

# STAFF PROFILE ON MR. GAMAGE

Didja ever wonder? Didja ever wonder what "burning rubber" means? Does the rubber actually go up in flames? And when you do burn rubber, where does the rubber go?

the wind chill, it is a thousand below) Alpena, Michigan?

My first thought was, maybe the engineering job was in San Francisco in the Haight-Asbury district in the late '60's. But I was

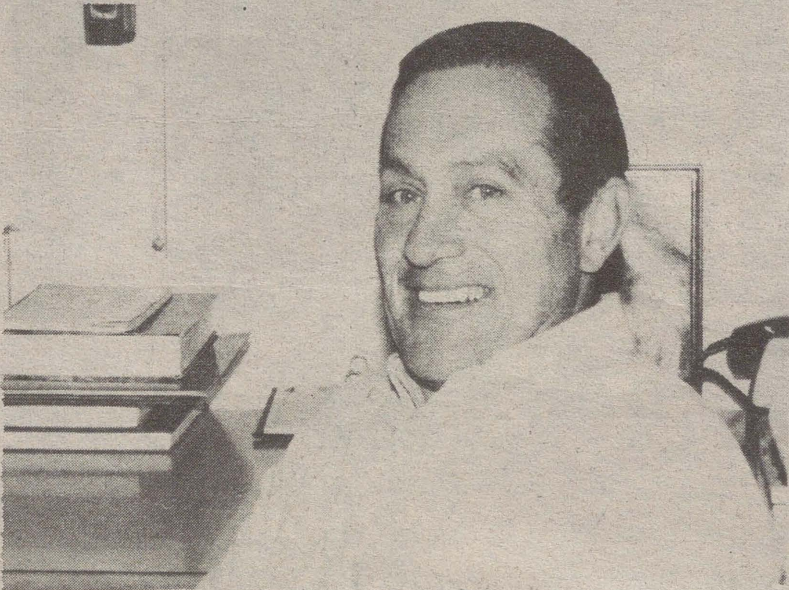
thoughts of "chalk and talk", and Gamage headed for California.

Gamage was employed at Space Technology Laboratories in California for five years before he packed up his earmuffs and red union suit and moved back to Alpena.

The proximity of his family was one of the main reasons for the move back to Michigan. Gamage also found that working with the faculty and students at ACC was much more enjoyable than working at Space Laboratories.

Gamage is also involved in a number of community services. He has held the positions of treasurer for the Alpena Junior-Senior High Recreational Basketball Association, township clerk for Green Township and finance chairman for his church in Hillman.

For the past 14 years, Gamage has worked as a volunteer fireman for the Green Township Fire Department. Some of Gamage's hobbies include camping, hunting, fishing and gardening. He enjoys helping students sharpen their mathematics and engineering skills.



MR. GAMAGE

Did you ever wonder why Herb Gamage, engineering and mathematics instructor at ACC would leave an awesome, high-paying job in (extremely warm) California to come back and teach in (extremely frigid, and with

mistaken.

Gamage was born and raised in Alpena, and he graduated from the University of Michigan with an engineering degree. He was offered a teaching job, but the thoughts of "sun and fun" overpowered the

