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Millage renewal is scheduled for Feb. 1 ■ \$500,000 revenue or \$12 per contact hour is at stake

By DENNIS KONWINSKI
Co-Editor

Community support is needed Feb. 1 when Alpena Community College requests the renewal of a one-mill levy to cover operating expenses over the next five years.

"This is a renewal issue. This is not a new millage," President of ACC Don Newport strongly emphasized. "This is a renewal of an existing millage for the institution . . . and it's for operating purposes . . . to keep the heat, the lights, and the instructors in the classroom."

The decision to seek the renewal was made by ACC's Board of Trustees at its Nov. 18 meeting. The one-mill levy would provide approximately \$500,000, and would be added to the college's general fund.

The fund consists of tuition money - about 33 percent of the total amount, state aid - about 50 percent, and a set amount of 1.5 mills, which was approved in 1979 when voters in the Alpena Public School District agreed to separate ACC from the K-14 system.

Voters approved the one additional mill in a May 1989 election by a margin of 746 votes. The appropriated revenue allowed the college to move ahead on state requirements, such as the installation of barrier-free entrances.

Energy-efficient windows and a new parking lot are two more of the many significant improvements made.

Most importantly, the one-

mill levy laid the foundation for upgrading classrooms, shops and labs, which is a large part of ACC's long-range plan.

"That [staying current] is a major issue for us. The day we let a program slip behind means we will produce a graduate that is obsolete, which means that you wasted your time here, and that's not very smart for us," Newport stated.

There is, however, the unfortunate possibility the millage may not be renewed if people don't get out and vote.

"To try to absorb \$450-500,000 in an already tight budget would mean some pretty serious things for us as far as program cutbacks, and potential staff reduction and those kinds of things," Newport explained.

Another possible way to

face a defeated millage would be to try to create additional revenue to offset the loss from property tax, "but if you follow what's going on in the state [K-12 funding woes], that's a tough deal," Newport said.

A solution Newport doesn't want to see: an increase in student tuition. According to Newport, a one dollar increase would generate about \$45,000. It would come out to a \$10-12 increase per contact hour, "and I don't think any of us would feel comfortable with that," he commented, "but that's the potential impact of trying to offset [the loss of millage] revenue."

Because there's so much at stake, Newport hopes to see students pull together and spread the news to area voters to vote yes in the Feb. election.

At least 150 volunteers are needed to participate in a phone bank and the mailing of literature for the election.

"We are looking at the students as being a real component to that effort," said Director of Public Relations Carlene Przykucki. Anyone wishing to donate their time can contact the president's office at ext. 246.

One thing that Newport wants to avoid is something that he says happens too often. "People . . . think the college is such a good place, it does so much for the community, that if we put an issue on the ballot, it's a done deal . . . but we know from statistics that it's not a done deal. We have to overcome the apathy of the folks who feel good about us and get those folks to the polls."

Student Senate secretary impeached

By JEN GOODBURN
Co-Editor

With Adviser Rob Roose presiding over the November 18 special meeting, the Student Senate impeached its secretary with a six to one vote.

Tina L. Jones, who ran for the office unopposed last fall, allegedly failed to attend required meetings. The exact number of missed meetings is unknown, as there are no official minutes for

the meetings Jones didn't attend.

The Senate's constitution requires that the individual facing dismissal be given one week to prepare a defense. Jones was contacted and given the option to resign, but refused.

According to minutes voluntarily taken by Sophomore Representative Dena Luckett, "Tina's defense was that the period of time which she was not present at Student Senate meetings was a time of illness. Also, in the process of changing work

hours to come to the meetings, she was dismissed from her job."

As secretary, Jones received a total tuition waiver of 15 credits to be split between the two semesters of her term.

The seven and a half she used this semester does not have to be repaid, but she has forfeited the other seven and a half.

In a Dec. 2 regular meeting, Sophomore Rep. Dena Luckett was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

Beware of breaking ground

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
STAFF WRITER

Despite almost a year long delay, ACC will finally have its day in the dirt.

On December 17 at 12:00 p.m., college representatives and invited guests will gather between the Besser Technical Center and the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources

Center to watch twelve people officially break ground for the new \$7.2 million Student/Community/ Business/Learning Resource Center.

A reception in the BTC lobby will be held immediately following the fifteen to twenty minute ceremony. Phi Theta Kappa will act as hosts to the approximately 200 guests expected to attend.

Eight hundred people have been invited including 500 donors. Also invited are local government and school officials, the Alpena Area Municipal Association, the emerit, the Advisory Board, 1992 annual givers, Michigan community college presidents, and the State Appropriations Committee.

Student Senate, The Polemic, Besser Technical Association, Criminal Justice Club, ACC Players, and the Student Nurse Association have been invited to represent the student body.

The ground breakers will be: Dr. Donald Newport, ACC President; Jim Park and Steve Fletcher, fund-raising campaign co-chairs; Dick Wilson, Besser

provided by Dot Gonía and Candy Patterson. John Parris, LRC media technician, will videotape the events.

The ground breaking is the culmination of a two and a half year, \$1.5 million, "Building on Tradition" fund-raising campaign and planning period. Besser Foundation contributed a \$1.25 million matching grant, the college generated \$850,000, and the remaining \$3.6 million is coming from the state of Michigan.

The 60,395 square foot building, designed by Dow Howell Gilmore Associates, will contain a new library, gymnasium, health fitness area, classrooms, offices, business and industrial training areas, a performing arts and lecture theatre and student activity areas.

The ground breaking delay was due to 17 other community college projects that needed approval from one legislative committee.

The college is currently seeking construction bids and it is hoped the building will be open for the 1995 fall semester.



Candace Perkins, president of the Journalism Education Association, presents Lorraine Reuther, ACC's resource development and foundation director, with JEA's Medal of Merit Award in Washington, D.C. Nov. 20, 1993.

Award winning Reuther seeks a new position

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
STAFF WRITER

"I look for things [to do] that are fun and challenging," says Lorraine Reuther, executive director of the ACC Foundation.

This simple statement could explain both her receipt of the 1993 Journalism Education Association's Medal of Merit and her January 1 resignation from ACC.

