

Letter to the Editor

Editorial Angers SS President

Well, well, well, it seems as though our founding fathers have had their toes stepped on again. When the basic freedoms were set forth they didn't set the limits to which an assistant editor of a college newspaper could go to demean a particular group of students. The limits of propriety were surpassed in the Feb. 1 issue of the Campus Update. When a vengeful upstart uses a media such as the Update to relate exaggerations and untruths, it's a sin.

The Student Senate is comprised of knowledgeable, caring students of all ages and backgrounds. They must address many controversial issues and it's not an easy task. Certainly there is some disagreement at times, but this only serves to bring light to previously unknown facts, and shows all sides of the issues at hand. These people, who represent the student body, do not attend the meetings for the purpose of causing a controversy or to be called names and have an accusing finger pointed at them by a vindictive person in a position to poison minds 'en masse'.

The author of last weeks editorial called the Senate members "Babies and Brats" and intimated at the name "schmucks". He also stated this was the same Student Senate that was responsible for the alienation of Dr. Donnelly, our college president. I had a meeting with Dr. Donnelly on Feb. 6, in which he stated that he was unaware of any alienation and went on to say, "If there is anything that I can do at any time to help out, just let me know." The author also mentions a cold war, but it seems this cold war only exists within the mind of the assistant editor.

The assistant editor fails to mention the rapport and trust that has been built up between the Student Senate and the Board of Trustees. He also fails to mention the respect the Student Senate has earned among the community, administration, and faculty.

In my opinion, the Student Senate has done an incredible amount of work this academic year and I am proud to be a member. I would also like to say that if I had to choose nine other people to do what the Senate has done this year, I couldn't find a better group. I commend them for their efforts and issue an invitation to all students to come to our meetings and see your Student Senate in action.

Frank Pickard II
Student Senate President

P.S. Mr. Assistant Editor,

This letter wasn't written to make you look like a wet sock, but if the shoe fits, wear it.

Editor's Note:

The opinion expressed in the editorial of the February 1 issue is that of the editorial staff, and is not the sole opinion of the assistant editor.

Work Study/Job Placement

by Monica Jahnke

Alpena Community College may soon be expanding the current work study program to include job placement.

Work study is a branch of Financial Student Aid. All students awarded Pell Grants are eligible for work study. Work study placement forms will be mailed to the student, which must be completed and returned to Frank McCourt, Room 110, Besser Technical Center. McCourt has a list of employers and using the completed forms, matches employees with employers. An interview between the two is set up and if both agree, the student picks up his/her time sheets and W-2 tax forms. To date, 200 work study

programs have already been awarded. Seven students are still in need of a job.

A Job Placement Program would place students in part-time employment and after graduation place students in full-time employment. The program would offer career information and skills such as how to interview, how to write a resume and how to search for a job in this area. Frank McCourt stated that he is "writing for federal and state grants so that we will have money to hire a secretary, some additional help, print placement forms, career literature, and reference books, and purchase computer software and hardware so that we will have a full-fledged placement office."

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of purchasing a CAD/CAM system. Attempts are being made to request the federal government to fund the balance. Until then, the responsibility lies with the college.

In defense of the systems cost, Lamb pointed out that during his three year investigation, the main concern was the factor of industrial compatibility. "What we were looking for was a system the students could learn on, then immediately go into the work force without the need of further instruction. It would be pointless to teach students on a system that is not geared for industry." said Lamb. Which applicant would an employer hire-

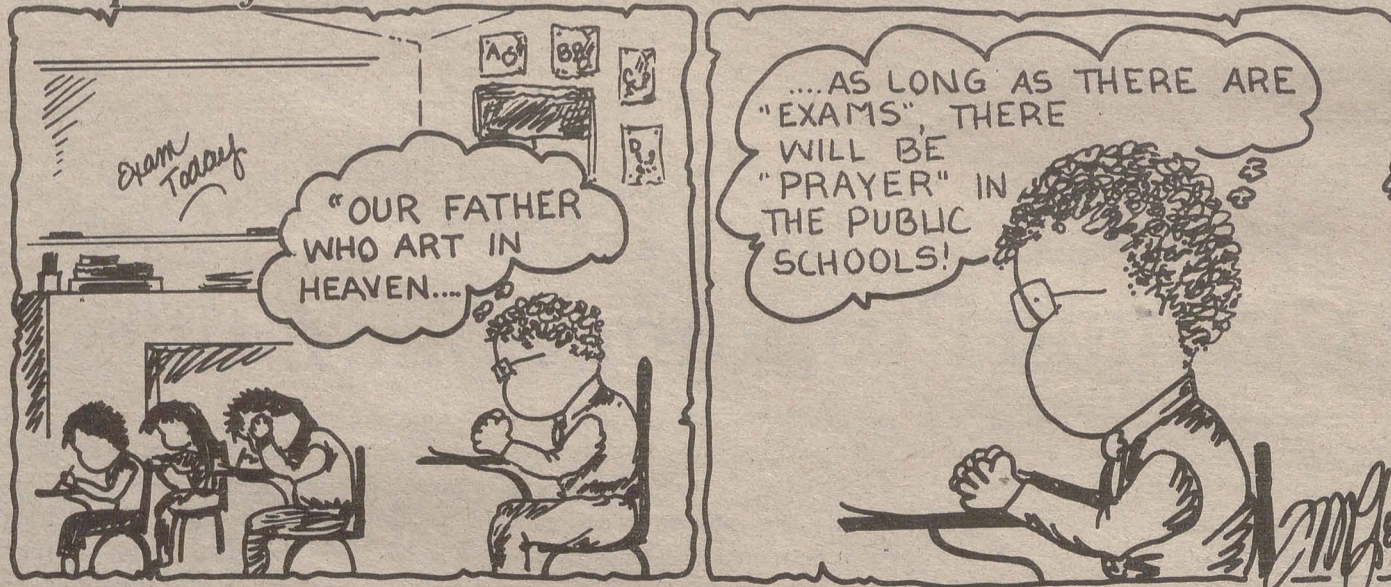
one who comes to the company fully trained, or one the company will have to spend time and money to train?"

Finally, Lamb stressed the importance of keeping Alpena Community College competitive with other colleges offering similar programs. Kalamazoo, Valley, Jackson, and Grand Rapids community colleges already have implemented similar systems into their drafting programs. "Even Lake Superior College's system will be outdated compared to Alpena's," Lamb boasted.

Lamb, who holds degrees from General Motors Institute, Wayne State University and Central Michigan University, and fellow drafting instructor, Hans Hatopp, who holds degrees from Stout University and University of Illinois, are going through intensive CAD/CAM training sponsored by Gerber Systems Technology, Inc., in Hartford Connecticut. They will return on February 18.



Campus Life....



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Student Senate Elections
President, Vice-President, Secretary,
Treasurer, Van Lare Hall and
Besser Tech Center Lobbies.

"Exercise Your Right"

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