

ACC hosts four-year colleges

BY HOLLY MACE
STAFF WRITER

According to Alpena Community College President, Dr. Don Newport, ACC is currently becoming involved in what is known as the University Center Concept.

The Northeast Michigan University Center will create "a broader base of contact with our four-year brethren for delivery of upper division and graduate courses on a central site other than the home site of the institutions," explained Newport.

This means that various four-year institutions will be offering some of their programs of study on this campus.

Presently, this is in a "planning mode," commented Newport.

On September 24, 1996, representatives from the following institutions met with representatives from ACC in CTR 114: Central Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Madonna University, Michigan State University, Northwood University, and Spring Arbor College.

These representatives have participated in university centers around the state. There are approximately three or more that have developed in the last 3-4 years.

The reps spent about half a day going over the pros and cons to help the ACC reps understand this Center so that it works well.

Newport says that the next step is to determine the needs of Northeast Michigan.

Surveys will be taken -- some on campus involving the students. The survey might include questions such as:

What area would you be thinking about going into at the upper level or graduate level?

Would you be receptive to taking these courses in North-

Newport says that LSSU and Spring Arbor will remain on campus in addition to the four-year institutions taking part in this program.

After the surveys have been taken and the needs have been determined, then the college will look at who is "prepared and willing to deliver the best product," said Newport. Then the institutions will sit down and strike a bargain.

The courses will be taught in various ways. The interactive classroom will be used as well as the traditional face-to-face instruction. There will also be computerized instruction courses and correspondence courses.

There are several advantages to the University Center Concept, commented Newport.

The first advantage involves the "place-bound student" -- the middle-aged working mother of three children, for example.

"To ask this person to drive to Mount Pleasant two or three times a week [to attend classes at CMU] is impossible," added Newport.

The program is also ideal for the student looking to avoid the expense of relocating, hous-

ing, food, etc..

It will also develop an "articulated curriculum," said Newport. The student will learn more about what each institution is expecting and will have more regular contact with instructors of upper level courses. It will broaden the knowledge base and create a "comfort zone" for the students.

Also, added Newport, the community becomes a more educationally knowledge-based community. The level of education increases. It is also economically good for community development because people stay in the community.

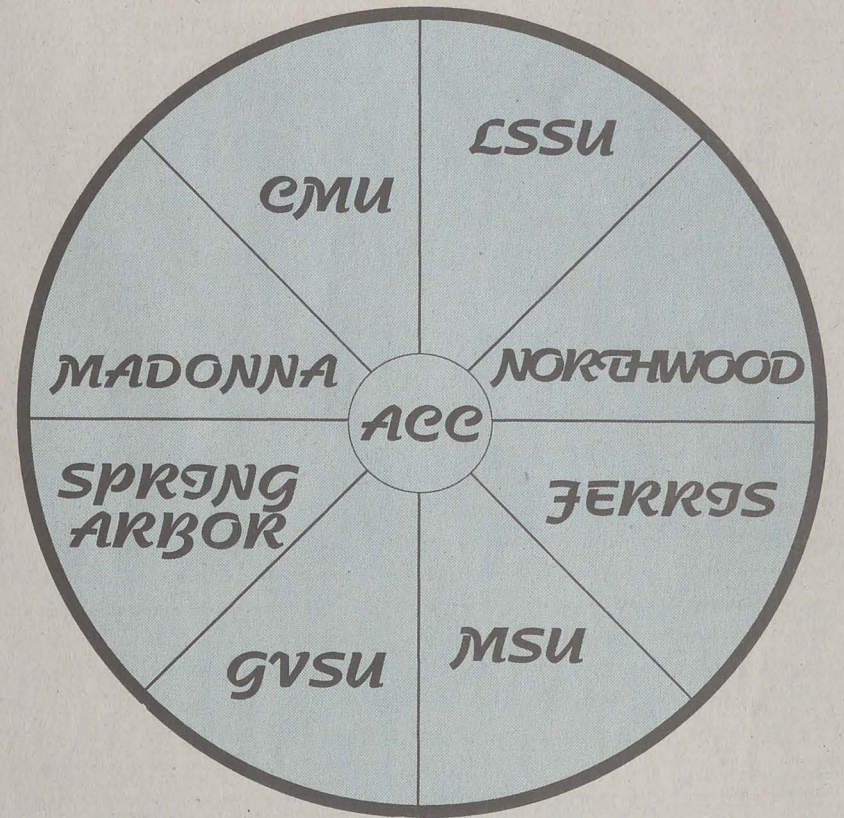
A major advantage, according to Newport, is that four-year institutions are forced to get to know each other, how their programs and requirements relate and differ.

As for the down side, "I don't know where the down side is if it's done right," said Newport.

According to Chuck Wiesen, Associate Dean, the University Center allows ACC to do three things.

First, it allows this institution to work with schools already here, such as Spring Arbor and LSSU, to improve the ability to move students to a point where they are ready to start working toward a Bachelor's or a Master's degree.

