

## Action Line

What is the purpose of the TV in the VLH lounge?

- Jason Fancher

The TV in the VLH lounge will be broadcast Channel 7, the area education channel.

The college, in cooperation with TCI Cable, will be able to transmit college announcements, course availability during registration, and educational information. K-12, CMU, LSSU, and others may also be airing notices on this channel.

"There is probably no limit [regarding what can be broadcast]," says Director of Planning Mike Hood, "as long as it applies to the college or learning."

Carlene Przyucki, director of public information, will be in charge of what information will be aired.

The system will be running in about three weeks.

## Titus to assume new position

### The Polemic searches for new adviser

By DON FIEARSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The college will soon be seeking a new journalism instructor to replace Sonya Titus, *The Polemic* Adviser, who has been elected humanities-fine arts chairperson effective in September.

Titus has advised the student newspaper for five years.

She replaces Terry Hall, current department chairperson, who chose to give up the position to allow himself more time to paint and manage his newly opened art gallery.

On her new, upcoming position, Titus says she sees it "as a new challenge" with duties that include scheduling classes, ordering supplies and representing the department's concerns.

She also noted that she leaves *The Polemic* with real regret. "It's been an exciting place to be these last several years. You really know what's going on on campus."

Titus also spoke of how much she will miss the relationships she develops with students in this kind of setting.

"When you spend 12 or 14 straight hours with your staff laying-out the paper, everyone gets to know everyone real well. I'm going to miss that opportunity. It may be hard to stay out of the office! But it's time to move on. A new adviser will bring new ideas and that will be good for the newspaper."

A replacement for *The Polemic* Adviser's position has not yet been found.



Polemic Adviser Sonya Titus Photo by Linda Simpson



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Attention:  
Mid-semester  
break is  
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through 28.

Do NOT  
come to  
school!



## ACC sponsors Science Olympiad for area junior and senior high schools

By MELODY SHARP  
STAFF WRITER

While the world is wrapped up in the Olympics in Lillehammer, area junior high and high schoolers are gearing up for the Science Olympiad on ACC's campus March 12. A dozen school systems have entered contestants.

Dr. Gerard Putz and Jack Cairns created the Science Olympiad in 1983 to increase the interest in science and as an alternative to traditional science fairs and single-discipline tournaments. After ten years the Olympiad has participants in all 50 states, totaling more than 12,000 in K-12 schools.

Region 2 Science Olympiad Director John Singer has been involved with the Science Olympiad for eight years. Five years Singer was a coach and the last three years he has been region director.

Some of the science events include Designer Genes, where individual students solve problems in the area of genetics;

Metric Mastery, testing students' skills of estimation and measurement; Science Crime Busters, where students will correctly identify liquids, solids and other materials in the shortest amount of time in a crime scenario; Trajectory Contest, where students will design, construct, calibrate and shoot a device capable of launching a tennis ball into a target area of sand; and Name That Organism, where students will classify organisms according to the five Kingdoms, Phylum, Class, Genus, and species. There is a total of 30 events.

Judging and supervising events are 22 of ACC's own faculty, volunteering their time and expertise for the Olympiad events.

Schools participating this year are, Alpena High, Thunder Bay Junior High, Cheboygan High and Junior High, Elk Rapids High and Cherryland Middle, Harbor Springs High, Inland Lakes High, Kalaska High, Ogema Heights High, Tawas Area High and Junior High, Whittemore-Prescott High and

Junior High and Elementary Center, Indian River Junior High, Inverness Elementary, Mio-Ausable and Tawas City Elementary.

According to Singer the purposes of the Science Olympiad are to improve the quality of science education, increase student interest in science and provide recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

Spectators can see most of the events held on campus. Schedules will be posted and an awards ceremony will follow at East Campus gym at 4 p.m. First and second place teams receive trophies and individuals receive gold, silver and bronze medals.

After winning here, teams may move on to the state tournament to be held April 23, at Michigan State University, with winners moving on to the national tournament May 20 and 21, in Tucson, Arizona.

For more information contact John Singer.



New signs are posted along Johnson Street to discourage students from parking on the shoulder of the road. File Photo

## Parking solutions are sought

By JIM GOODBURNE  
LAYOUT-EDITOR

In an attempt to prevent the bottlenecking of cars at the entrance of the Van Lare Hall parking lot, signs were posted in that area last week.

"No Stopping, Standing, or Parking" has been the rule on the stretch of Johnson Street along the perimeter of the lot, but now students will find that rule being enforced inside the lot as well.

The City Police have issued tickets to students for standing on Johnson in the past.

"It's an accident waiting to happen. It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when," said Dean Curt Davis.

"The VLH parking lot 'is the biggest problem on campus,'" said Ted Kruse, ACC parking supervisor.

According to Kruse, students line up 25 minutes before the hour and wait for spaces to open up. "They waste all those minutes waiting instead of crossing the street [to the Besser Tech lot]. I've never seen that lot filled," said Kruse.

The Besser Tech parking lot has 610 spaces.

Kruse offered an alternative solution to the new signs. He believes that special permits for the 97 spaces of the VLH lot should be sold to students, first come, first serve, at the beginning of each semester.

Other campuses across the state -- including Wayne State University and Mott Community College -- have instituted this policy. Mott has installed an electric arm at one of their lots to ensure that no non-paying students park there. Students must pay one dollar each time they park in the lot.

"I'm not interested in making money, but I'm worried about someone getting hurt or killed," stressed Kruse.

"This proposal is not being considered," said Davis. "I don't believe we should charge students for parking. People without the economic means to pay would be discriminated against." He continued to say that parking is not paid for by students through the fines collected from parking violations on campus.



Photo courtesy of ACC Public Information Office  
Dan Rothe and Fernando Braoch of Roger City work intently on their science projects.

# ACC Players Club keeps the Homecoming title



Students danced it up during Homecoming at the Alpena Civic Center on February 5. Student Senate planned and hosted the event, which was free to students.

By SHAWN DEMPSEY  
News Editor

The homecoming crown didn't go too far February 5, when it was placed on the new queen's head.

ACC Players Club nominees Pete Chellberg and Traci St. Charles claimed the title, marking the second consecutive year the Players have held the crown.

Six couples ran in the homecoming election, which was held January 31-February 4. The other members of court and the clubs they represent are: Jim and Marcy Byrle, Student Senate; Craig Brown and Shawn Dempsey, Phi Theta Kappa; Jason Rensberry and Traci Hagerud, women's basketball; Travis Smith and Renae Gaff, men's basketball; and Jeff Truman and Nikki Rhein, Student Nursing.

Of the 149 ballots cast, 132 were good votes, meaning they were filled out properly with a valid social security number.

ACC President Dr. Donald Newport read the names of the nominees between the women's and men's basketball games in the East Campus Gym. After the couples took their places, last

year's queen Wendy Smith declared the winners by presenting the crown.

A gift certificate from the Thunderbird Inn was awarded to the couple, and the King and Queen received a plaque and a tiara respectively. The women in the court received long stemmed red roses and sashes while the men wore rose boutonnières.

