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Board of Trustees Meets Thursday Night

Will Decide on Forestry/Athletics

On Thursday, January 19, the Board of Trustees of Alpena Community College will meet in possibly one of the most important sessions in college history.

On their agenda will be two hot issues currently rocking ACC; the fate of the Forestry program, and the fate of the athletics program.

The Forestry program is being considered for elimination because of declining enrollments in the program. In the past several years, enrollment in the program fell from approximately 90 students to just over 20. This, according to sources close to the issue, is because recruiting was eliminated from the college budget several years ago which makes the out of district enrollment nearly zero. According to this source, the return of recruiting for the program would mean the Forestry program's almost guaranteed success.

Another idea which has been brought up recently is the change of curriculum in the Forestry program to add more agriculture and landscaping courses which would transfer to a larger four year school. It is the belief of some that many local students would come to this college for at least one year and transfer elsewhere, after getting some basic courses out of the way. Agriculture is a big business in northern Michigan, and if local interest could be generated in such a revised program, the benefits for ACC could be great. But now the decision is up to the Board of Trustees. Whether to pay heed to the current numbers and figures and eliminate the program, or save the program and see that changes are made to try and reverse its backward motion. The decision will be made Thursday night.

Another issue the Board must deal with at their meeting is the ongoing question of the reinstitution of varsity athletics at the college.

The Student Senate has conducted several polls of student opinion on the subject and, crude as they may be, all seem to come up with the same result. Students favor it's return on an overwhelming basis, and are willing to pay for it. But whether this is enough to allow the Board to make the proper decision on the issue remains to be seen at the Thursday night board meeting.

The Student Senate is urging all students to attend this very important meeting to voice opinions on these two important issues which will greatly affect this college.

The board will meet in room 450 of the Natural Resources Building at 7:30 PM.

Student Senate Conducts Athletics Poll

For the past several months, the Student Senate of Alpena Community College has been dealing with the question of the reinstatement of varsity athletics at this institution.

Their main question is, "Do the students actually want an athletics program?"

Well, through another gallant effort on their part, the Senate has conducted another poll, using the Administration's figures as to how much money would be paid by each student to support an athletics program.

Late last week and early this week, the Senate manned polling stations at two locations around campus with a simple yes or no question. "Do you support reinstatement of varsity athletics at this college based on a fee of \$12.50 per semester for full time students, and \$7.50 per semester for part time students?" A student activity fee in this amount would raise the needed \$30,000 to run the program.

As of Monday evening, about 260 students had been polled and 83 percent of those favored it's return based on those figures. The main question that students had was which sports would be enacted. A total of five programs would be enacted for the 1984-85 year including men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, and men's golf. There is also the possibility of other sports programs being offered further down the road, if there is an interest. However, five are needed now to allow A.C.C. back into inter-collegiate competition.

The important thing to note is that this fee is not a hike in tuition, but is a student activity fee which is exactly what it implies; money for student oriented activities.

The figures garnered by this latest poll will undoubtedly be presented to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on January 19, where they will decide the fate of the athletics program once and for all.

Casino \$ Night

The Campus Activities Board has unveiled plans for the first Casino Night of the year to be held on Wednesday, January 25, at the Holiday Inn Holidome.

According to CAB chairman Scott Fowler, this year's Casino Night is guaranteed to be a success. Nearly five hundred dollars in prizes are to be given away to the lucky winners that night including a stereo system, camera, Ghetto Blaster, clock radios, and many other valuable prizes. Also, door prizes will be given away every fifteen minutes throughout the night.

The games available to the gamblers will be black jack, roulette, craps, poker, chuck-a-luck, and wheel games. Students are reminded that this activity is free and are encouraged to attend.

"Casino Nights are always the most successful events on campus during the year," Fowler said.

So find your lucky rabbits foot and put Casino Night on your calendar. YOU could be the big winner!

Children's Lit Class Offered

by Kevin R. Schalkofski

Although it has been around for a while, the Children's Literature course at ACC has never been in the limelight.

The class, currently being taught by Judy Stillion, provides second semester freshmen and sophomores with a better understanding of the development and uses of Children's Literature. Also, students learn modern methods of analysis of both fiction and non-fiction prose as well as poetry.

Approximately 12 students are enrolled in the class which provides three required credits to students majoring in the education field.

Judy Stillion is a librarian at the Alpena County Library.

Sign Language Course Offered

by Julie Taylor

26 students are enrolled in Sign Language 120 offered Tuesday evenings this semester at ACC.

