

Youth Club begins renovations

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With the help of a \$25,000 endowment fund, The Alpena Youth Club will begin the necessary renovations that are needed to bring the existing building and its staff up to state certification levels.

Renovations taking place will more fire exits, and doorways. Also the Youth

Club will install all new lighting. In addition the AYU will be adding two new bathrooms.

According to youth club director Jenine Repke, the plans for improvement came after a recent drop in enrollment. After researching the problem, it was learned that parents were in need of more flexible day-care. With the improvements, the day-care will be able to accept drop-off children for those

unforeseen emergencies that often plague working parents.

In addition the Alpena Youth Club will increase its current preschool enrollment from 34 to 68. They will also be accepting children from two years, to twelve years.

"With more parents in the work force these days, the need for more state certified day-care is present," stated Repke.

The yearly \$25 enrollment fee will no longer be in effect, instead parents will have a choice of paying either a flat hourly rate, half day rate, or full day rate, depending on their individual needs.

With the improvements planned for the club and its users, Repke, is hoping this will offset the new rate policy.

With the help of a local business, the club plans to install more computer terminals, for use by the kids.

Other plans to incorporate a science center, equipped with a variety of unusual creatures, are in the works.

Repke, is also excited about the prospect of beginning a club newsletter written and run entirely by the members of the new center.

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Photographs placed on the pages are entered with a scanner the college recently purchased. Any photograph, logo, or graphic can be digitized and manipulated in the computer after being scanned. This scanner is located in Van Lare Hall computer lab 113.

Ten other community colleges between Michigan and Montana are also involved in placing themselves on the Internet. Most major universities already have their own Web page.

ACC hopes this Internet access will be made available to the public soon. These Web pages are sure to bring more interest into the variety of programs, while also creating awareness of the college's increasing technological growth.

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in the project, including Newport, began looking toward the state for help in funding the center.

After consulting with various segments of the state government, Newport said, the capital outlay project appeared to be the best option. That decision led to the filing of an application, which has led to the center being finalized in Lansing.

Newport conveyed that the center is one of the prime capital outlay projects in a supplemental budget request that Governor Engler has submitted to the legislature for implementation this year. The budget request is connected to this year's state budget, as opposed to next year's, so the funds may be authorized without an extended period of waiting.

According to Newport, the center is seen as a model of how business and industry and a public institution (ACC) can work together to prepare students for success in the modern world. The community will also benefit, for better-skilled workers are essential to having a strong

economic future, he said.

Kevin L. Curtis, vice president of Besser Company, said, "We will now have a center that will be called a manufacturing system, so that we can teach the complete process, (which) is inventory control, management of raw materials, production techniques, and quality control systems."

Curtis went on to say that the center is being geared toward "people who have an interest in education and training and, ultimately, having a better product go into the industry." If the concrete-oriented industry brings out a quality product, every company within it will benefit and grow, according to Curtis. But to keep up that quality, he added, "you have to have education and training."

Curtis said that the concept of the center revolves around the fact that all aspects of the concrete-oriented industry will be contributing to the services that the center will provide, so it is the industry, not any one company, that will reap the rewards of the education and training to be offered.

Before the center's specific educational functions - classroom, hands-on instruction, or lab work - can be finalized, Jim Park, president and Ceo of Besser Company, said, the companies that will be matching the state's economic contribution will be consulted as to what areas of the concrete-oriented industry they want focus on.

Several companies and training institutions, such as the American Concrete Institute, the Portland Cement Association, and businesses from the region, will also benefit from the center, Park said.

The center will have international interest, as well, according to Park, because countries all over the world, especially the former Soviet Union, India, and China, are becoming more aware of the usefulness of concrete technology. Those markets, new to concrete, need the most advanced training available to obtain paramount production and implementation of their new concrete, or concrete-related, products.

"Concrete's fun right now, it's in," Park said.

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In the spring of 1998, the visiting team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which is this region's accreditation association, will come to read the self-study report and conduct on-site interviews and observations over a 3-4 day period.

In 1986-87, the coordinator of the self-study was Darby Williams, who was assistant dean at that time.

This time, the administration and board felt that it would be wiser to have a faculty person as coordinator due to a deeper involvement with the college, said Phillips.

Phillips commented, "I think that this can contribute to the institution that has been very good to me."

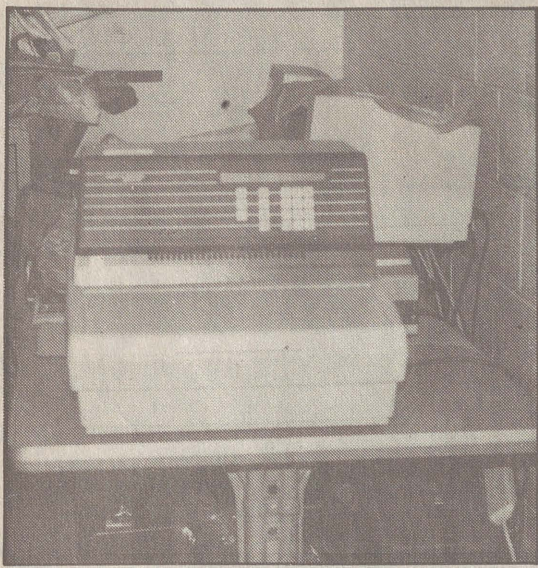


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ACC's Medical Assistants received a new, used, blood testing machine this spring. The Abbott Vision machine tests levels of: cholesterol, glucose, triglycerides and BUN. A big thank you to Westbranch Dept. of Health, Ogemaw County and Russ Ward of Abbott Company.

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LaCombe was nominated by ACC President Donald L. Newport upon recommendation of Phi Theta Kappa honor society advisor J. Wesley Law. Both are attending today's reception at the Lansing Center Ballroom.

LaCombe said his time at ACC gave him "the positive conviction that knowledge is the key to success." He also credited the guidance received at ACC with creating confidence "about the continuation of my education at the university level."

He served as public relations officer of ACC's Nu

Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was a tutor for biology, social sciences and algebra, and was named to the Dean's List for each semester of study.

He also worked at Glen's Market while carrying a full-time course load during his two-years of study.

LaCombs former ACC instructor Richard Matteson gave the student high praise in a letter supporting his nomination.

"In nearly 40 years of teaching history," Matteson wrote, "he has to be one of the top three or four students I have had the pleasure of working with."



PHOTO BY DEBBIE PARKS
Lee Kirkpatrick, ACC's Secretarial Sciences Instructor, and Brenda Buchner, ACC's Office Technology Instructor, take time from their busy schedules to demonstrate the new scanner, referred to in the "Web" story, to a student and The Polemic photographer.

CORRECTION: In *The Polemic's* February 21, issue article, "First Medical Assistants Graduate," the correct spelling of the clinical instructor is, Marialaina Goeke.

Scholarships

Four \$500 scholarships from The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan are being offered to ACC students who are planning to transfer to LSSU. Application deadline is April 15. If you want to apply contact Kelly Smith at 356-9021, Ext. 302.

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