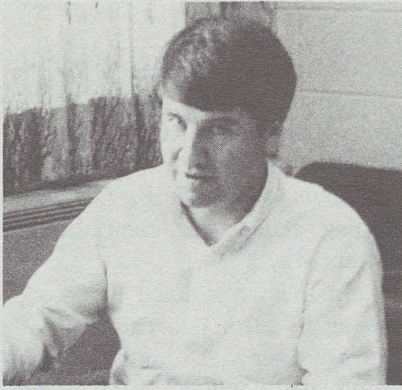


Faculty Speak - How Do You Feel About ACC ?



Max Lindsay
Asst. Dean of Students

The millage election is very important to the college and our students. These are basically the sources of revenue for the college: state aid, local taxes (millage) and tuition. We know that state aid will increase only fractionally, so if revenue can not be increased through local taxes, the increase needed will come through a tuition increase.

Although we are enjoying a record enrollment, I am concerned that another large tuition increase will discourage many potential students from enrolling. Community college must provide educational opportunities for our students in order to insure access to everyone seeking higher education.

From a purely selfish standpoint, students should realize that a 1-mill increase in local taxes would actually cost most people considerably less than a tuition increase that we instituted last fall. Our students hold the power to pass the millage, please vote yes on May 2.



Paulette Frantz
Accounting Instructor
Student Senate Advisor

ACC is a very necessary institution to have in the community. The services offered here help businesses get started (funding, business plans, marketing etc..) and train employees to keep them going.

The availability of a community college can be an attraction for business planning to relocate into a community. ACC has worked hard to forge a partnership with its corporate neighbors and the experience has been positive for all concerned.

Both individuals and our community's economy benefit greatly from ACC's responses to community needs in the areas of job training and retraining. The college responds to requests, ranging from small businesses to large industries, with specially designed classes, workshops and programs in offices and plants as well as on campus.

Only through our local community college can many who have families and jobs, or who hope to have jobs in this area afford the training and education they need.

ACC is planning now, through the millage election, to avoid a financial crisis which would endanger the continuation of these opportunities so valuable to our community.

Vernie Nethercut
Volunteer Center



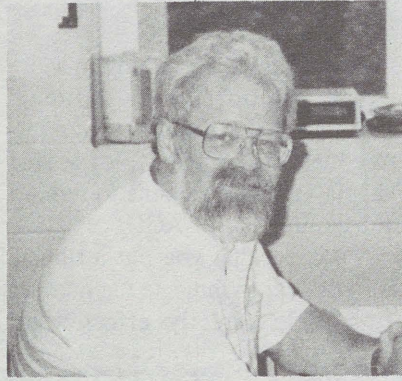
Chuck Wiesen
Director, Center For Economic and Human Resource Development

To me, ACC is a component in the communities education system and a critical link in Northeastern lower Michigan's economic development network.

Considering how few of the States communities have a college "in house", Alpena is unique. The services we provide range from academic programs to counselling to facilities for group meetings.

As the community looks at economic development, the college is critical. Employees today must have access to training and/ on retraining resources. To discount the value of the college as the community works to attract new business and to retain existing business is to insure that these activities won't happen.

In summation, many, I believe that the community is probably more visible today in community college than ever before.



Jim Miesen
English Instructor

It is unfortunate that those influences in our lives that are always "there", always reliable and responsible are often taken for granted whether they be people or institutions. Such is the case of ACC, it has been "here" since the 50's and the majority of families in Alpena County have taken advantage of ACC's services. Yet, I don't really believe this institution is fully appreciated for what it is and what it could become.

In the past 23 years that I have taught at ACC we have received, on a yearly basis, formal and informal reports back from our graduating students who have moved on to the 4 year institutions. Consistently, these students praise the superior writing instruction they have received at ACC. Consistently they indicate that they are better prepared than many of those from other institutions. This is the rule and not the exception when applied generally to the instruction levels achieved at ACC.