Following the men's game, about 80 students headed to the Alpena Civic Center for the dance.

Student Senate members spent about four hours decorating the Civic Center Saturday morning. Red and silver balloons corresponded to the theme of moonlight and roses. A silver moon surrounded by stars illuminated the dance floor.

Students danced and ate while the DJ played on. In between dances, some students had their pictures taken in the lobby by the professional photographer.

The door prize, a free night at the Holiday Inn, was won by Sophomore Sarah Edwards.

The event cost Student Senate approximately \$1,400, or \$17.50 per person, and was free to students.

Photo by Jim Ballmer

## ACC encourages social awareness

By DON FILARSKI  
Staff Writer

Who's responsible for all those health and social awareness posters on campus? It's the work of Bonnie Urlaub and her Women's Resource Center staff.

There are posters about drinking, HIV, teen pregnancy, domestic/spouse abuse and information about available help.

In addition to the posters there are a number of brochures around campus; some are on walls, and some are placed on information stands, located in the BTC lobby and also in the Learning Center.

The new brochures were provided by Part-

nership For Prevention due to a grant written by Urlaub.

Information on health issues is also available in the Women's Resource Center library and available to all students.

Regarding drug abuse treatment, there has been an update in the 1993-95 ACC catalog. The student and community services section on drug abuse prevention programs has been changed to include more treatment programs.

They are: Community, Family and Children Services, Birchwood Center for Chemical Dependency, Au Sable Valley Community Mental Health, and Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health.

For more information, stop by Student Services in VLH 102.

## R.I.D.D.E.R.S. take HSC by storm

By ANGELA BEAUBIN  
Staff Writer

Jill Dorsey, a nine year English and speech instructor at the Huron Shores Campus, describes her newly founded club, R.I.D.D.E.R.S., as "a stimulating club" which provides a sounding board for students' literary works.

The group meets every Monday at noon in the Learning Center at Wurtsmith. Presently, four students attend the meetings, with high hopes of attracting new members.

At each 1 1/2 - 2 hour

meeting, writers critique each other's poetry in the areas of imagery, use of literary elements, and abstract and/or concrete detail.

They also work on short stories, emphasizing dialogue, characterization, and other areas.

Dorsey created the group so "students could write for their own and others' interests."

Dorsey has taught three semesters of creative writing and is a published poet. She hopes to prepare her club members for writers' conferences, contests, and various literary opportunities.

Another goal for the group

is to publish mini anthologies for other students' reading pleasure.

Is it possible for students in Alpena to snatch her idea of forming such a useful club? Dorsey stated, "It would be great to further expand the group elsewhere." She even suggested Priscilla Homola, English instructor, as a likely candidate to coordinate such an effort.

Other events for the R.I.D.D.E.R.S. club included two literary nights at Wurtsmith February 10 and 15. These occasions featured a poetry reading and excerpts from a novel by two writers who teach at Hale High School.

## Sal Solo Band coming to Alpena

DEB HASKE  
Staff Writer

The Sal Solo Band, of London, England, will be performing in Alpena on Wednesday, February 23, 1994 at 7 p.m. in the Alpena High

School Auditorium. Tickets are \$2.00.

Sal Solo is a Christian musician who was a successful English lead singer, songwriter and producer of the 80s pop group Classix Nouveau.

Classix toured 30 countries from Finland to India, from America to Thailand, drawing audiences of 10,000-25,000. In Britain, the "Guinness Book of Hit Singles" records seven Classix hits, and a further two from Sal Solo himself.

After his conversion to Christianity he began working with young people and recording Gospel music "trying to communicate the Good News to an MTV generation."

His album, called "Look at Christ" is also the title of his concert. It is a blend of meditations upon the Gospel in contemporary style. It is a multi-media performance.

Marsha Hoppe, youth minister of St. Bernard's Church, is responsible for bringing the Sal Solo Band to Alpena. She said her main goal is to provide teenagers of this area, of all denominations, with a contemporary Christian artist who provides something they can relate to.

Solo is joined in concert by Phil Baker, bass; James Palmer, drums; and Pam and Russ Baker, keyboards/slides.

Tickets are available at Olivet Book and Gift Store in Alpena or by calling Marsha Hoppe at 354-8903.

### Correction:

The feature story in the January 26, 1994 issue on Judy Trapp was to read, "Judy Trapp was appointed by Governor Engler to the Michigan Commission on Handicapped Concerns. Recommended by Senator John Priddin, she serves on the Independent Living Subcommittee."

## Campus Slopes

By MELODY SHARP  
Staff Writer

When you are taking a test do you feel like you are on a downhill slope with no end in sight and the only result is a crash landing? Well then get your bobbed over to The Learning Center and check out a tutor. You may find the GOLD.

If you can't get away to Lillehammer you may be able to get away to Saginaw Valley University or Ferris State University on a spring field trip. Monica Bushey, Student Support Services counselor, is packing up her teams to head out for campus tours on February 21 and 22. Phone ext. 350 or stop at VLH 127 for more details. By the way, you will have to take time out of your spring break!

If you have a hard time curling rocks down an icy path with a broom, you may want to trade them in for a bowling ball instead. Rosters are available at East Campus for intramural bowling leagues held at Thunder Bowl Lanes on Tuesdays from 9-11 p.m.

Is your figure fit for skating? Are you tired of sliding your puck across ice for exercise? Open swimming for college students, faculty and staff is offered at AHS on Wednesday nights 8-9 p.m. starting February 2. Bring college ID. If you have questions phone ext. 339.

Are you a single parent and find the job of refereeing the competitors at home getting to you? Call a time out and join the support group on campus for single parents. The group meets for one hour every Thursday in VLH 104. Bring yourself, your lunch, a drink and unwind from the arena of life.

By the way, campus is not an open run where you can ignore signs and plunge ahead, running over gates to see how fast you can get from one point to another. Stop signs and such need to be heeded. There is an upsurge in accidents, too slow down. It's icy out there and snowbanks are high.

Melody Sharp, a sort of free style artist, is Silver Medal winner for the Biathlon Student Senate Sophomore Representative election. If you want to broadcast any concerns to the student senate call ext. 264, and ask for Melody.

Yodel-lady-hoo, fellow Olympians, grab your dogs and sleigh, then mush on over to VLH for three study skills workshops sponsored by The Learning Center. Improving your note-taking skills will be held March 2, 9-9:50 a.m. at VLH 104.

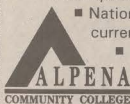
Getting the most from your textbook will be held March 9, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at VLH 104. Improving your test-taking skills will be held March 16, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at VLH 127 and March 17, 11-11:50 a.m. at VLH 104.

If you are finding it hard to find funds then stop and look at the "Fund Finder" for financial aid and scholarships on computer program at TLC.

Gold medal winners on campus have been decided by Dr. Newell. They are Karen Eller, administrative assistant; Chuck Weisen, executive director of the Center for Economic and Human Resource Development; Curt Davis, dean of instruction and student services; and Ken Hubbard, data processing technician; each of them has been awarded Lumberjack of the Month for February. Dr. Newport would like to recognize each for her/his efforts on the successful millage campaign. He rates their work a perfect 10.