The course, according to instructor Patricia Stark, is designed for the family members of the hearing impaired, those who may deal with the hearing impaired through their careers, and those who have a general interest in the language.

The course is not, however, recommended for those with impaired hearing because of its fast pace.

Stark reassures that those interested need no prior instruction to enroll in Sign Language I. She also guarantees that those who complete the two consecutive sign language courses will use the finger alphabet and the signs for words, phrases, and sentences effectively.

As instructor of the hearing impaired in Alpena's Intermediate School District, Patricia Stark should prove to be an excellent sign language instructor.

EDITORIAL PAGE

It's a well known fact that this great country of ours runs on the principle of government by the people and for the people. So by the same token, shouldn't Alpena Community College operate on the same idea? By the students and for the students?

It is quite evident that the vast majority of students (and faculty for that matter) support the reinstitution of varsity athletics at this college. Through two separate and unrelated polls both run this school year, students say they want athletics and are willing to pay for it. An ad-hoc committee formed by the president of the college, Dr. Charles Donnelly, consisting of three administrators, three faculty members and three students, recommended the reinstitution of athletics. The faculty council supported the recommendation, provided the money did not come from the general fund and hurt any other programs.

The money would not come from the general fund, but from a student activity fee, earmarked for support of an athletics program.

The most recent poll was conducted just this past week by the Student Senate. Using administration figures on the amount to be assessed from each student should athletics be reinstated, the Student Senate found an overwhelming majority willing to pay the fee.

And how much is that fee? \$12.50 per semester for full time students, and \$7.50 per semester for part time students. This fee would be added on to the end of all normal college payments such as tuition, supplies, etc.

And what do you get for your money? Five sports programs including men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, and men's golf. Plus, thinking back to high school, remember all the other activities that went along with an athletics program? Pep rallies, parties, dances. All of these would be free to students by way of the activity fee. Also, free admission to all home basketball games. About 28 in all. Is \$12.50 or \$7.50 really all that much for the activities? Let's compare it to something more material. \$12.50 would buy a 12 pack of good beer and a bag of potato chips. One night of fun and it's all gone. Or maybe a couple of nights of bowling for your boyfriend/girlfriend. It seems that this money could be spent far more wisely.

Consider for a moment the positive aspects of bringing such a program back to A.C.C.

Outside interest is just what this college needs to put it back on the community college map in this state. Plenty of that interest would come with each team that comes to Alpena to play.

Athletes who come to this college to play would live in the dormitory; therefore raising the numbers there and stimulating student life in the dorm.

Varsity athletics is not playable by all students. However, intramural sports is and athletics serves to stimulate this activity for the other students.

And probably the most important of all, having a team on campus boosts morale and would probably do wonders for the apathy problem.

So for the price, how can it be beat? It can't

Varsity athletics has been proven at this college. Go back three years to the spring of 1981. The lady Lumberjack basketball team became the Eastern Conference Champions and were finalists in the region 12 playoffs. And just one year later again made it to the playoffs.

The men's team made it to the national finals in 1966. Not bad for a small community college. Throw a couple of All-Americans in that line-up and several now famous university coaches around the country who started their careers here at A.C.C., the potential of bringing back the athletics program to this college is limitless. That is, of course, if the Board of Trustees can see the value that this program can bring to A.C.C. next year.

Letter to the Editor:

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them to another . . . hmmm . . . It seems as though when the founding fathers set forth certain documents in 1776 they failed to include some college officials . . . All men are created equal . . . well . . . how is it that some people take the haughty position that they know what's best for all. Gee, college presidents are like that, aren't they? A government for the people, by the people, and of the people? . . . my, my, my . . . but a college isn't a governmental body and why should it be run by the majority? Because that would be democratic, or would it be considered fair?

At any rate, if ACC is expected to knuckle under from pressures that are far beyond those of mortal man, then somebody has another thing coming. The students of ACC are built of sterner stuff than that and won't skulk away with their tails 'tween their legs. When a fight is imminent they put on their gloves, but there'll be lots of tape on the knuckles first. They'll stand squarely in front of their adversary and will not diminish in the sight of overwhelming odds. So take heart students and all those opposed. Watch Out!

Frank Pickard
Student

Editor,

I am writing to the paper to find some answers. Why do I have to keep filling out opinion forms to let people know that I am in favor of the reinstatement of varsity athletics at Alpena Community College?

This year, I filled out a form at registration, then later in the fall, then someone took one in my English class, and now I find that I again have to say "YES!" because I am in favor of Varsity athletics at this college AND I am willing to pay for it.