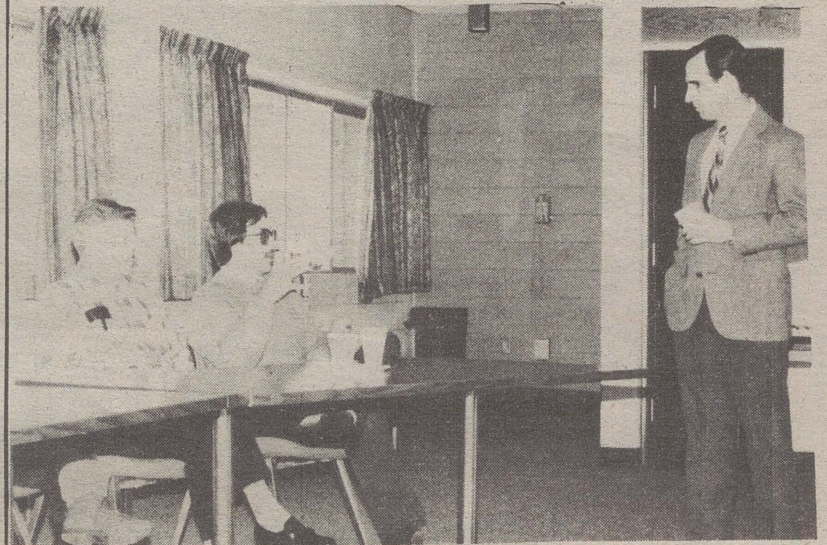
## STUDENTS GATHER FOR RECEPTION

A group of approximately 25 students and faculty members gathered at Dr. Newport's reception, held in room 450 NRC, February 9, 1987.

This, being a small crowd, was a perfect example for one of the problems Dr. Newport addressed. He commented that, "Communication is a concern

meet at, so better communication can be established between the clubs, was brought up. Dr. Newport thought this was an important need, so the clubs can come together and support one another.

Another issue brought up was the smoking policy. There seems to be a progressing problem with the situation, first it is cold out,



we all should be worried about."

The college's students and faculty members, with organizations, groups, and clubs, need to support one another. This needs to be done through communication.

The reception was the perfect opportunity for anybody to address the President with their concerns, or praises about the colleges. Dr. Newport answered many pressing questions that were of concern.

When asked what would be done with the funds if the millage did pass, Dr. Newport stated, "There are two factors that will be immediate challenges, one being, to establish stability, and two, to look at where we are trying to get.

The question of getting a student center, for all the clubs to

second there seems to be alot more trash out by the doors, someone commented.

The problem is not being ignored though, so hold on smokers, maybe heat is not to far away.

Better lighting in the parking lot, was also a major issue addressed. Dr. Newport said, "I think it can be improved, and it needs to be improved."

Dr. Newport when asked, "What are you going to do for the college as Dr. Donald Newport he said, "I tend to be very visible as a person. Responsible, open and straight with people, my door is always open. I plan to be active in the community and keep looking down the road to where we are trying to get."

## ACC Partakes in National Community College Month

This month, ACC will join more than 1,200 other community, technical, and junior colleges in the U.S. to celebrate National Community College month.

This was first proclaimed by President Reagan in February, 1986, and in his statement the President said, "The key word is community. They are truly part of their communities, offering accessible and affordable education

students and 55 percent of all first-time freshman in the U.S. Of these students, over 2,000 were enrolled at ACC.

ACC is especially proud of the vital role it played in developing courses designed to help those workers who were laid off because of cutbacks in industrial jobs last year.

Because of the classes that were offered, many of those

the convenience of being community based and locally controlled, cost effectiveness with affordable tuition, a caring environment and comprehensive programs with highly qualified instructors.

It has been noted that over 80 percent of all credit students in community colleges are employed either full or part time while they attend college and a majority of students are older than the traditional college age of 18 to 21. The average age of the student at ACC is 26 and a large majority of them attend on a part-time basis.

In addition to the educational opportunities offered, the college has a close partnership with business and industry involved with area economic development and at the same time, ACC returns millions of dollars to the Alpena area because of the size of its faculty and staff.



President Newport Receives the New College Resolution from Mayor Fletcher to almost everyone."

Michigan ranks as one of the top states in community college enrollments. More than four million students took credit classes at America's community colleges last year, representing over 41 percent of all undergraduate

students are back to work beginning new job careers while others have elected to continue taking courses offered by the college that will help insure their future in the job market.

The important features ACC tries to make people aware of are:

Business Club is sponsoring a Support Goup which will be meeting February 17, at the First Congregational Church at 7:00pm.

The support group is open to all single parents who are presently attending ACC. The group is designed to help single parents cope with their daily consuming schedules.

There is a licensed social worker, Debra Schmidt, who leads the group discussions. The topics discussed are those which the group suggest. Some topics are financial support, school/work/and family time and other items.

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