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# Lovers indulge forever on Valentine's Day

By MELODY SHARP  
STAFF WRITER

Do you feel like you've been slighted by Cupid? Did the thought of Valentine's Day have you in a quandry as to what to buy your lover? Do you think Valentine's Day is really over rated?

Well hang on to your hearts and keep dodging those arrows because Valentine's Day has been around for many years and probably will be for many more to come.

As near as history can tell the big V-day started with an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia which took place every February 15. The festival honored Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan, the god of nature. The Lupercalia festival dates back to before 496 A.D. During the festival young men

and women would put their names on slips of paper, put them in a box and take turns drawing them out. Then the partners exchanged gifts as a show of affection. Many relationships continued after the festival and ended in marriage.

In 496 A.D. a churchman tried to give the pagan holiday Christian meaning and changed the day to February 14, naming the day St. Valentine's Day, but the sentimental meaning remained.

In the 1700s men would cast lots to draw a female's name and then wear that name pinned to their sleeve, thus the old saying, "He wears his heart on his sleeve." There would be a grand ball in the homes of gentry to impress the ladies. Gloves were the usual gift given by the men. Valentine's Day didn't catch on big in the U.S. until the time of the Civil War. A

writer in a magazine of 1863 wrote, "Indeed, with the exception of Christmas, there is no festival throughout the world which is invested with half the interest belonging to this cherished anniversary."

Valentines in the early 1600s used to be hand painted with lace and ribbons attached. The cost could average \$10.

Today the celebration can include all the most expensive gifts to the most frivolous ones. Sweethearts exchange gifts, as do children in schools, with a casual acquaintance. Costs can range from \$1 for a box of cards to \$10 for personalized ones.

Gifts can range from hand drawn cards to dozens of roses. And the value of these gifts are all appraised by the meaning of the giving.

So, if Cupid left you feeling out in the cold, worry not, there is always next year and new sweethearts to be found.

# Slackers should shut-up

By SHAWN DEMPSEY  
NEWS EDITOR

Does anyone remember Monday, Jan. 24?

I do. That was the day I hung around school until 7:30 p.m. to cover the millage education forum. You know, the one Student Senate sponsored primarily for students.

Well, here's the report, no one came.

This really shouldn't be surprising considering the comments I heard from students while working the phone bank

before the election. Out of the approximately 15 students I contacted, one knew about the up and coming election. Just one.

Of course, the lack of participation and general unawareness don't matter because the millage passed, but the forum attendance and phone responses really say something about our student body.

They say many students are ignorant and indifferent.

It is, however, every person's right to be ignorant and indifferent.

So I won't say you're college students, use your heads; and I won't say you're adults, assume some responsibility.

I also won't say it's your school, have a say in it; and I won't say they're spending your money, tell them what you want.

You don't have to be interested or informed. You don't have to care, so I won't say these things.

I am tired of hearing ignorance and seeing indifference, so next time you have a complaint, fix it or live with it, just don't whine to me about it.

# Youth reach out, make a promise for tomorrow

By DENISE KONWINSKI  
COPY-EDITOR

Last week five middle and high school state finalists in the VFW - sponsored Voice of Democracy essay contest presented veterans and members of the Ladies Auxiliary with their compositions.

I was lucky enough to be one of the people on the receiving end of those essays.

We were moved by the bared emotions before us. The students spoke of aspirations and dreams, goals and expectations, their hopes of the future. They spoke to us about what it means to them to be a part of a place called America. They spoke of what their responsibilities are as citizens and leaders.

All had impressive goals - among them a prospective kindergarten teacher and a hopeful physician in a rural area. They don't see higher education as simply a means to improve themselves. They see it as a way to reach out to others in need of help.

All have an impressive list of scholastic accomplishments. To me this is proof that their high personal goals are by no means

unattainable, but that much more realistic.

Needless to say, I was impressed.

It's refreshing to hear that kids today really do care, especially in a country where for generations the U.S. has been at the mercy of "the younger generation."

As the rest of the world seems to be crumbling, it's comforting to know we have young people full of hope and energy backing us up. They aren't being dragged down into the dark path that too many teenagers take to today.

Kids are speaking up and reaching out. More than ever we need to listen and reach out.

A few weeks ago, television journalists brought us students in Washington, D.C. who presented Vice President Al Gore with an almost desperate plea for help. President Clinton was subject to the same plea a short while later.

These high school students, as well as those that read us their essays, are proof. They want to change themselves for the better, they want to learn, and they want to make a difference.

There is hope. Too many people just aren't listening.

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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was quite dismayed to learn of an incident surrounding the recent campaign for Homecoming King & Queen. Craig Brown and Shawn Dempsey who were representing Phi Theta Kappa, had the campaign slogan, "Vote for Craig and Shawn, a vote that does not suck." Apparently there were a few faculty members offended by this slogan and Craig and Shawn were told that they needed to make a formal apology. As a competing candidate representing Student Senate, I hope they decide not to make that apology.

I was not offended by the campaign slogan, nor could I find a candidate that was offended. As this is a student function and not a faculty one, I find it ironic that some faculty members were offended.

First and foremost, it's just a campaign slogan. With all the other problems we as a people face in this country and this

world, we need not take simple things so seriously.

They used a phrase from a popular, though in my opinion tasteless television program. Does that make their use of this phrase in their campaign tasteless? Maybe yes, maybe no. I hope dear faculty member if you think it does, that you write to that television station to complain about it. Or do you realize that you have no authority over the TV station and they would simply ignore you? If you think not, then maybe you understand the use of irony, satire and what Craig and Shawn were attempting to do. If you do not understand as I believe, the use of irony and satire, then I would recommend attending the first semester of American Literature.

Homecoming is an event more representative of high school rather than college. This is seen in the amount of students that vote, and even more so in the amount of students that

actually attend the event. This year approximately 60 students attended. This can partially be explained by the weather, but it is mostly due I believe to the great amount of apathy found amongst the student body. There were 3 faculty members that complained, but only 2 faculty members attended the Homecoming dance. Neither one of them complained. I guess I might have more sympathy for the offended faculty members point of view, had they actually bothered to attend.

Now, if you wish to talk about offensive, then let us talk about these offended faculty members not attending school functions. How about the fact that a few of the basketball players stand outside of the lounge at Van Lare Hall and shout mother\*\*\*\* at each other. Why are you offended faculty members, not outraged by this? Is it because their intellectual claim to fame is that they can

(sometimes) make a twenty foot jump shot?

There are many things to be offended by in this school, in

this country, and in this world. Phi Theta Kappa's campaign slogan is not one of them. In the future dear offended faculty

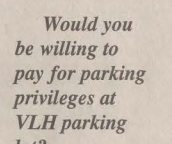
member, don't take yourselves so seriously. Nobody else does.