This college thirsts for an athletic program. Basketball is popular in this area. I understand that when this school had a basketball program the community took pride in the fact that there was a college in the town. My impression now is that the townspeople and students look on the college as if it is a blight on the good name of Alpena.

A varsity sports program would enhance this college. It would prove an added attraction to what could be a very stable community/technical college. This would mean an increased enrollment and additional programs of study -- perhaps even the reincarnation of dropped programs such as the fisheries program. This expected increase would mean new money for the college and dormitory, and now blood for the town of Alpena.

I can see nothing wrong with encouraging pride in our school and community.

I guess what I am really asking is, "Who keeps the Student Senate coming back to take more opinion polls?" Why aren't the first ones evidence enough that the students at this school want an athletic program?

Although I wonder at the reasons as to why I am filling out another damned poll, I will not grow tired of the process. So great is the student desire for this program that I fill out as many forms as it will take to convince the administration that this college wants and needs a sports program.

Sincerely,
John Loflin

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Small Boating Course Offered At A.C.C.

Basics of small boat handling will be taught by the Alpena Power Squadron in an 11 week course that began on Monday, January 9, here at Alpena Community College.

Two hour classroom sessions will be held each Monday for men and women and children 12 years of age and older accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be a fee for course materials but not for the instructional time.

This is the second consecutive year the Alpena Power Squadron has offered this nationally recognized safe boating course.

Course instructors will be exper-

enced members of the Alpena Power Squadron who have advanced qualifications in their specialties ranging from private power and sailboat owners to licensed Great Lakes Maritime officers.

Darrell G. Miller, commander of the Alpena Power Squadron urged all boaters throughout Northeastern Michigan to take the course and emphasized families are particularly urged to take the course. Miller said, "It is important that more than one member of a family understand proper and safe operation of a small craft."

Kenneth W. Reynolds, squadron

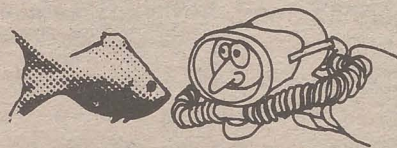
education officer, noted that this class is the first to use local charts for training purposes in line with United States Power Squadrons course changes. While Atlantic Coast charts will be used, the Harrisville to 40 Mile Point chart will also play a prominent role in chart reading and basic navigation instruction.

Besides chart reading and navigation, course subjects will include seamanship, rules of the road, compass, identification aids to navigation, common emergencies, essential terminology, and introduction to weather observation, basics of

sailing, state and federal requirements, trailering and river piloting.

Persons who successfully pass the comprehensive examination with a grade of 80 or better will be able to get premium credits on their boat insurance from most insurance carriers.

The Alpena Power Squadron was chartered by the United States Power Squadron in 1973. U.S.P.S., which was founded in 1912, is a private, non-profit, non-military and non-governmental organization of yachtsmen and boaters dedicated to education and safety. The U.S.P.S. small boating course has been offered as a public service since 1914.



A.C.C. Receives Grant

Alpena Community College has been awarded a \$12,000 grant by the Job Training Partnership Act for the purpose of developing a home care assistance program. The seven part program is unique in that its payout structure is designed to only pay the college for the programs it completes.

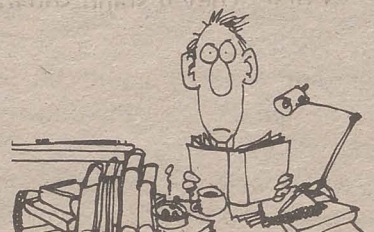
The grant is based on a performance contract. The college will be paid after the curriculum for the new program is developed and paid when recruiting, testing, and placement of 25 persons in the program is complete. And the college will receive final payment for the number of persons who complete the course and are placed in jobs.

The tentative curriculum will include 240 hours of instruction in child development, nutrition, first aid, discipline, medication, and problem solving. In addition local internships will be provided.

This twelve week project will begin at the end of March. Those interested further in the program are urged to contact the Dean of Students or the local Michigan Employment Security Commission office.

Don't Forget

It's not too late to sign up for the trip to Daytona Beach during spring break. Charter bus, great accommodations, many side trips available, and much more. For more information, call Ron Ross at college extension 287.



CU Hires New Asst. Editor

The Campus Update is pleased to welcome the services of a new assistant editor.

