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Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows.

The improvement of our way of life is more important than the spreading of it.

IBM PC Coming To Microcomputer Center

By Monica Jahnke

ACC is in the process of converting the present Apple Microcomputer lab in Besser Technical Center, to an updated Microcomputer center, where students will learn in an environment similar to those they may find at their work-site.

This will create a real first for ACC in the computer area. Not only will students be prepared and qualified for the existing work environment, but community, family - owned businesses will also directly benefit from the new IBM PC AT computer system.

The AT Concept is not just a terminal, but is a networking of microcomputers and is State of the Art technology. One AT will be located at ACC campus. One will be lo-

cated at Wurtsmith Air Force Base campus. Four MacIntosh are also included in the package.

Dean Alan Reed is planning and hoping that the IBM PC AT will be installed and ready for student and teacher use by Spring 1985 semester.

When the IBM PC AT arrives, the following course will be offered: Introduction to Data Processing, Business Communications, Software, Computer Operating Systems, Business Data Management, Accounting Software, and Introduction to Program Languages. Instructor Robert Fournier stated, "this is basically the same program ACC offered in the past, but instead of dealing with mainframe computers, students will

be dealing with microcomputers".

A new teaching concept for ACC is the viewing room. It is actually a classroom with four 25" screens which display computer programs for students to view. This will allow students to participate more directly with the teacher. The present system forces students to crowd around one computer terminal while the instructor attempts to explain things, or the instructor can run around the lab, assisting one person at a time at individual microcomputer terminals. It will also free up the lab for student and/or other use. Two viewing screens will be installed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base campus too.

The Microcomputer Curricu-

lum Committee Board members began searching for State of the Art microcomputer hardware and software, in the early part of Spring 1984 semester. With a deadline of July 1984 to meet, committee members decided on the IBM PC AT microcomputer system.

According to Instructor Robert Fournier, Gary Sparks, a committee member, was in many cases the inspiration for the concepts ACC incorporated in microcomputer package.

Committee members chose the IBM PC AT for ACC, since a majority of local, as well as nonlocal, area businesses already have, or are in the process of purchasing an IBM microcomputer system.

According to Gloria Brandenburg, Systems 1 student,

some other reasons ACC chose the IBM PC AT are: 2½ times faster than the IBM PC, its dual functioning capability (it can stand alone, or it can be plugged into a mainframe), and its multiuser, multi-tasking abilities.

When the new IBM's arrive, ACC will have two computer labs; one for the Apple microcomputers and one for the IBM PC AT microcomputers. Seven microcomputers will be held in a checkout mode, for instructor use.

The microcomputer package was financed through a combined effort between the Microcomputer program and the Microcomputers for Secretarial Science program at a total cost of \$161,762.04.

Try To Reinstate Fine Arts Program

By J. Webber

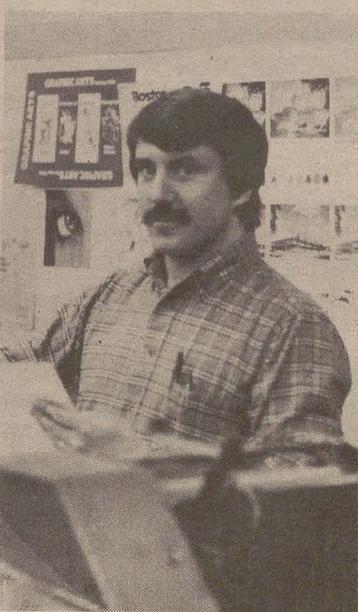
Fine arts may be returning to ACC after a three year absence.

According to Dr. Lawrence Aufderheide, head of ACC's English department, the college is offering two music classes and a basic drawing class next semester. The two music classes offered are Music In The Elementary Classroom, which is primarily for elementary education majors, and Collegiate Singers. The collegiate singing class that will hopefully help the campus and community tie together. The instructor for both classes will be Patricia Bunce.

Another fine arts class offered next semester is Basic Drawing 1. Aufderheide says

that the instructor for this class has not been selected yet but will be one that has produced work that has been displayed at exhibits and showings.

Along with the return of art and music, the English department is in the planning phase of developing a foreign language class for ACC's campus. Wurtsmith Air Force Base already offers a one credit hour conversational French class. Another future class being considered for next fall is Art For The Classroom Teacher. "We are keeping our fingers crossed," says Dr. Aufderheide.



Greg Hurd, former Campus Update Editor, has returned to ACC as an addition to the Graphic Arts Dept. staff.

Former Editor Returns To A.C.C.

By Tracy Urban

A graduate of ACC and former editor of the Campus Update, Greg Hurd, is back as a college staff member.

Hurd who graduated with an Associate in Arts majored in journalism and also obtained a Certificate in Graphic Arts. He was the Assistant Editor of the Campus Update during the 1981-82 school year and the Editor during the 1982-83 school year.

Hurd joined the staff in the Graphic Arts Dept. on November 5, 1984. He spends 34 hours a week as production personnel where he does the printing for the college and the K-12 schools, this includes such things as the class schedules. He also works 6 hours a week as a para-professional where he works with the students in class.

Hurd says his new job is exciting, stimulating, and it's "interesting to be involved in the learning process."

His wife who is attending Saginaw Valley State College will be joining him here in Alpena in mid-December.

Graphic Arts is the study of all types of print. Here at ACC they have equipment ranging from Letter Press where the print is set by hand, to Photo Offset.

According to Hurd, Graphic Arts is one of the most "stable and growing fields available," and the number of students attending the classes at ACC has more than doubled since he was a student in the program.

One of the major problems the program is facing at this time is a lack of space. There is a possibility the program will be moved to the Forestry Building; the move would solve the space problem but depends on funding.