Jim Byrley

# Students SPEAK



No, I don't think paying for a parking privilege would solve the parking problem. ~ Pamela Plemons



Yes, I'd be willing to pay as long as it wasn't too high of a price. ~ Tom Soltysiak



Yes, I'm not too lazy to walk, but my only class is in VLH. ~ Deborah Larson



Yes, I'd be willing to pay so I wouldn't have to walk so far, especially in this cold. ~ Doran Parker



No, it's alright as it is. ~ Audrey Papke



Yes, I'm not too lazy to walk, but my only class is in VLH. ~ Deborah Larson

Dear Editor of the Polemic,

We presume that Alpena Community College considers itself an enlightened institution; therefore, could someone in authority please explain the reason and/or intent of the symbols under the heading "women" and "men" on the restrooms in the Van Lare Hall student lounge? If the logos are placed there to supply someone lacking English skills, are we trying to tell them

in one room we spin and in the other we push logs? (no pun intended.)

We would like to suggest removal. Oh, by the way - no to "setters" and "pointers," "Buck" and "Doe" or "skirts" and "trousers."

Our suggestion is removal of symbols as no other male/female restrooms on campus display them.

Thank you,  
Caroline Lech  
Virginia (Ginny) Titus  
Paul C. Young

P.S. We feel it necessary to say we do have other concerns, i.e. AIDS, Bosnia-Herzegovina, earthquake victims etc. We just think we're all here to further our education.

# Why students fell short

By JIM GOODBURNE  
LAYOUT-EDITOR

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is part two of a three part series dealing with the poor academic achievement of students during the fall 1993 semester. The instructors who took time to contribute their viewpoints did so out of concern and with the hope of helping to solve the problem.

The fact that more students got lower grades than usual during the fall '93 semester has been well established. But the question remains . . . Why?

"We know that generations of people are different," offered Roger Phillips, English instructor. "We're looking at a view of the world that is different in this group of students than we've ever seen before. They stopped laughing at my jokes three years ago. Now I saw that as a sign of my age, but also it was a sign of a radical change in cultural literacy. They have different cultural references than we had, so they don't laugh at the same things."

Poor prospects in the job market may be contributing to the lull in student achievement. If students feel little hope of finding work once out of school, they may not apply themselves in the classroom.

"By the same token, they don't value the same things," added Phillips. "This is also a generation that is looking at last year's college graduates, and everything they hear on the news is that those people can't find jobs."

"This attitude that's driven

by the lack of job opportunity affects primarily the brighter students who are aware of it. I'm not sure that most students are even aware of what the job market is," said Keith Titus.

Titus felt that the problem may instead be generated by a reluctance to give up being a teenager. "Why the hell would you want to give up this world where things are given to you, where you can be irresponsible?"

ACC's policy of dropping classes was targeted as a vehicle for students who don't want to face responsibility. The system allows a student to drop a class up to the last day before finals are taken.

Once a class is dropped, a grade will not be given; therefore if a student is failing a class and drops it, the failing grade is erased from his record.

"What we've taken away from them with the drop policy is the ability to fail," said Titus.

According to Phillips, the drop policy has other implications. "They are delaying — perhaps adulthood as well — but they are delaying their exit from this institution, and their graduation. Probably what they are doing is biding their time because they know that until things change economically, they're not going to have a whole lot of hope anyway."

Jim Miesen, English instructor, focused more on an individual basis. "There are more aimless people. Without a goal or an aim, you can't work — you're in limbo. Look at the number of people who decline their major as undecided/un-

known. It seems to increase all the time."

In the personal writing of students, Phillips notes an unusually high degree of depression. "I see much more depression about what kinds of families they can build, family situations that are very depressing to them, and they are very unhappy. That depression, I think, is all part of the package."

Another potential contributor to the lack of student accomplishment is television. The obvious problem is the use of time. But time spent staring at a screen instead of studying is not the only problem.

"You sit down and you watch a program that is severed into little pieces, so that you can pay attention for a few minutes and then go get a sandwich and not miss anything. You don't have to make any effort to be involved in it or understand it because everything is given to you at about a third grade level," said Titus.

Music videos and commercials flash bits of information at a high rate of speed, roughly two to three seconds apiece. The result is a shorter attention span. Students may find it hard to concentrate for a full forty minute lecture.

Before a solution may be offered, the cause of the problem must be identified. Poor grades show up in the books, but the reasons behind the grades can only be surmised. These instructor's comments certainly provide food for thought.

In the last issue of *The Polemic*, a poll was included with part one of the series dealing with poor academic achievement at ACC during the fall '93 semester.

Students were asked to share, anonymously, the reasons why they received poor grades.

The response was underwhelming. Only three people took the time to return our poll.

As Keith Titus, speech instructor, said of the students, "They just don't seem to care." It looks like he's got them pegged.

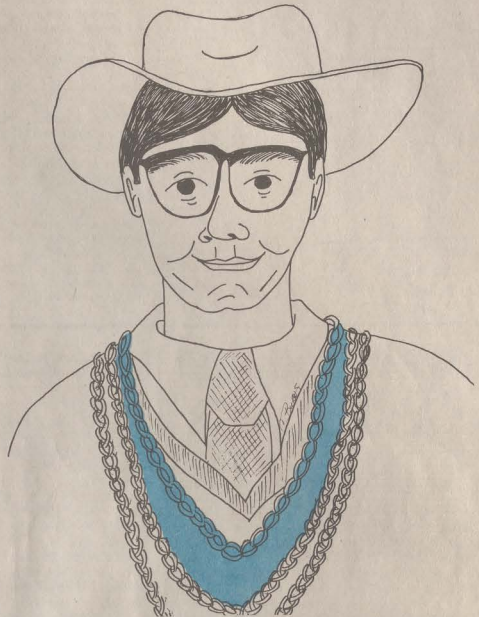
The three that we did get were interesting:

**Grade Received: E  
Whose Fault? Mine.**  
Did you seek help at the Learning Center? No  
Grade would've been higher if: I'd gone to class & studied more.  
**Comment:** "I was simply not motivated . . . I didn't care — I did what I wanted and I'm paying now."

**Grade Received: E  
Whose Fault?**  
Instructor's, Class Size  
Did you seek help at the Learning Center? Yes.  
Grade would've been higher if: I'd gone to class & studied more.  
**Comment:** "If the Phy. Science class was split into two sections I would have passed and my instructor could have spent more time with his class."

**Grade Received: A-  
Whose Fault? Mine.**  
Did you seek help at the Learning Center? Yes.  
Grade would've been higher if: I'd studied more.  
**Comment:** "We come to school to study & learn; whether the instructor is good or bad doesn't matter. It's our job to work hard for the grade. The grade you get, you deserve."

# Guess Who?



**Polemic** cartoonist Carol Burns has drawn this caricature of an ACC professor as part of a contest. If you can identify this instructor, please fill out the included entry form and drop it off at *The Polemic* office by 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 1994. The winner will be selected at random and notified on March 3. He/she will receive a free extra value meal, courtesy of McDonald's® Restaurant of Alpena.

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# Greenwood places in state-wide contest

By SCOTT REED  
STAFF WRITER

essay contest she entered last semester.