Scott Fowler, a sophomore at ACC, joins the staff. Scott graduated from the forestry program in 1982, and is currently the head resident at Russell Wilson Dormitory.

Among the many duties of the assistant editor are news editing and proof reading, writing, organizational assistant, and distribution manager.

We are sure that Scott's skills and talent will greatly serve the needs of this newspaper. Welcome Aboard!



Unlock Low Grades

Are you a student locked in low grades? Let the Learning Skills Center help you out.

A full-time, experienced counselor/coordinator is on staff to help anytime during the week.

There are a number of ways to determine if students are qualified for the help. The services are free of charge to students enrolled at A.C.C.

Student tutors with a gpa of 3.0 and over in a particular subject area are available for help. Tutoring is done on campus during convenient hours to both tutors and students. They have tips for efficient reading, note taking, how to "attack" one's textbooks, and much more.

So if you need some help, stop in to the Learning Skills Center in the Natural Resources Building.

Bodies Predictions

The Bodie didn't fare too well on his bowl prediction for last month. He only got six of the thirteen bowl games right. That's below five hundred! Well give him a break; he missed on a couple of upsets. He missed on the Nebraska game, when they were upset by Miami of Fla. Miami of Fla. had the home field advantage and the crowd made the difference and as a result, were national champions.

The Michigan Wolverines missed his upset prediction pick by one play. The defense played great the whole game. The offense played lousy. They had only two drives. At the beginning where they scored

and at the end when time ran out.

But behold! Don't give up on Bodie yet. He did pick the two Superbowl teams. L.A. (Oakland) Raiders and the Washington (Hogs) Redskins. The Raiders will still come out victorious. The Raiders are the intimidators and play too physical for the Redskins.

The North Carolina Tar Heels are still holding the top spot in college basketball. Bodie has a couple of sleepers to watch out for though, Villanova, Maryland, and yes the Michigan Wolverines.

His final prediction for the week is a controversial one. He predicts athletics will be reinstated at Alpena Community College.

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Superbowl XVIII

Raiders -vs- 'Skins

Los Angeles

Washington



by Mike Huggler

And just who gave Washington 3½ points in the Super Bowl?

Obviously, someone who is ignorant to that awesome team, the bad guys, the Raiders.

That the Redskins beat the Raiders during the season matters not. The Raiders had 8 turnovers and still only lost by two points. That game is insignificant, because neither team played well.

Forget regular season play. What really counts now is the playoffs. Oakland . . . er, uh . . . L.A. walked all over Pittsburgh (who was just a fluke anyway), and as for the team that beat the Raiders twice in one season, the Seahawks were too scared to play after Lyle Alzado threatened to tear their heads off. Meanwhile, the Redskins squeaked by the 49ers.

Offensively, the Raiders now, are hot, and at their worst, still very good. Marcus Allen is doing great, but he might have a costly turnover. Passing behind the most powerful line in the league is the NFL's most underrated quarterback, Jim Plunkett. So maybe his head is too big for his helmet, still, he showed in the Seattle game his keen ability to read defenses, plus some scrambling, running, and even some blocking.

He'll be throwing to Malcolm Barnwell, Cliff Branch, and the league's top receiver, tight end and poet, Todd Christenson.

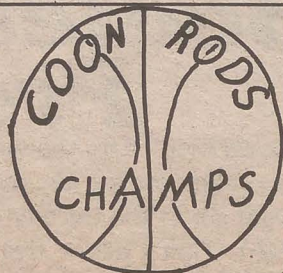
Defensively, the Raiders are the best. They are mean, ugly intimidating, powerful. The defensive line, which lead the conference in sacks, boasts Youngsters Howie Long and Greg Townsend along with veterans Ted Hendricks and, of course, Lyle Alzado. Along with Matt Millen and superstar Rod Martin for linebackers the defense faces the toughest challenge, shutting down Riggins. And they will.

And after Riggins is put to rest, the game is over, for the Raiders have the best secondary anywhere, something the Skins are far from.

Raiders' safeties Mike Davis and Vann McElroy are good, but even more promising are the finest cornerbacks in the league, Mike Haynes and Lester Hayes.

The Redskins are a fine team, but unlike the media would have one believe, they can be beat. And the Raiders will beat them. The Raiders put away Seattle and Pittsburgh before halftime, but this time, the Redskins will take longer, let's say 5 minutes into the fourth quarter.

The score? Raiders 31. Redskins 20.



Intramurals

by Anthony Terry

Intramural play came to a close this season with the crowning of a new champion of basketball.

