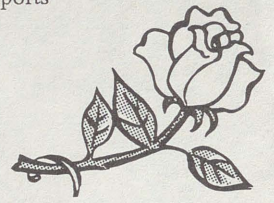


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February Designated National Community College Month

Community Colleges, "Where America Goes to College" is February's theme at ACC. At the January 20 Board of Trustees meeting a resolution was passed recognizing February as National Community College month. ACC will be joining Michigan's 28 other community colleges in celebrating.

ACC activities for February were presented by Carlene Przykucki, director of public information, at the Board meeting. Technical plans included a proposed resolution recognizing ACC and National Community College month to 12 of Northeast Michigan's governmental units.

Community awareness highlights include informal press releases that will direct attention on the changing student population, community partnerships and future challenges, also ads sponsored by Mr. Phil Ludlow. This concept stemmed from the amount of long time experienced staff members and will be recognized as a "Salute to ACC people."

Students can join February's celebration by attending the Homecoming basketball games

and dance which are scheduled on Feb. 4. For those attending the dance, it begins at 9:30 pm and semi-formal attire is required.

"ACC day at the Mall" is scheduled for Feb. 11 from 11 am to 4 pm. Displays will be set-up to

further educate the community on programs, departments and services that are offered. The college display is the one event scheduled for the the mall that day which coincides with the Alpena Winter Carnival. The College officials

feel this will be an excellent time to draw in community residents as well as out of town visitors and provide them with an excellent opportunity to "get to know ACC."

A Washington D.C. legislative

conference of the American Student Association for Junior Technical and Community Colleges is scheduled for Feb. 25-28. ACC Student Senate President, Mike Fournier and Student Senate member Collette Born have been appointed to the board and will represent ACC in Washington. The conference will allow students an opportunity to meet the congressmen and discuss the amount of support they can expect at the National level.

The ACC daily 'Splinter' will be featuring a new fact each day through the month about community colleges. The 'Splinter' will also announce the "Wear Your Logo Day". One day during February will be designated and everyone is asked to wear the ACC logo.

The ACC Concept of February is to saturate the community with ACC and hopes to provide additional knowledge of its strengths, and in doing so the officials feel the community will recognize that the college needs its community in supporting the college's efforts.

By Mary Bartz



1989 Homecoming Court Candidates are L-R Debbie Lixie: Concrete Tech, Nicole Bays: Circle K, Corinne Buchler: Business Club, Roxanne Wheeler: Men's Basketball, Lori James: Student Senate, Tracey Barraco: Lumberjack. Missing: Leslie Hempel: Ski Club, Tabatha Koeger: Women's Basketball.

ACC Expands

Curriculum

Through Grant

Curriculum changes will result from a \$185,000 Jobs Training/Retraining Grant awarded ACC in December. Dr. Curtis Davis, dean of Campus Programs, said he expects about a hundred students to participate in the programs various aspects. The expanded Industrial Training and Retraining Center on the Alpena campus will be completed and in place by the start of Fall Semester 1989 classes, Davis added.

An advisory committee involving ACC and local industries has met several times to plan and implement changes made possible by the state competitive Job Training/Retraining and Investment Fund grant.

The focus of the grant is

threefold, Davis explained: to identify customized training needs of local industry, make changes in the curricula of the current millwright and electrical apprenticeship programs, and redesign lab space needed for training. Modifications will be made to the west end of the BTC annex, currently in use for auto lab storage, in order to accommodate new and existing training equipment.

Students expected to be involved in the programs include some number of unemployed persons, while others will be local and area industry employees whose employers will pay for the retraining to upgrade their job skills.

A critically important area of the program will further develop what David calls "customized training," which he explained as the training of skills specific to a particular industry. This area is not new to ACC, as Besser Co. has made use of the college's customized training capabilities for many years, and LaFarge Corp. has done so since beginning its operations in Alpena.

A number of local industries, in addition to Besser and LaFarge, have made known their support and cooperation of expansion of the Industrial Training/Retraining Center. Davis stated, "They're very enthusiastic about it."

It was, in fact, local industry support that aided in securing the

grant for ACC; other facts considered included the overall economic need in the community, and the number of persons anticipated to be affected by programs proposed in the grant application.

Competition for JTRIF grant monies was characterized as "keen", with \$6.7 million in grant requests, and only \$2.4 million in funds appropriated by the State Legislature.

Efforts at securing the grant were coordinated by Dr. Davis and Chuck Wiesen of ACC, with an assist in Lansing from State Senator Connie Binsfeld.

By Gayle Ayers