Rachel Greenwood, a student at ACC, took second place in the statewide LAND (Liberal Arts Network of Development)

The essay, a touching piece about Rachel's mother's battle with breast cancer, started out as an assignment in Dr. Richard Lessard's advanced composition

course. But after spending the whole semester writing, rewriting, revising and editing, the paper became less of an assignment and more of a way to express her inner feelings, according to Greenwood.

Every county college in Michigan took part in the LAND contest. Five judges from five different colleges, Kellogg Gogebic, Kirtland, Delta and Kalamazoo Valley, decided the fate of all the authors who participated.

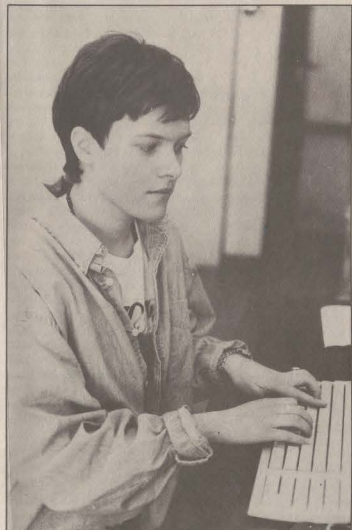
Each college could submit only one entry per category (essays, short stories, and poems), meaning Greenwood's essay was chosen to represent ACC.

To take second place in such a vast contest was an honor to Greenwood, but she feels she couldn't have done it without the English instructors she has had.

She is grateful especially to Dr. Lessard. "If he hadn't nearly put a gun to my head," Greenwood says jokingly, "I never would have sent it in."

Dr. Lessard says, "Rachel has an excellent sense of what will be important to her readers and she is able to take control of the tone she wants to present. She is also a meticulous reviser who chooses her language carefully — all qualities which make her very deserving of this honor."

Greenwood will spend today, tomorrow and Friday as a guest of the Dearborn Hotel in Dearborn, where she will be presented with a \$100 check in recognition of her outstanding writing talent.



Rachel Greenwood, second place winner of the Michigan wide LAND essay contest, composes at the computer.

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"Apparently, some kids hooked up your grandmother's pacemaker to The Clapper."

# Dog shooting Chowder Heads occupy cemetery, supermarket

By JIM BALLMER  
STAFF WRITER

Some bands simply get off on being strange. Take Primus for example. With album titles like *Frizzle Fry*, *Sailing the Seas of Cheese* and, check out this hum-dinger, *Pork Soda*, you've got to know these guys are different.

Guess what? I found an Alpena band that could be a runner-up for the weird award. They call themselves Chowder Head and are definitely not just the typical, humorous, subdued weird. These guys ooze with weird.

In fact, when I was toying with the idea of interviewing these guys, guitarist Kevin

Ballmer informed me that an interview would have to wait awhile because "one of the guys is in jail for shooting a dog." I thought that was kind of odd.

Little did I realize that this was only the beginning of a very unusual experience.

I set up a photo shoot and an interview for the up-coming Thursday which gave them time to unite with their jail bird. I talked to vocalist/keyboardist Carl Prieur about the photo shoot and I quickly got the impression that breaking boundaries was a sacred commandment with these goof-halls.

Well, Thursday rolled around and the photo shoot turned out to be a trippy stomp-romp through Alpena with hijinks from hell. Our first stop was, of course, the cemetery to take some shots by some "cool tombs."

Then we high-tailed it to Glen's Market to take some scrumptious shots with the guys holding up some cans of clam chowder and, yes, people were staring. One poor lady was trying to wheel her cart around us and she muttered, "I guess I'll get the hell out of your way." The Chowders found this quite amusing.

Our final destination was Lud's to get some budget burgers (a favorite choice of food among the Chowders) and do the interview.

My first question was "What's with the name Chow-



Chowder Head (left to right) Chad Kortman, Travis Schilling, Mike Roy (in back), Carl Prieur, and Kevin Ballmer.

Photo by Jim Ballmer

der Head?" Prieur quickly replied, "I used to call Kevin and (bassist) Travis (Schilling) that and it just kinda stuck." Drummer Mike Roy thinks it's kind of a different name but he deals with it. The newest member, rhythm guitarist Chad Kortman just smiles.

The Chowders may be unusual but they definitely know what they like and don't like. "We don't care about flannel, popularity, winning contests, or money," Prieur explains. "We

just want to entertain and party."

Apparently these guys know how to pitch one bitch of a party, too. "I once put on a bash that had 300 people at it," said Mike Roy. "At parties we really get off on watching people walk around with what we call happy birthday balloon faces." Prieur says, "Oh, we also like watching people puke."

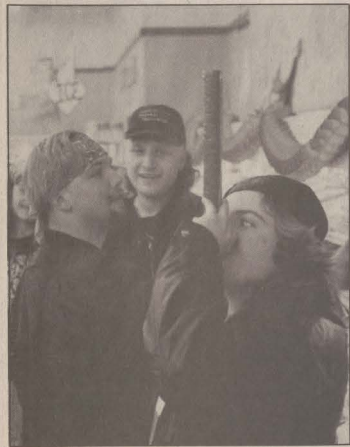
Chowder Head does songs from Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Alice Cooper, Type O Negative, White Zombie, Pantera, Ugly Kid Joe,

Black Sabbath and a slew of originals.

Near future plans for Chowder Head is playing in the Star Search contest at the high school March 25th. Other bands that will be there include Cane, Milkside, and possibly the Hansens.

Long term goals include playing in Jackson, Michigan, and New York City.

Chowder Head is weird, but isn't weird always good entertainment?



Travis Schilling (right) shows Carl Prieur and Mike Roy how to smoke a salami.  
Photo by Jim Ballmer

# ACC Players to do *Aladdin* for spring show

By KINDRA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

ACC Players are once again hitting the stage and because of an abundance of men they are presenting not "Cinderella," as scheduled, but rather "Aladdin." The play is planned to run April 21-24 at Thunder Bay Theater.

Auditions were held yesterday and will be held again today, Feb. 16 from 4:15 - 6 p.m. at East Campus, room 108. The play has roles for 10 men and eight women open to any ACC student, with or without prior experience.

"Aladdin," a tale from *The Arabian Nights*, adapted by William Glenn, combines action and adventure when Aladdin and his friends discover a magic lamp. The spells, potions, and reversals of fortune combine to make a fast-paced and humorous play.

Originally, "Cinderella" was planned for this semester. "It's an exciting turn of events in the drama club this year because of the plethora of men," stated Nan Hall, acting instructor and adviser of the drama club. Because of this windfall, "Aladdin" was selected, giving more opportunity for the male actors.

# Future Beatles series to contain unreleased works

documentary slated for 1995

By SCOTT REED  
STAFF WRITER

On January 4, 1970, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr entered Abbey Road Studio Number Two to add overdubs to their song "Let It Be." Since then, a slew of books have been written on the Fab Four and all of these books have cited this session as being the last time The Beatles recorded together (even though John

Last semester the drama club presented "The Best Christmas Present Ever" at TBT. The cast involved over 40 members from the college, community, and Creative Arts Center from TBT. Half the actors in the play had never before performed on stage.