The Coon Rods nip the Jammers 53-52. The game went back and forth all night. The lead changed hands twenty-two times.

The game was decided when Tim Boyk sank two free throws with fourteen seconds left in the game, to give the Coon Rods a 53-50 lead.

Steve Lewandowski led the Coon Rods with 24 points and Tim Boyk followed with 23. The Jammers were led by Eric Groff with 19 points.

In the beginning of the second half the Jammers ran off seven points to jump to a 30-22 lead. That lead lasted for only a minute as the Coon Rods ran off ten points of their own. Three of their baskets came off fast breaks.

The first half the Coon Rods took a 20-16 lead and took a 26-18 lead at the half time.

The Coon Rods went through the intramural season undefeated.

by John Loflin

Jimmy the Greek gave the Washington Redskins 3½ points in the Superbowl. This along with Kanda the Gorilla and every bookie in the country. These sports psychics make their living by choosing who will win and by how much. Without their ability to accurately predict the outcomes of sporting events, these men wouldn't be able to put bread on their families' tables. Because of their past records and their driving need to feed their families, I usually pay heed to what they have to say.

The point spread could be 50 points for all I care. Winning the Superbowl still amounts to one thing, and that is the championship of the world, no matter how many points are in the spread. The same applies to the Redskins defeat of the L.A. Raiders in regular season play. Who cares if the Redskins won by "only" two points? The Redskins still chalked up a win and the Raiders still took a loss.

Before we can discuss the power of the Washington team, lets make a mockery of the Raiders. First, where are these guys going to call home? The Oakland team was a powerful and fun team; the new L.A. team has no place to call home. Most people still refer to the Raiders as Oakland. The Campus Update's own sports gypsy, "Bodie" referred to the team as Oakland in the Christmas issue of this paper. I have little respect for a team whose fans can't even remember from where they hail.

Alzado is a bum. He was a failure when he played second fiddle to Denver's Randy Gradishar. His brief retirement from pro ball witnessed an attempt at entrepreneurship when he disappointed the palates of critics at his mile high restaurant, Alzado's. His return to pro football has been equally disappointing.

And Mr. Huggler, the men who underrated Jim Plunkett did so based on his performance.

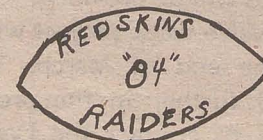
The names of the Redskins players stand for themselves. Theisman, Riggins, Washington, Brown, Butz, and Green (destined for Rookie of the Year).

Joe Theisman is an entity. The man is all over the field. He can throw a 60 yard pass without thinking twice. He can fake and run. He is an extraordinary athlete who enjoys running reverses so he can block out a linebacker. If you're still not sold, he is one of People magazine's most intriguing people of 1983.

The Redskins are a fun team to watch. The offensive line, affectionately referred to as "Hogs" boasts an average size of over 280 pounds. Dave Butz huge 300 pound frame certainly aids the defense. John Riggins heads the backfield, "Riggo's Rangers", while Charlie Brown leads the receivers' "Fun Bunch" in their touchdown rituals. The Redskins secondary has reportedly taken on the handle of "Pearl Harbor Team" led by Darrell Green because, "Everybody keeps throwing bombs at us!"

Fans also must remember that the Redskins are made up primarily of free agents and trades. Most of their trades were troublemakers for the teams they played for, and now playing for the Skins, remain thorns in their old teams' sides. John Riggins was probably the most radical when he wore his hair in the mohawk style when he played for the New York Jets.

Let's face facts: The Washington Redskins team is made up of mongrels. But we must remember that there is no beast more faithful and eager to please than the mongrel. The Washington Redskins will not let their fans down this year. They will hold the title of World Superbowl Champions for yet another year.



For Sale: "Ski Michigan Coupon Book" Good for 65 free lift tickets, equipment rentals, and area use passes in Michigan including Mt. Mariah, Tyrolean, and many others. Send \$12.95 to Ski Michigan, 24683 Stanford, Dearborn Hts., MI 48125 or call (313) 277-7769. Also ski enthusiast or organization wanted as local distributor. Good profit margin!

The new intramural sports season will begin January 23rd instead of January 16th so that new students have time to sign up teams.

Team and individual signups will be taken at the Student Affairs Office until Friday, January 20th. Teams include basketball, bowling, and volleyball.

Everyone has a special someone. Why not let that person know you care on Valentines Day. Fill out this special tear-off with your message and submit it to the Campus Update mailbox in room 100, Van Lare Hall by January 26.