Reuther traveled to Washington, D.C. on November 20, on November 20 to the JEA national convention to receive the award. Its recipients are members who have supported the association for a number of years and they are chosen for their substantial contributions to scholastic journalism.

Before she departed, she announced her resignation from the foundation. The ACC Foundation is the non-profit organization which helps support the college financially. It has assets of nearly \$3 million and is managed by a 15 person board and run by an executive director.

She has held her position for three and a half years, and she explains, "I've fulfilled my goals." Reuther's accomplishments while the foundation director include arranging and managing the \$1.5 million capital campaign for the new building, identifying the alumni, establishing a donor base, increasing annual giving, strengthening staff development, planning and presenting board development, creating resources for grant activities, and selecting computer software for updated record keeping.

She is currently planning the ground breaking ceremony

and reception for the new Student/Community/ Business/Learning Resource Center.

When Reuther came to ACC, she knew she had the skills and the talents necessary to do her job, but she had no fund-raising experience. And that was exactly what she wanted.

She was then looking for, as she is now, "something completely different than I've done before . . . you

[into a job] with all the skills, but you've never used them in this way."

Reuther started her career as an English and acting teacher at South Lake High School where she taught for 20 years. She went back to school and studied journalism at Wayne State University and became the

adviser for the school's paper. She believes journalism is good for students in all areas, "because it's tied to freedom of speech which is tied to democracy."

She also sees journalism as a prime example of the hot topic of outcome based education in which students see the results of their work. Journalism students create a product, a newspaper, plus improve their reading, writing, and thinking skills.

After leaving high school teaching and coming to ACC, Reuther remained active in journalism education.

One summer activity Reuther is involved with is the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association workshop, which she started with in 1981 and eventually directed for five years. The workshop is held at Michigan State University and drew 415 students last year.

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Action Line

Where does the money received from student parking tickets go? Also, how much money is taken in each semester from student parking tickets?

-Karen Heller

The money collected from parking tickets is used to help defray the costs of parking lot upkeep such as, resurfacing, marking and other supplies. This is also the source of funds for student parking permits, a potentially large expense. How much money do these tickets represent? Here are some recent figures: 1991 - \$5986, 1992 - \$3240, and 1993 - \$3898.

Action Line is a regular, informational column which answers questions posed by students. Questions dealing with ACC may be dropped off at The Polemic office in BTC 110, placed in the mailbox or given to any staff member.

Student Senate seeks sophomore

No party affiliation is necessary

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
STAFF WRITER

Student Senate has been hard at work, as usual, and it's in the planning stage for another banner semester.

The first thing on the SS agenda is to fill a vacancy.

The secretarial position has been filled by Dena Luckett, who was elected by the SS at the Dec. 2 meeting.

Luckett, formerly a sophomore representative, was nominated for the position after former secretary Tina Jones was impeached. Luckett had been fulfilling many of the secretarial duties before the impeachment.

Due to Jones' impeachment and Luckett's position change, there is an opening for a sophomore representative.

The representatives' duties are "to serve as liaison between the student body and the Student Senate" and "to faithfully express and uphold the sentiments of the students," according

to the SS constitution in the student handbook.

Representatives receive a six credit tuition waiver.

Any interested students should pick up an application from SS Advisor Rob Roose's office in VLH 101. Applications must be returned to Roose's office by noon, Dec. 16, and they must be signed by the applicant, the applicant's advisor, and ten students.

SS will review the entries and vote on them Dec. 16 during the regular 2:00 p.m. Thursday meeting. The positions will be filled by a majority vote of the SS.

Even with a shortage of members, SS has been hard at work.

The December 4 Family Day was a success. ACC students, staff and their children watched "Free Willy" at the Royal Knight Cinema and then headed for East Campus for a McDonald's catered lunch. Afterwards, hotlines were provided by Jim Powell and Dick

Scott. One hundred seventy-five people attended and 145 were children.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, according to Angie Eller, activities director, and she thought the turnout was especially good since the date was changed.

The next Family Day will be some time in March.

The ACC community can thank SS members for the decorations in VLH and NRC. They did not include BTC in their Dec. 6 decorating day because BTC is already decorated for the ground breaking.

SS members will be representing the student body at the ground breaking for the new addition. Watch for their new T-shirts.

SS has also been asked by ACC President Dr. Newport to help campaign for the millage renewal on February 1. He suggested informing students, talking to friends and family, and manning the phone banks would be good ways to participate.

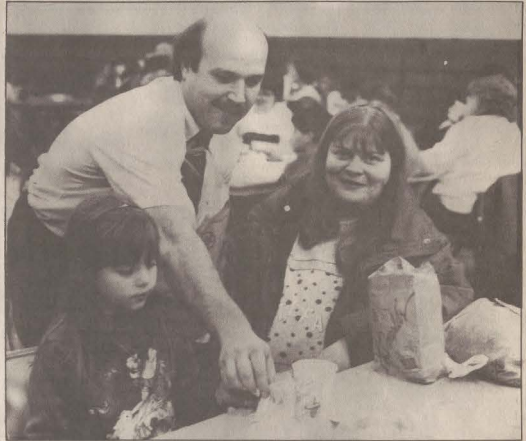


Photo by Linda Simpson

Connie Mousseau and her daughter Michelle are served lunch by McDonald's Store manager Steve Corwin during ACC's Family Day.

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She chose to stay with the program even when she left high school teaching because, "The MIPA helped teach me to run a class . . . they gave me so much support. When I finished, I stayed with them." She plans to continue her work with the MIPA.

Reuther also teaches at MSU's School of Journalism, something she plans to continue.

She thinks highly of her time here at ACC and is pleased to have learned of the value of community colleges.

"You can't be successful unless you believe [in what you do]," and she believes in what ACC does.

She plans to continue to

work in higher education administration doing something that will allow her to learn and grow, something she never wants to stop doing.

"I'm looking for an opportunity that allows for more challenging challenges," she discloses, searching the thesaurus in vain for words to better describe her desire. But better words don't seem to exist.

Local computers surf the world

By GARY PINGEL
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever surfed a computer? No, they don't float very well, but they can ride the waves of electronic mystery in cable or ether to perfection.