The Players have recently turned to presenting children's

shows. The plays appeal and sell better among the families in the college community.

A question arises often, "why isn't the performance of 'why' done on campus instead of at TBT?" Last year, the Players presented "Beauty and the Beast" in the gymnasium at EAC. The actors had a hard time coping with the bad acoustics and no

lighting system. Hall stated, "I am looking forward to the time the Players have the use of the stage in the new Student/Community/Business/Learning/Resources Center. Until then, the Players will continue to work at TBT, sharing 50-50 on the box office receipts."

Players involve more people than just actors. Hall stresses, "We need people! Not just actors, but costume, prop, and publicity people, too."

Since "Aladdin" takes place in the middle eastern area, most of the costumes will need to be made for this production. The Players welcome anyone with sewing machines or talent in the costume department.

Should they just let their memory remain untarnished? How would they fair in the world of music in the 1990s? Would they simply blend in with the crowd they themselves created, or would they continue setting their own standards, allowing other bands to follow suit?

Lennon was absent). Well, these books are going to have to update themselves to keep up with the ever-changing times. For, as unbelievable as it may sound, The Beatles are back! But what form will their reunion take?

It is a fact that Paul, George and Ringo are working on a Beatles documentary series, which is tentatively scheduled to air in 1995. They will be writing and recording some new songs for the film as well.

It is also a fact that Beatles record producer George Martin is behind a project which will "clean out" the vaults of yet unreleased recordings. The Beatles made during their eight year reign on the pop music charts. Martin says there are over four hundred hours of unreleased recordings. Six CDs are planned for release later in the year.

Some of these unreleased recordings have seen the light thanks to bootleggers who somehow got their hands on the master tapes. There has never been an official Capitol/Apple/

EMI release of these obscure songs like "How Do You Do It," the second song The Beatles recorded. "What's the New Mary Jane," a ridiculous Lennon recording made in 1969 would also be released.

One thing that will certainly be on people's minds is, once The Beatles actually get back together will they just let it be or

Record or possibly tour?

Some records have said that The Beatles shouldn't bother. For one thing, there are only three of them. An article in *'Goldmine* magazine earlier this year stated that an anonymous source close to Paul McCartney revealed the three survivors were considering Julian Lennon to be

of the year to do something for us.) #3: August Day (I feel sorry for August. When it comes to national holidays, it seems as though our precious eighth month was overlooked.) #2: National Recognition Day (This gives us a chance to recognize things in general.)

# Top Ten holidays we should have

By SCOTT REED  
STAFF WRITER

For some reason, I started thinking about all the holidays we have. Then, typical of myself, I started thinking about all the holidays we don't have. I think there are some much needed, much awaited holidays out there just waiting to be born. Complied here are the TOP TEN HOLIDAYS WE DON'T HAVE YET - BUT SHOULD!

those of us who don't like Columbus.)

#8: Vice-President's Day (After all, they do all the President's dirty work.)

#7: Dependence Day (This gives us a reason to rely on someone else.)

#6: Flag Burning Day (In a country where controversy dominates everyday life, who's going to notice one more upsetting to us?)

#5: John Lennon's Birthday (This one's quite self-explanatory.)

#4: Citizen's Day (This allows the government one day out

of the year to do something for us.)

#3: August Day (I feel sorry for August. When it comes to national holidays, it seems as though our precious eighth month was overlooked.)

#2: National Recognition Day (This gives us a chance to recognize things in general.)

And the number one holiday we don't have but should, Metric Day (Sometimes it seems as though the twenty-four hour day is just a little too short. With the Metric Day, we'd have a regular day, only it would be one hundred hours long.)

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By Doug Searle  
National Student Nurses Assn. 1994

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# Everyone wins at Service-Learning Center

By SCOTT REED  
STAFF WRITER

Alpena Community College has an exciting new feature — The Service-Learning Center is a program developed to get students involved in their community. Everyone involved in Service-Learning benefits.

Students get hands-on experience, community agencies have needs being met, instructors have their teaching methods enhanced, and the community and the college have a positive connection.

Working under a grant from the Michigan Community Service Commission, Dot Gonia, program director, and Julie Smigelski, student coordinator for the project, began developing a Service-Learning program specifically for Alpena Community College. Guidelines were developed using program information from many higher

education institutions across the country.

Stanford University in California, Bentley College in Massachusetts, Mesa Community College in Arizona, Rollins College in Florida, and Alma College in Michigan are some of the colleges with successful Service-Learning programs willing to share information with ACC.

Shortly after the program began, Gonia became the full-time director for the area's Youth Volunteer Corps program. Smigelski became the Service-Learning coordinator in December. Both programs are service-oriented and are based at Alpena Community College in the Volunteer Center.

In the Service-Learning program students are the big winners. Since projects are related in the field of study, they get a deeper understanding of the class material.

Students also receive a letter of credit from the Service-Learning Center stating the hours they have volunteered. (Some universities require a specific amount of hours for graduation.)

Students may also receive credit within their class. The projects may replace a quiz, required paper or an exam. The credit given, however, is up to the discretion of individual instructors.

Six ACC instructors, Dave Eger, economics; Nan Hall, drama; Wes Law, political science; Richard Lessard, director work placement; Mike Roy, law enforcement and Coreen Williams, nursing, have already participated in the Service-Learning Center's December, 1993 pilot program.

Seven more instructors: Ellen Eagan (psychology), Terry Hall (humanities), Roger M. Phillips (English), John

Singer (chemistry), and Keith Titus (speech) are currently in the process of developing Service-Learning projects in their classes.

Among the new projects being initiated for this semester are tutors for elementary school math through instructors Charley Rosebush and Joel Osborne; elementary school English tutors through instructor Jim Miesen; a Health Department #4 project through Brian Clark; a statistics project through Dave Eger; and art projects through Laurie Wade.

A big part of the Service-Learning program is the reflection component. Students are asked to share any highlights of their project or problems they may have encountered.

Smigelski states, "The reflection with the nursing class students convinced me of how important this program really is. This is the kind of heart and soul program which restores your faith in humanity."

During the program, the nursing students were required to keep journals of their experiences.

One student wrote; "I have many precious memories of my Service-Learning project. The most precious moment was when my resident pulled my face toward her with both hands and said, 'I love you' and kissed me on the cheek. She was full of smiles and so was I."

Another student comment which Smigelski pointed out was, "During my visits . . . my resident and I got to know each other, we developed a bond and I was rewarded with a wonderful smile when I came and when I left which made me feel like a million bucks."

Comments and feelings like these are known as a "helper's high." According to Smigelski, a helper's high is "what makes the nursing student feel like 'a million bucks' when she sees the positive feedback she has inspired in someone else."

These are the kinds of feelings which thrill Smigelski and let her know the Service-Learning program is right on track.

The program received a boost when Barb Dault, an ACC student doing an internship in English, was added to the program for the spring semester. Her enthusiasm and skills are helping the concept of Service-Learning to be positively received to community agencies and ACC faculty members.

If you have any questions about the program, call the Service-Learning Center at 356-9021, ext. 373.



