sciences. It wasn't until his senior year of college that he decided to major in art. "The art was always there," he said, but it was more of a hobby. Gougeon explained that it was to ones advantage to try things and learn from your experiences, that it is not necessary to know what you want to major in when your a senior in high school. As a sophomore, Gougeon

transferred to Kalamazoo and studied theater design. His junior year there he studied abroad in France. Under a Kalamazoo program he attended classes at University Des Sciences Humaines Strasbourg II. Upon returning he took an internship with a painter in New York. After graduation he remained in New York and held down several odd jobs, while continuing his art work. The rewards of his talent and studies were not immediate but as he puts it "Its a commitment you have to make and you have to keep working at it."



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