Envision a worldwide ocean of vapor magnetically charged with realms of information beyond the wildest imagination, vast pools of data on nearly everything, spilling over like breaking surf. With a computer you can skim these waves picking out the bits of information you wish to know.

At ACC, we may soon be able to more easily access the Internet, a global network of computers and their interconnections. Joint efforts by ACC, the

local K-12 system and the county library have resulted in plans to install "nodes" in Alpena, Gaylord and Petoskey, with Tide II monies from the state library in Lansing.

These nodes are connection points for a host computer to become part of the internet. This means anyone in Alpena could then access the internet with their computer and a local telephone call to the host computer site.

The site for installation of the Alpena node has not yet been determined. At present two possibilities are seen, ACC or the county library.

ACC has the needed technical equipment and the manpower to maintain it, but the county library plans to have a collective regional directory

available. Since both points are needed, the choice of a site is still open for debate.

If ACC is chosen as the terminal point, the benefits are in more direct access since the host computer will be here at the node location.

Among the many possible uses for the internet connection is electronic voice mail, a system that can leave messages for someone in their mailbox at any one of the other internet locations worldwide. For only the cost of a local phone call, you could say "Hi" to your friend in Japan or your sister in Ohio.

For the present ACC would have a computer window to the world; more features such as receiving mailboxes may be added later.

Kappans are getting around

By SHAWN DEMPSEY
STAFF WRITER

Phi Theta Kappa is planning an earth shattering December and a crusading January.

One Kappan stepping forward to lead the way into the

coming months is Craig Brown, who was elected to fill the recently vacated position of public relations secretary.

Brown has extensive student leadership background and completed the PTK Leadership Seminar last semester.

Sociology 252, which is scheduled for 2:15-5:00 on

Thursdays, received rave reviews from last year's participants who were invited to enter the first offering of the class. "It's the perfect classroom environment," says Brown. "It's fun, not formal. You apply what you learn."

The class uses group discussion to study theories of leadership and interpersonal skills. Materials are provided at no cost and special permission is required to register for the course.

If anyone is interested and is not a PTK member but needs to fill a sociology elective, contact Advisor Wes Law, ext. 310 or Dave Eger, ext. 242.

Kappans' out of class activities will include acting as hosts at the December 17 ground breaking ceremony and reception for the new addition.

Kappans are also planning to take an active role in the February millage renewal by representing the college in the community, spreading awareness among family and friends, and helping man the phone bank. Expect to hear them calling!

ACC Campus Jingles

By MELODY SHARP
STAFF WRITER

It's the season to be jolly. And you can really be jolly on December 23. That is the last day of college for another year.

So be prepared to start your sleighs at 5 p.m. and head out to celebrate the season.

If you'd like to see the earth move before the holidays start at the "Breaking New Ground" ceremony on December 17 at noon behind BTC.

Do you want first choice at classes? Then deck the halls with bodies and register early before December 23 or wait for late registration after the Fa la la las are over.

If you have been away in the manger and it hasn't dawned on your midnight clear yet, exam week is December 20-23. Put down your fiddy pudding and start hitting the books.

Planning on going over the

river and through the woods to another college? You'll want to go to the "Transfer Forum" Thursday, January 27, in TLC at 7 p.m.

If you don't have the money of we three kings to make that transfer, you might want to jingle your bells to Student Support Services for their new computer program "College Cost Explorer." It's free, convenient and easy to use.

How about easing your mind from the hustle and bustle of X-mas shopping blues? Visit "An Evening With The Arts," Friday, December 17 in East Campus at 7-9 p.m. The ACC collegiate singers, drama and art students will be putting on the exhibition.

Would you like to unload your packs so you could fill Santa's? The Bookstore buy back is December 21 and 22, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and December 23, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. While you are there check out the sale

going on! The main Elf at ACC is Lumberjack of the Month, Sandy Eastway. Eastway has been teaching for 25 years and is "having a good time." Eastway is married and enjoys hunting, fishing and bowling. Upon receiving the award Eastway stated, "I was kind of shocked to tell you the truth and totally surprised."

Bah Hum Bug, another pedestrian shall not, except in a marked crosswalk, cross a roadway at any other place than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb. Parking Patrol will be there to ticket you. If you can't figure this out, it's because it does not geometrically compute.

To those Yuletide kill-jongs classes resume on January 10. We at *The Polemic* would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PSB competed on "Lip Service"

By KINDRA JONES
STAFF WRITER

ACC students Missi Behring, Dena Luckett, and Wendy Smith, as PSB, competed

on Lip Service at the MTV studio in New York Dec. 2. PSB was defeated by an opposing team from New York, but came away with fond memories.

"It was a lot of fun and we met a lot of nice people," Smith expressed with enthusiasm. "Everyone was rooting for us."

In early Oct., PSB auditioned at MTV for the TV segment of Lip Service. The audition came about because of Smith's older sister who called the Lip Service Hotline.

The women returned to Alpena feeling good about the audition but were still surprised when a week later, a call came to Smith asking PSB to return in early Dec. for competition.

The time between was spent in hours of preparing their lip sync/dance routine, and asking for community support. The girls received great support from LaFarge, ACC President Dr. Newport, and many individuals in the surrounding areas.

The week before PSB went to New York, they were busy filling out registration forms, learning the rules of the game, and putting final touches on their routine.

On Nov. 30, Smith, Luckett, and Behring left Alpena, and on Dec. 2, they spent the entire day at MTV's Studio. The competition will be aired on MTV Jan. 8.

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Realizing Independence Does Determine Emphasis Regarding Semantics

Editor's Note: The R.I.D.D.E.R.S. CLUB (Realizing Independence Does Determine Emphasis Regarding Semantics . . . Campus Life Unbelievable By-far) is a Huron Shores Campus - based writing group which will be contributing to *The Polemic* each issue. Their first contribution is in our Feature section on page 4.

To the students on our "other campus": Welcome and thanks for your involvement!