Joe Donna, art instructor is shown working on finishing art pieces. *File photo*

## Artists Donna, Wade, show works in Detroit

### ■Putt putt golf course becomes a reflection of creativity

DEB HASKE  
STAFF WRITER

Laurie Wade and Joe Donna, ACC art instructors, are among 21 Michigan artists participating in the 1st Annual Miniature Golf Installation at the Detroit Artists Market in Detroit.

Donna and Wade were selected to create one hole each of an 18 hole putt putt golf course.

The concept of art installation allows the viewer to enter into the piece, in this instance actually playing putt putt golf.

Each hole on the course is made of various materials including wood, plastic, granite, paint, metal, plastic and found objects. Laurie Wade's "The Gallows Bird Farce" is 10 feet by 12 feet by 10 feet high and is the third hole.

A golfer entering is flanked by a flock of birds which resembles flamingos. The birds are followed by two highly decorative columns, more birds, and a center column forming a triangular composition on the green.

The columns are a blackened metallic luster, while the abstract decorative patterns are brightly colored. The upper portions have a gold picture-frame like design holding copies of Goya's "The Sleep of Reason," Kollowitz's "Death and the Mother," Dürer's "Melencolia," and others.

This piece, like much of Wade's work, brings together the qualities of clay, photogra-

phy, printmaking, and sculpture, with one technique or medium influencing the other.

Wade said, "It was an enjoyable project, a fun piece, but then again I sometimes have a tendency to take what might otherwise be described as the awful side of nature or man and present it in a beautiful, or at least appealing, term."

Jayson Niles an ACC art student, attended the opening. He was "... impressed with the size, craftsmanship and ingenuity of Joe Donna's seventh golf course hole.

Donna used two conveyor belts as well as several chutes, channels and troughs to transport the golf ball through a Rubik Goldberg-like mousetrap. The trap was built from left over wood, parts from old farm machinery, and child like block shapes.

Painted with primary and secondary colors, the 20 foot by 16 foot by 10 foot high piece gave golfers one and a half minutes of anticipation watching the self propelled ball go through the maze, resulting in a hole in one.

Donna constructed his piece in the new addition at his home. When it came time to move the piece to Detroit, Donna had to remove the outside wall of the addition.

"On the coldest weekend in Alpena, I tore down the wall, then had to build it back up."

The Detroit show will be running through May 1.



Julie Smigelski heads up the Service-Learning program. *Photo by Linda Simpson*

## Group sessions offered at TLC

By SHAWN DEMISEY  
NEWS EDITOR

Tutor evolution, mandated by a shortage of funds, is taking place in The Learning Center.

The free tutoring offered by TLC may come in the form of group sessions, especially for the math courses.

Often many students from one class come to TLC in search of help, according to Assistant Dean of Instruction Sheila Williams. Groups are a way to save money without cutting service.

If changes are not made, Williams predicts there will be a shortage of funds by the end of March. This year's TLC budget was not decreased, but more money than expected was spent.

Groups for each Math 090, 102, and 113 section have a scheduled time when students will meet with their assigned tutor. If that time is not convenient, students can meet with groups from other sections.

The groups will meet twice per week and will contain no more than six students at a time. "It could be just one student," says Audrey Voigt-Julian, coordinator of special populations.

After attending the group meetings, an additional hour of individual tutoring will be available, since students can receive three hours of tutoring per week per class.

Each student is an individual case, according to Tutor Coordinator Jewel Lancaster, and they will be treated like one.

If group times are not feasible or if there are questions, Lancaster is the person to see.

Several faculty members think groups are a good idea because, Williams explains, students often don't know what they don't know until someone else brings it up.

Another change is the introduction of professional tutors to the center.

Lynda Riedsch, developmental studies technician, will assist students with grammar skill questions and with paper writing problems for any ACC class. She will be available in TLC from 9-10 a.m. Monday - Friday.

Another development studies technician, Jeff Blumenthal, will help in biology, history,

Math 090, geography, writing, physical education and introduction to education. He will be available on Monday and Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

An additional change is allowing education majors to do tutoring internships in TLC. Anyone interested in an internship should see Vernie Nethercutt in The Volunteer Center in BTC.

TLC still offers free tutoring in all other classes, as well as counseling and study skills course work.

TLC is located in VLH 127 and its hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday. Stop in or call exts. 342, 284, 255, or 319 for more information.



Lauri Wade, ceramic instructor is setting up an exhibition. *File photo*



Ladyjacks receive encouragement from coach Mike Kollien.

Photo by Linda Simpson

## Jacks lose again

By JEREMY WILLIAMS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes goes the sweet goes the sour. Amidst all the hoopla and the crowning of the king and queen, both the Lady Jacks and Lumberjacks were trying to break losing streaks. Both teams gave more than 100% and played with the heart and intensity that almost gave them victories.

In the women's game,

Doggy Dogg and Naughty By Nature Warmups. The Lumberjacks came out confident and ready to play.

The Jacks changed their "Run-N-Gun" offense to an unusual slow tempo. They used 5 to 6 passes, working the ball around until they had an easy shot.

At the half, Highland Park had a 29-22 lead. ACC came out storming in the second half, sparked by the inspired play of Doran Parker.

Parker was hustling, talking trash and getting the crowd in the game. "I finally found my game. I came out with an attitude and played with a lot of heart. I wasn't going to back down from anybody," Parker stated.

After Highland Park's Andre Gregory was ejected for punching Parker, ACC went on a 12-5 run to bring them within one.

But as the case for most of the season, the Lumberjacks were chopping in a petrified forest. Turnovers and missed opportunities made the difference and Highland Park won the game 71-64.

Coach Jeff Duncan spoke on the team's performance, "I was real proud of my guys. Our press and half court trap worked. They didn't quit. We got 8 players who played hard and none of them have robbed a liquor store (referring to the U of M Wolverines)."

Highland Park was lead by Kenny Patterson with 20 points. For ACC, top scorer Doran Parker had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Travis Smith had 15 points, all in the 2nd half.

## Oost, playin' the field

By JEREMY WILLIAMS  
SPORTS EDITOR

In the real world there are frustrations, happiness, and everything else imaginable. The world of sports has similar representatives of these emotions and attitudes.

As the real world changes for the better, I feel that the sports world is taking giant steps to change as well.

Early in the century, women didn't have much. They raised the children while men worked. Now, as we near a new century, women have careers, equal rights, and now a chance to shine in the athletic pool.

Let's face it, women have come a long way and have made their presence felt in the world of sports. But even though women have excelled in such sports as basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, and gymnastics, they still aren't getting the fame and fortune that men do.

Why is this, you ask? It could be the male chauvinistic attitude. In sports, it seems as though the man rules because of the supposed rough nature of the games. Well, that's bull!

Almost all of the sports we play have been invented by men and a lot of these sports have women superstars that will remain in our memories forever.

Though women have made their presence felt, they still get kicked around.

For example, there are a limited amount of pro openings for women. You don't hear about the big contract deals that men get.

Also, women sports are far less televised than men's sports. You can see just about every men's college basketball game from pre-season to championship but you only see some of the women's final four.