Whenever, I attend state wide and nation wide conferences and seminars on education I am continually impressed with how well ACC measures up to the rest of the institutions. In many ways we are more advanced and sophisticated in our methods and results than are the majority of institutions. There is so much to feel pride about regarding ACC and there is much that can and must be supported if this institution is to continue.



I believe the number of success stories that could be written about graduates of ACC in itself speaks loudly and clearly of the quality of education offered by the institution. Examples can be found in all areas of study, not just some "special programs. If I was not such a firm believer in the quality of education at ACC I would not have my son attending here next fall. We do however desparately need the millage requested in order to make this place even better.

Owen Lamb
Drafting/CAD Instr.

1. As a citizen: I am appreciative of the close availability of quality instruction in many diverse areas. While teaching at ACC, I have taken approximately 10 classes for interest sake.

2. As a parent: The convenient quality instruction allows my daughters to stay at home for 2 years and then transfer to a four year institution without problems. (My oldest daughter will be a student at ACC next year).

3. As a professor: I appreciate working with quality professionals.

4. As Dept. Chair of Math/Science Department: I am proud of the reputation we have gained at all the institutions receiving our students in the mathematics, science and engineering areas.

5. Concerns: The maintenance of such quality requires large expenditures in current scientific and computing equipment. Inflation is far stripping the slight financial gains we get from the state, so without monies from other sources I am afraid that at some point we may not be able to maintain the quality desired.

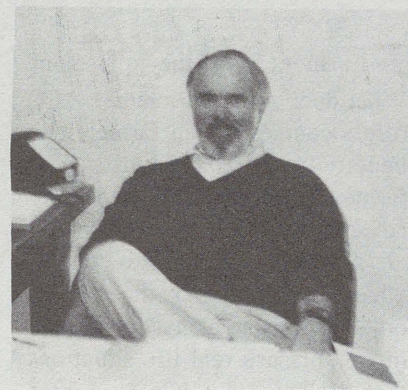
Gary Sparks
Math/Sci Dept. Chair



My first college degree was from a Michigan community college. I am proud of that degree, it provided me with a solid stepping stone toward my future and confirmation of my abilities. I believe that community colleges are important, because of they do for the individual and they community they serve. The low costs, the low faculty to student ratio, high successes in college transfer, and a sense of caring are all characteristics of the community college. I believe in community colleges because I lived the experience and I also learned that they not only provide important education opportunities and services for individuals, but also for the businesses and industries in that community.

I feel that the long range success of this community and the community college are linked. The support from the community isn't just important, it is vital to ACC. The millage vote is more than just an expression of how the community feels about taxes, it is saying how the community feels about the college.

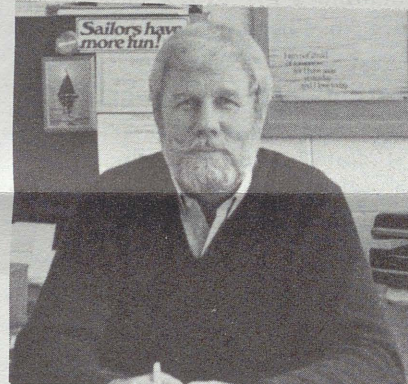
Chuck Tetzlaff
Library and Media Specialist



Dr. Elbridge Dunckel
Science Instructor

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Past millage failures occurred because all or most of the yes voters did not get to the polls and vote yes. Our student population is well represented in that group. There are no individuals that are more negatively affected by a no vote than ACC students. Your own selfish interests will be weighed in the balance of your performance in the May 2 election.



Herm Bordewyk
Law Enforcement Instr.

Alpena Community College has been and continues to be the single most significant springboard into the future for many.

Thousands of graduates from our programs who range in age from the teens to senior citizens, have experienced profound changes in their lives as a result of the training, guidance and encouragement they received at ACC.

Personally, I'm very proud that I have been privileged to be a part of this process. When students come back to see me after graduating and settling into productive lives throughout the country, I truly appreciate the value of my role in the scheme of things and I know that it has all been worthwhile.

Our graduates consistently in advanced education and the marketplace because they received the right foundation here at ACC.

I sincerely hope that our community will continue to support their college in order to insure their future.