On November 1, 1993, the R.I.D.D.E.R.S. CLUB agreed to meet on a weekly basis. Every Monday at noon in the Learning Center we share and critique our works. We need more people! If you like to write, meet with us and have some fun, too! We welcome this opportunity to unite with the campus main stream and look forward to reaching out through *The Polemic*. If you have some time, like to write, or have some ideas, please stop in . . . we'll conjure up some words together! We anticipate this journey in life the true meaning of "freedom of the press", and experience the "power of the pen!" Mark your calendar for Monday at noon, Huron Shores Campus, inside the Learning Center. For more information call 739-1445.

Played football against the Governor twice in high school. Conference championship was on the line both times. As a junior we won 27 to 6. As a senior we were ahead 6 to 0. In a rain and mud storm. In the fourth quarter I broke through their line (I'd like to think it was Governor I ran over) and blocked a punt. A teammate of mine scooped the football up and ran it for our second touchdown

BLITZ

to clinch the game. With a minute left, since they couldn't win, three guys on the Governor's side crashed the line into my helmet busting the play and me on purpose. I was crouched in the set position before the hike touching a perfect blade of grass glowing in the rain and artificial lights, when they smashed me backwards ten yards. The chalk lines were

spinning. It couldn't be broke my neck, but it didn't hurt. Offside penalty, unsportsmanlike conduct, roughing the poet, roughing the arts roughing the environment, roughing education,) thirty seconds later we win! The Governor's was the meanest football team I ever played against, but after the game they got on the losers' bus. FOR JOHN ENGLER

Poet preserves oral literature traditions

By JEN GOODBRINE Co-EDITOR Terry Wooten, author of *Blitz*, is a professional poet and storyteller living in the Traverse City area. His poem *Blitz* describes a true life event. Wooten is a former student of Sonya Titus from her high school teaching days in Marion, Michigan. Terry was one of those special students...one, a teacher remembers even after a number of years," said Titus, who advises *The Polemic*. Wooten is the host of

Stone Circle, a poetry storytelling location in Kewadin. The cite is, as the name implies, a circle of large stones.



Within this circle, every Saturday night from Memorial Day until Labor Day, storytellers and poets are invited to share their work. The only rules within the circle is that the works must be given orally and they

must be unpublished works. Wooten conceived of the circle because he has become dedicated to the pursuit of preserving the oral literature tradition. This also explains Wooten's dedication to the story telling art. He travels throughout the midwest to schools and seminars sharing his large store house of traditional tales and his original work. His published works include *Jumping Out Into The Water, Boulders in Exile, Got Into An Argument Over Harmony, and When Bear Came Back* (a children's collection). His books are available from Stone Sickle Press, Stone Circle Drive in Kewadin, Michigan, or from the Horizon book store in Traverse City.

At least Gov. Engler is doing something . . .

By DENISE KONWINSKI Co-EDITOR cover the 1994-95 academic year. It would be different if he had a back up plan in place when he severed the property tax, but as of now, four months later, nothing has been set in concrete (or even in wet sand, as far as I can see). There's been a decision passed on charter schools, and it didn't turn out as badly as most of us thought it might. Not anyone can start a public school under the measure, just those who may be almost qualified. Engler also recently unveiled the 1994 budget, under which he's stated, "I will hold the line on taxes."

Yeah, right. So why is it that speculation has it that one bipartisan school finance plan before the House would cost at least \$713 million more than the revenue raised under the new budget proposal? But at least he's doing something. Did he say something about taxes? Just a short while ago, within his proposals on how to generate some of the \$6 million for education he so heroically threw away, we heard that taxes may do the trick. Good thing he only mentioned real estate taxes, "sin" taxes, increased income taxes, industry taxes and two or three more. It's a good thing, too, that his 1994 budget will go easy on us in the tax area, or we'd all go broke. Or pick up and move. There is, however, a good side to every story. In this bleak case, I agree with what one ACC instructor told me - at least Engler is making us sit up and face the issues. He's definitely making us take notice. And dangerously high dosages of Tylenol. We also know what kind of leader he is. It's kind of like the scarerow leading us into a forest fire. If he's not careful we'll end up burning with him.

Letter to the Editor

To the student who complained about ACC bathrooms: Instead of grumbling about bathroom privileges (or lack of them), let us pause to consider how blessed we are to have indoor plumbing, and a reasonably clean, sweet-smelling bathroom, thanks to our wonderful custodial staff. Let me give you a reality check: probably 9/10ths of the world has something like the Bulgarian toilets to contend with.

Afterwards, in a deep-pool-type sink without soap or towels you could run a trickle of cold water on your hands. However, for two months in winter, the toilets froze up completely on every floor above the second floor. I taugth on 5th and 6th floors. Elsewhere in Bulgaria matters were grimmer. Usually a toilet was a filthy hole, feces-smearing, with your feet stepping in pools of water. Either the flushing mechanism functioned - splashing your shoes - or it didn't (more likely), and you just tried to get out of there fast. I remember one toilet so hideous at the city zoo that I almost vomited in it.

returned was one I'll never forget. She was in shock. "At last," she said slowly as she slid into the booth, "I understand you. That was like an American bathroom, wasn't it?" "Yes," I said solemnly, "except that usually there's paper towels and soap, but we'll let that pass. I guess," (and I was almost apologetic) "I guess we're cleanliness freaks. We probably pay too much attention to such things."

As you entered the University of Sofia, your nose guided you to the toilets. There was the problem for me of which one to choose. Before I learned that X = zena or woman and M was for *mush* or man, I tried to figure out who was coming out, buttoning their fly or arranging their hair. (This was funny when, of course, a hermaphrodite came out the first time I tried this scheme.) Inside the bathroom, water stood on the floor. The toilet stall was cramped, and you had to hold your door shut against intruders, who barged in. Finally, in desperation, I learned to shout "Ne!" or "No" when they asked "Svobodno li e?" ("Is it free?") There was never any paper, and in the corner was a small, overflowing wastebasket for containing wiping paper (used). Evidently you'd stop up the toilet by putting paper down it. You pulled the chain to flush, but often it was detached or didn't work. Mostly water trickled all the time. There was no place to put your purse or book bag.