It even breaks down to watching the Lady Jacks play at 5:30 and the men at 7:30.

What's going on? Is it a result of high ratings on television for men's sports? Or is it just a plain and simple fact that everyone just wants to watch men?

Imagine...women signing million-dollar contracts, receiving more TV air time, and starting play at ACC at 7:30.



Walker displays trophy won at Great Lakes Speedskating Championship in West Allis, WI.

Photo by Linda Simpson

## Local speedskater overcomes injury, finishes fourth in nation

By SARAH EDWARDS  
STAFF WRITER

cost of equipment and dues are paid. The major expense that remains is the cost of travel, but many families carpool to save money."

Talking to Walker about her two children, you will see her light up with joy. She praises

well known sister. Three years ago Chrissy started speedskating to shape up for softball, but a knee injury left her spending time in physical therapy. The injury limited her athletic ability to speedskate.

Her coaches include four Alpena Area Speedskating Coaches and Wisconsin coach Robert Fenn. Chrissy credits much of her success to local coach Janet Straley who has worked with her for the past 3 years. "At the time of her injury, Janet's positive attitude and belief in Chrissy's ability helped Chrissy through a tragic time in her life," said Marianne.

Walker commented, "I give most of the credit to Chrissy. She's worked very hard to achieve success at speedskating. She's always been a disciplined athlete and places speedskating training at the top of her priority list."

Chrissy for overcoming many obstacles such as limited ice time and getting to races.

Sharing praise is Walker's fourteen year old son, Greg, who participates in football and basketball while he effectively handles the stress of having a

Finishing fourth in the nation the weekend of January 29 Chrissy Walker, daughter of ACC student Marianne Walker, is one step closer to fulfilling her ultimate dream of becoming an Olympic speedskater.

The competition took place at the Olympic training center in Lake Placid, Minnesota. Chrissy Walker also traveled to Wisconsin this year for other competitions.

Marianne Walker finds the task of being a full - time second year liberal arts major, a mother, an employee, and one of Chrissy's biggest fans difficult, but rewarding.

Most people assume that the cost of speedskating would be expensive but, Walker explains, "Surprisingly, speedskating is a relatively inexpensive sport, after the initial

## Intramural programs share mixed students responses

### Gladiators take to the courts

By JIM BALLMER  
STAFF WRITER

Inside the realm of ACC is a sport so grueling, so physically taxing, and so mentally exhausting that only six teams of noble gladiators dare participate. It is . . . intramural basketball.

I.M. basketball is set up for two twenty-minute, gut-wrenching halves with each team having only a one minute timeout per half.

This year, it looks like teams Maximum Effect and Ego Trip are taking no prisoners while Men in the Box and High Voltage are falling away from the pack.

So, if you want to see some action, check out the games!



Plaza pool at Alpena High School is hot and steamy compared to the temperatures outside.

Photo by Linda Simpson

### Plaza Pool offers free exercise and relaxation

DEB HASKE  
STAFF WRITER

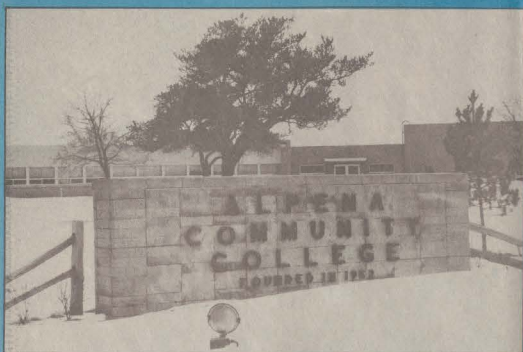
Despite the fact that swimming is supposed to be the best exercise, that warm water should feel good this time of year and that you can hardly get anything free these days, students are staying away from the open swim intramural sponsored activity in droves.

Open swim is scheduled at the Plaza Pool at Alpena High School from 8-9 p.m. on Wednesdays and is free for all ACC faculty, students and their families. There are three more Wednesdays on the schedule before the termination of the program.

The intramural program is paid for from student activity fees collected each semester at registration time from every student. Cost of the pool is \$35 per evening.

Intramural Director Scott Miles attempts to offer a variety of programs to meet individual student needs. Obviously, this program is not off to a good start and whether this opportunity is part of next year's scheduled activities is in doubt. Attendance would have to increase dramatically before Miles would consider placing it on the schedule of events.

This depends on how many can catch a wave at the Plaza Pool.

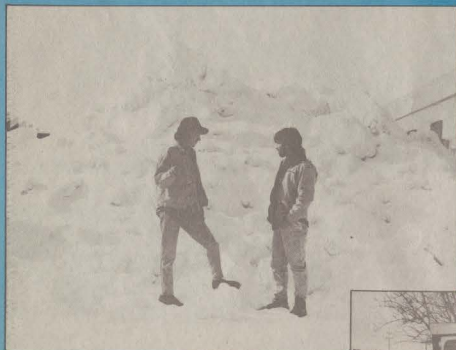


ACC, as well as the rest of Michigan, is surviving a long, bitterly cold winter.

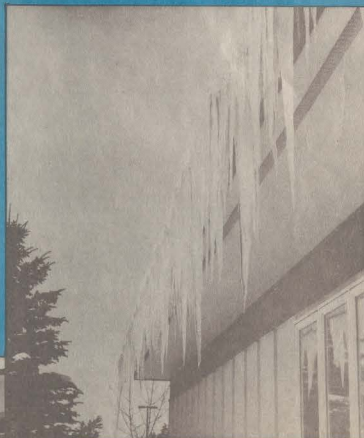
# Scenes Like Winter



Students Jennifer Weinkauff (left) and Deyon Candode bundle up as they walk between classes.



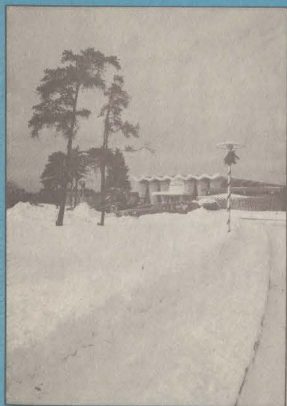
Automotive students Jason Jewell (left) and Josh Roznowski are dwarfed by this snowpile by BTC.



Iceicles hang from the roof of the Graphic Arts building.



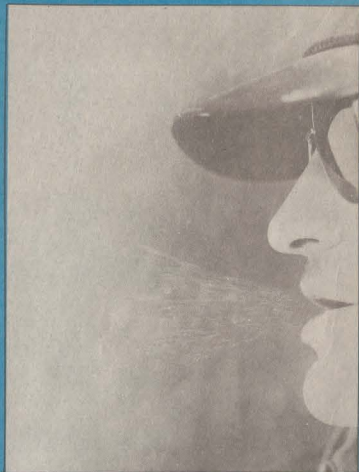
ACC maintenance man Bob Besaw clears the walks in front of Van Lare Hall.



Besser Technical Center is wrapped in a blanket of snow.



Utility Tech. students brave the cold while in their outside lab, in a temperature of 10 degrees below zero.



Matt McKay can see his own breath, a clear sign of the cold.

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