Once I took Anna and Yanna to a hotel where my daughter Heidi was invited to a schoolmate's swimming party. Actually this was a five-star Japanese hotel, the Viosha. As we waited in the little cafe beside the swimming pool, Yanna, the 6-year-old, had to go to the bathroom, and I went with her. When I returned, I mentioned to Anna, the mother, that this had been a quality bathroom we'd just visited. Although there'd been no soap and towel, it had been otherwise a neat experience, singular among Bulgarian toilets (I'd become a connoisseur of bathrooms, by then, a toilet aficionado). Yanna was jumping up and down, exclaiming in awe to her mother that she must go too! So Anna got up and went to visit the bathroom. The expression on her face as she

"No," she said. "You must think--no wonder you think--" She could barely put into words what I'd been fussing about all these months. "That's why you hate it here." Well, she'd overdone that thought. The trouble with Bulgarian bathrooms is only a symptom of their terrible poverty and the collapse of basic institutions. Of course they'd be clean if they had a chance wouldn't they? Let me return now to the ACC situation. As I hope I've made clear, I love our ACC bathrooms, and if a few instructors and staff want to take advantage of one of the few small perks granted to them by their status at ACC, I think it's a venial sin that may be forgiven them. On the other hand, this student is well within his rights as a member of a democratic society to exercise civil disobedience in visiting the faculty bathroom. He will go far, I'm sure, in this different world. Priscilla Homola

Clinton administration can spell Buttafuoco

By JEN GOODBRINE Co-EDITOR Brady Bill, seven years in the making, may make a difference in the overabundance and easy accessibility of guns for crime. The health care plan may allow currently uninsured to receive care. While Dan Quayle struggled with his public appearances, Al Gore has made himself a much different image. He appeared on the Late Show with

David Letterman and joked about Joey Buttafuoco. Quayle would never have dared that. Buttafuoco is much harder to spell than potato. This is another example of the Administration's efforts to deal with America. They have done more than simply acknowledge the problems in our country. Bill Clinton and Al Gore are giving us proof that

they live in America, too. And, like other Americans, they care about what happens where they live. Whether or not you agree with NAFTA is not as important as NAFTA itself. Should abortion be covered in the new national health plan? As volatile as the debate is, at least we're addressing it instead of just talking about it.

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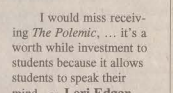
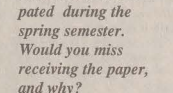
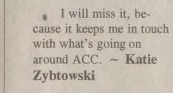


Due to the low allocation of money given to *The Polemic* from the student activity fees, *The Polemic* may have to cease publication earlier than anticipated during the spring semester. Would you miss receiving the paper, and why?



I will miss it, because it keeps me in touch with what's going on around ACC. ~ Katie Zybrowski

I would miss receiving *The Polemic*, ... it's a worth while investment to students because it allows students to speak their mind. ~ Lori Edger



I like to read *The Polemic* while I eat my lunch so I can keep up on what's going on around school. ~ Maria Klune

Yes, I think that it keeps a lot of students informed and it is a good way for students to communicate. ~ Charlene Damasco

Yes, I'd miss it; it's really the only way to keep up on what's going on. ~ Lori Makela

Political debate, by its nature, will shine every issue in a bad light. If you agree with NAFTA, the fact that it will steal American jobs isn't important to you. If you disagree with it, its potential economic boost either won't happen or won't be felt. Viewpoints and opinions aside, one thing remains clear: the Clinton Administration has been as dynamic in its first year as George Bush was in his last four years. While Clinton can't hope to match Bush's 90 percent approval rating, he's in good company. As Hunter S. Thompson would say, God couldn't get a 90 percent approval rating. Americans who believe in God would undoubtedly feel that although He has a lower approval rating, He has done a better job. Bill Clinton, while no where near Over's plane, has shown improvement over Bush's administration. Instead of doling out overseas aid for American approval, he has focused on what Americans need: domestic aid. Americans have been killed in Somalia. Americans were also killed during the Republican Years in Beirut, Panama, Saudi Arabia ... the difference with Clinton is his aim to stop American loss of life in America. The recently passed

Yuletide cheer is finally here

BY SARAH EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

"Tis the season to be jolly" if for no other reason than the semester is drawing to an end, and we can have a few weeks of rest before returning to the grindstone.

The official shopping season began after Thanksgiving and the freeways were jammed with cars filled with shopping enthusiasts "going over the river and through the woods" to the next mall. Whether you headed downtown or downtown, you felt the Christmas cheer as people prepared, and continue, to unload money with the hopes of satisfying the traditional shopping list of family and friends.

To kick off the spirit in northeast Michigan, the city of Alpena had their own celebration Nov. 27 and 28 with the annual Christmas Parade downtown and through the mall. The lighting of the tree in Culligan's Plaza the 28th topped off the weekend holiday with cheer. It was accompanied with horse drawn wagons, "jingle bells," and refreshments.

In Alpena the unveiling of the shop windows at Alpena Furniture continues to be another success as people drive over the bridge in hopes to capture a glimpse of ice skaters and skiing reindeer. To those who wish to enjoy the windows, venture across the lane to the sidewalk and go "walking through the winter wonderland."

The annual mailbox to Santa was placed outside the Al-



Five-year-old Alicia-Corann Edwards happily mails her Christmas wish list to Santa at the specially designated North Pole mailbox located outside the post office.

pena Post Office to help deliver the hopes, dreams, and letters of smiling children and the children at heart. So if you think "up on the housetop" Santa will land, you need to let him know what to drop off under the tree.

If you like to drive around and catch the lights on a "silent night," you can find many streets

to be pleasing to the eye. If you walk down Second Avenue, you will find a time warp that takes you back to a scene of "Christmas Carol" written by Charles Dickens.

There are nativity scenes located throughout the city. One of the frequently visited is located on Second Avenue, and is

Photo by Linda Simpson

sponsored by St. Mary's Church. Another is a live portrayal of Christmas night. This is done by The First Church of God located on the corner of Brooke and Grant. They will have three shows, Dec 17 - 19th at 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00 p.m. On the 20th the show will be at 6:30 p.m. for handicapped citizens.

There will be refreshments served for the first time to those who attend the dramatization to help ward off "Jack Frost nipping at your nose."

If you enjoy music you may want to take the opportunity to attend the "Messiah" concert that is an annual tradition and directed by Jim Hart. The "Messiah" is performed by the Alpena Community Chorus and is sponsored by Thunder Bay Arts Council and ACC, and answers questions about "what child is this?" It is free to the public and donations will be accepted at the door.

The concert will be performed at the Stanley C. Beck auditorium December 19 at 7:30 p.m. There are four out-of-town soloists that will be accompanying the choir. Kristen McDonald will be the only ACC student to be performing with the choir at present.

College students that have prior choral experience are encouraged to join the community chorus and participate in the post holiday concert that will take place in May. Interested parties can call Jim Hart at 354-4262.

"O come all ye faithful" down to East Campus December 17 from 7-9 p.m. "Decking

the halls" will be art and hors d'oeuvres compliments of the fine art students. Art instructor Laurie Wade will be turning room 108 into a gallery for public viewing.

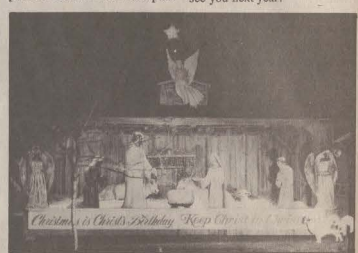
If the "little drummer boy" is the beat you like, you will find, under the direction of Jean Martin-Brown, the Collegiate Singers performing yuletide songs to wrap up the listeners in the warmth of Christmas cheer. The music department will be featuring projects from an actual music course. The Drama Club, which is advised by Nan Hall, will be presenting their own selections in hopes of a "white Christmas."

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" could be your next carol with the chance to win in Alpena Power Company's House Decoration Contest. The contestants must be Alpena Power customers. The judging will take place December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

and will be based on the best use of lights, effort, scenes, overall attractiveness, and originality. The winners will receive signs to put in their yard stating what honor they were awarded.

If you're interested in entering your ballot for the Peoples' Choice award, you'll find the houses designated with yard signs. There are four prizes totaling \$1,000. Contestants winning first prize will "light up" with a check of \$350 in their hand. Second place winners will receive \$250, third, \$150 and the final check for the Peoples' Choice award is \$250.

Are your "stockings hung by the chimney with care" and your blanket wrapped around the trunk of the tree? And are you still finding places to hang the mistletoe? If you insist on being a Scrooge, then "Bah Humbug!" So "merry Christmas to all" and see you next year.



As this nativity scene says, "Christmas is Christ's birthday; let's keep the Christ in Christmas." Photo by Linda Simpson

Internships allow new awareness

BY SCOTT REED
AND KENDRA JONES
STAFF WRITERS

In the rough and rugged, dog-eat-dog world of today, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to get and keep a good job.

Around the turn of the century for example, a boy could expect his future to be as bright as that of his father's or his father's father.

But in 1993, uncertainty rears its ugly head sometimes just a little too often. For a person just entering the work force, making one's nest can be in itself a grueling task.

For most people, college is the final step in preparing for a lifetime career. Up until this point, many just look at their options and make the best decision they can on how to spend the rest of their one and only life.

It is then during the college years when people get a firm grasp on what they really want to make of themselves.

But how prepared can college make people? If they've gone through an internship, they'll be much more prepared, and possibly, qualified than had they not, and Alpena Community College offers a wide variety of internships. An internship can

be a very valuable tool to anyone entering into a career after college. It provides hands-on experience while earning credit.

Students can choose from 38 different areas (both liberal arts and occupational) to earn credit through work experience.

Prior to beginning an internship, viewing of a 15 minute video is strongly recommended. The video is available at the ACC library, The Learning Center, or the Women's Resource Center and will help the potential intern determine if an internship is appropriate.

Following the video, an interview (similar to a job interview) is set up with Internship Coordinator Vernie Nethercut.

Nethercut set up the internship program in 1978 so that people would already have job experience when they go in for an actual job interview, enhancing their chances of getting hired.

In the interview, Nethercut finds out a person's aim, interests, skills and past experiences. She will also consider if the internship is worth college credit.

Then, either Nethercut, an ACC instructor or the interested student will try to find a place that suits a person's

individual needs.

Absolutely anyone can be an intern, regardless of whether or not a person is an ACC student. It is strongly recommended for certain internships, such as social science or business, that related credit hours be taken prior to becoming an intern.

The main criteria for becoming an intern are that a person must be dependable since he or she will be representing the college and the community, and the internship must be a new learning experience. For example, if you were a camp counselor two years ago and taught archery, you would not be able to get credit for lesson plans for teaching archery.

The main purpose of an internship is for work exploration and to gain career experience. Plus, as Nethercut points out, "it looks good on a resume."

An internship requires 32 hours of actual work for each credit hour earned, advance planning with Nethercut, college staff and a work supervisor prior to registration, development of an individualized program, and payment of regular college tuition and fees.

Ray Reynolds, band director at Thunder Bay Jr. High, and Nicole Hunter, a senior at Alpena High, have both worked through the internship program

offered by ACC's Volunteer Center.

Reynolds attended ACC off and on from 1979-1983. In 1982, he found a flyer requesting someone to work with gifted and talented children at Long Rapids School. Since he was working towards a music education degree, Reynolds offered to teach the fourth grade students music. That year, the students learned how to play the futeophone, and Reynolds had his "best course in life."

"I gained the experience of knowing what I wanted to do in the future," Reynolds stated. His intern work at Long Rapids, working with the students, helped make his choice to continue in music education.

Reynolds received his Associates degree in Liberal Arts at ACC, then moved on to complete his education at Northern Michigan University. There, Reynolds was able to use his intern work as a substitute for a general education classroom course.

This year, Reynolds is supervising Nicole Hunter as she works in his classroom as an intern. Hunter had earned enough high school credits for graduation so that she was allowed to take a college course. Since she is highly involved and interested in music and had enough performance classes, Hunter chose to work as an intern through ACC's program.

Thursday evenings and every other Sunday, Hunter assists Reynolds with his band in preparation for the upcoming music conference. She works specifically with the flute and oboe sections, teaching technique, posture, and playing through the music.

Hunter plans to attend ACC for two years, then transfer to a university to earn a degree in either music education or performance.



ACC student Brenna Rouleau gladly lets a tattoo artist give her a dolphin on her ankle. courtesy photo

ACC student gets very attached to art

BY SCOTT REED
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder what it would be like to have a rose or a dolphin permanently attached to your body? Probably not. But, ACC student Brenna Rouleau knows what it's like. The dolphin is on her ankle and the rose is on her thigh. No, of course they're not real - they're tattoos!

Rouleau got the tattoos because she says she likes to do things that are unexpected.

Her first tattoo, which she paid seventy-five dollars for, she got on her upper thigh. The tattoo parlor charged her an extra five dollars because of the location.

She said it hurt at first, but she liked the overall experience so much she couldn't wait to get her second one, which she paid fifty-five dollars for! She liked them but they were bigger than she expected or wanted.

When Rouleau was in the

tattoo parlor, a girl and her mother had come in to get tattoos of cartoon characters on their backs. She says she thinks tattoos are becoming a fad and that "you'd be surprised who has tattoos and who doesn't."

She also says that tattoos are very addicting. "I think if you get a tattoo, you should expect to get another."

The mystique of the parlor she went to was also very interesting to her. She said that all along the walls were paintings, drawings of nude people. One section of a wall was devoted entirely to Charles Manson! And only the best alternative music is played.

Rouleau says that body piercing, which is available at the tattoo parlor, is a little beyond the limits of good taste but she enjoys getting tattoos so much that she hopes she doesn't become "Tattoo Woman."

She will be going back to the parlor during Christmas break to get a third, but she insists this will be her last.

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A family arrives at the cinema for the start of Family Day.



Richard Scott of the Alpina Draft Horse Association gets his team ready.

Family Day

A fun-filled Family Day was sponsored by the Student Senate on Saturday, December 4.

The activities began with a special presentation of the movie "Free Willy" at the Royal Knight Cinema. Then it was on to the East Campus gym for a McDonalds lunch of hamburgers, fries, drinks and cookies.

The highlight of the day for many was the horse-drawn hayrides outside of East Campus, donated by members of the Alpina Draft Horse Association.

The weather cooperated, everything was free to the students and their families, and a good time was had by all.

"Thanks!" to our Student Senate!



"Pulling those wagons tired me out."
"Yeah, I know what you mean."



Approximately 175 students and their families were served lunch at EAC gym.



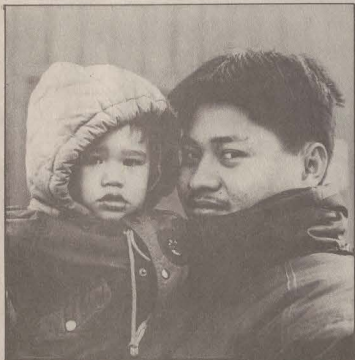
Yvonne Plume's daughter Chelsey Jo experienced the touching of a horse.



Not everyone likes having their picture taken. Margaret Quagon's son Louis finds a good use for his hood.



Brittany Thomas enjoys her drink.



Waiting for a hayride gave Ferdinand Damasco time to spend with his son Trevor.



Even with no snow, the jingling of bells filled everyone with holiday spirit. Jim Powell drives his team.

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Alpena bands break the norm

By Jim Ballmer
STAFF WRITER

Something wasn't right about this. I had a gut feeling there was more to it than I realized. But I double-checked my sources and it was true. On No-

vember 26 I had my choice of seeing two bands in town that didn't drone out country songs.

Did a mysterious force grant this unusual event to magically happen? Was this an accidental fluke? It was neither. It doesn't take a rocket sci-

entist to figure out that Club 32 and Thunder Bay Theatre were in competition for the business of out-of-town college students back for the Thanksgiving holiday. It was good to have a choice of fresh entertainment.

My first stop was at TBT to see Hieronymus Bosch, a local grunge band comprised of Alpena High students.

I paid the outrageous door price of four dollars, and stepped into the lobby which was packed with Eddie Vedder look-alikes. When I made my entrance, Bosch was on break so I made my way into the theatre and made small talk with friends.

After fifteen minutes, drummer Jim Desmerue got on stage, threw an empty Big Gulp carton into the audience, and sat at his drums as the rest of the band came out and readied their guitars.

Bosch led the set with "Rape Me" by Nirvana. It didn't take long before a swirling vortex of plaid-clad slam-dancers took control of the dance floor while security jumped in to break it up. The pit got so violent at one point, that one unlucky

mosher suffered a broken nose.

Lead singer Travis Hanson seethed his vocal fury into the microphone and bounded around the stage like a crazy, wizened tarzan. His vocals were occasionally overpowered by the rhythm section led by Desmerue who pounded with uncanny skill.

I stayed for the remainder of the set which included a Rage Against the Machine cover, "Rocking in the Free World" by Neil Young, and various originals before I headed out to my next stop.

Club 32 was packed. I weaved into the crowd after paying the one dollar door charge (my wallet was pleased).

Everything Kills was in top form and launched into "Symphony for the Devil" by the Rolling Stones.

Drummer Pat LeBregue pounded out bombastic tom rolls with machine-like precision. Dave Rude matched LeBregue's clockwork with stinky rich bass lines and Matt Southwell fiercely sang while skillfully raking his six-string.

Everything Kills played



Matt Southwell sings amidst festive streamers at Club 32.

Photo by Jim Ballmer

"Hello, I Love You," "The Mighty Quim", and various tracks off their newly released debut CD.

The atmosphere was ecstatic and the bartenders worked frantically as the beverages began to run out. I was reminded

of the days when Slip's was open.

At the end of the night, I thought of the fantastic time I'd had. Then I pondered what my girlfriend said about which band would be playing next weekend. "Back to normal," I grumbled.



Moshers get caught in a mosh at Hieronymus Bosch.

Photo by Jim Ballmer

TOP TEN RIDDERS Club

By Scott Reed
STAFF WRITER

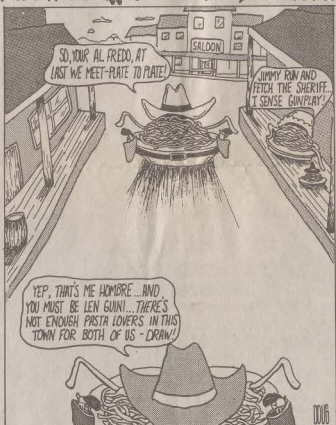
Throughout the course of the semester, a certain Polemic staff writer and myself have been battling over who is greater: Jimi Hendrix (as my colleague suggests) or The Beatles (as I insist). But in the spirit of the holidays, I offer this article as a truce entitled THE TOP TEN REASONS THE BEATLES WILL NEVER GET BACK TOGETHER:

- #10: John is dead.
- #9: Yoko would just find a way to break them up again.
- #8: Teens don't scream for men in their fifties.
- #7: No one takes Ringo seriously anymore after "Cave-man."
- #6: They're still upset over the whole "Let It Be" thing.
- #5: George would still only be allowed two songs per album.
- #4: Paul would insist upon calling the group "Paul McCartney and the Beatles."
- #3: Most people remember George best as that "Got My Mind Set On You" guy.
- #2: They could never compete with Garth Brooks.

And the number one reason The Beatles will never get back together:

They all feel responsible for making the music scene as rotten as it is today.

Where The Buffalo Roam... By Doug Stone



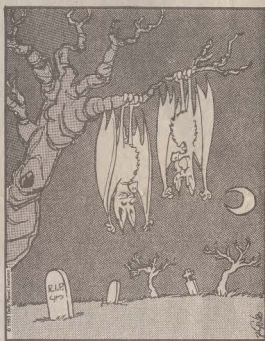
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Just do it! Its free

By JEN GOODBURN
Co-Editor

"Not enough ACC students are taking advantage of the intramural program," stated Supervisor Scott Miles.

Miles is not sure of all the reasons behind the lack of participation, but he feels it may be due, in part, to a lack of knowledge about how the program works and what might be available.

Intramural teams are organized by the students, with schedules, record keeping and facility management being done by Miles. The first semester, intramural team play has included flag football and volleyball.

Team sports are not "male" in fact, all volleyball teams had to be co-ed with at least two of the six members being female. If a team did not have at least two women, they were limited to four players.

And teams are not limited to just students. Faculty and staff members can also participate.

In the recently completed volleyball season, eight teams participated, two of them headed by faculty and staff members John Singer and Rob Roose.

At the conclusion of the series of games, emerging to play in the play offs were Ego Trip captained by Keith Chadwick, S.W.A.T. headed by John Singer, Concrete Warriors headed by Mark Loomis and

Buddwieser Buddies headed by Chris Cummings.

In the semi-play action, S.W.A.T. defeated Ego Trip and the Concrete Warriors won over Buddwieser Buddies. At press time the final match between S.W.A.T. and the Concrete Warriors had yet to be played. Both teams are pictured at right.

The next team sports to be available are basketball and bowling both to be organized in January.

Students may become involved in the competition by forming a complete team and entering as a unit or registering individually. Any interested student can call ext. 339 and Miles will see you are placed on a team.

Non-team activities are also available. The weight room is open Monday through Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. All a student has to do is show up. Miles states that attendance has been "poor. It's lots more fun if a group of people are there working out and interacting with each other."

Another non-team activity which will be available in January is an open swim period every week at The Plaza Pool, Alpena High School. The exact time and day will be posted around campus, in the "Splinter" and *The Polemic* after January 12.

The intramural program is paid for from student activity fees and therefore is open to all students.

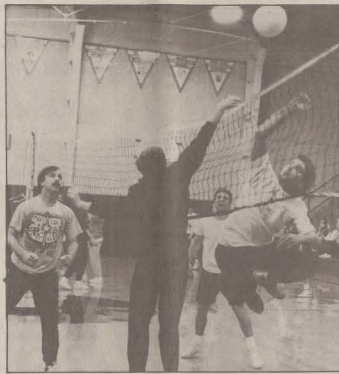
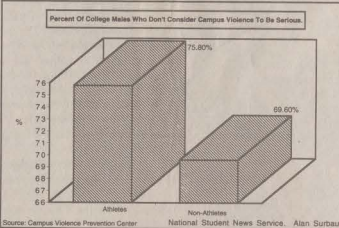


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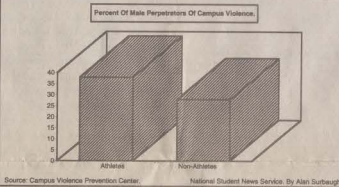
A rousing game of intramural volleyball between students and faculty is enjoyed at ACC's East Campus.

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~ Scott Miles



Source: Campus Violence Prevention Center. National Student News Service. Alan Surbaugh



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ACC faculty take their towels to the Silverdome

By JIM BALLMER
STAFF WRITER

I asked Max Lindsay to tell me something interesting about officiating in the Pontiac Silverdome. After pondering for a moment he says, "This might sound strange, but we couldn't use the towels. The towels were for the Lions. If you didn't bring a towel you would have to drip-dry." That is interesting.

Lindsay and Dave Kuznicki (better known as "Cookie") were part of a five-man referee crew that overlooked the state final football game for Class CC between Onsted and Hartford on November 27.

Lindsay has been officiating for twenty-two years and this is the second time he has been asked to help run a game of this

nature.

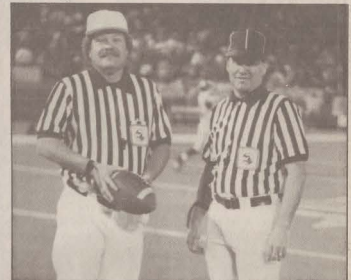
I was curious about how our officials were elected to overlook a state final. "There is a selection committee that examines state recommendations and the coach's ratings," says Lindsay.

"Did you get any payment?" I ask. "Yes, the pay is fifty dollars a game. You don't do this for the money," Lindsay chuckles.

I push him about the dome. "It was freezing cold in there!" Surprised, I counter, "I wouldn't think it would be that cold in a dome."

"I don't think it got any warmer than sixty degrees," Lindsay states despondently.

In closing Lindsay says, "Five years ago when I did this, they gave us towels." We laugh.



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