Secondly, it allows this in-



ACC starting plans to be a hub of higher education.

stitution to work with Spring Arbor and LSSU and others to look at possible new degrees to be offered here.

Finally, it allows this institution to share resources with participating institutions. Some examples would be purchasing equipment such as the interactive classroom, partnering with other schools for performing arts productions, and sharing part-time faculty in specialty areas to offer programs.

"Clearly, one of the challenges that we all face is being able to provide the best learning opportunity for a person whenever they're ready to go to school," said Wiesen. "The University Center extends the opportunity to learn beyond the two-year degree."

According to Paul Wegmeyer, ACC Trustee and MSU County Extension Agent, "There's a lot of optimism and hope."

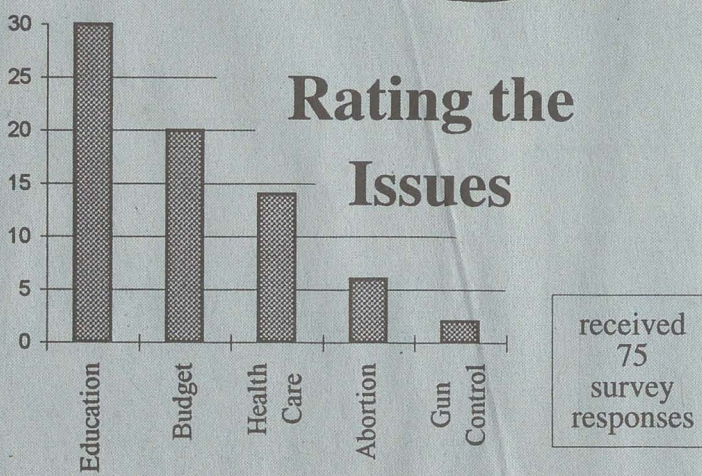
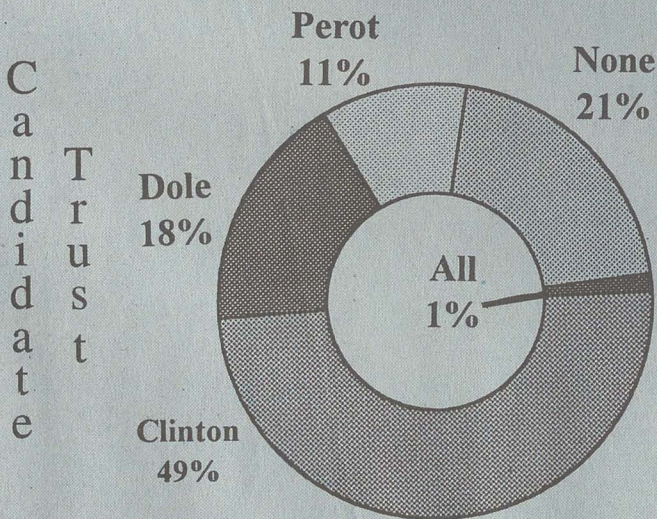
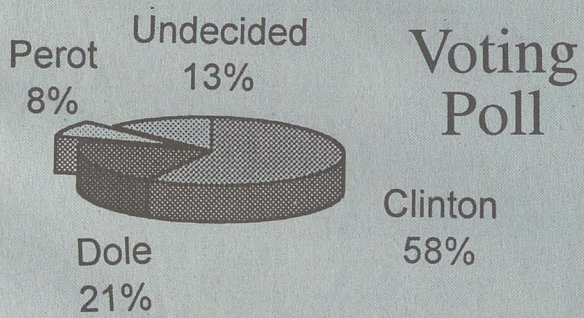
He went on to explain that small business owners and agriculturalists have little opportunity to leave town and pursue Master's and Bachelor's degrees. The University Center would be a "tremendous service" and would help them expand their knowledge.

Wegmeyer also added that children taking over their parent's farms need to maintain their education and knowledge of the new technologies that are constantly becoming available. The University Center would bring this opportunity to the community.

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east Michigan at ACC? Or would you rather leave town and go reestablish yourself in a different environment?

Polemic Political Survey



Justin Thomas (above left) and Ana Gallaway (above right) and Nathan Garant (below) get ready for Halloween at ACC's "College Day for Women" on October 19.



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Forum deals with smoking issue

BY KENT ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

On October 15, the second meeting of the College Forum was held in the campus auditorium. The Forum is an assembly of Alpena Community College faculty and staff that is co-chaired by one faculty member and one administrator, each selected at the beginning of the fall semester by ACC's president and the faculty counsel.

One of the items on the agenda at the latest meeting concerned ACC's smoking policy, which, as it stands now, bans smoking within all college buildings. A change in the policy was proposed: ban all smoking on campus.

From that desire for change, four choices emerged to be voted on: 1) leave the smoking policy as it stands; 2) the establishment of a 100 foot radius smoke free zone at all building entrances; 3) ban all

smoking on campus; 4) by way of the Student Senate, educate the students as to what smoking practices are acceptable and what ones are not.

Twenty-one out of 26 voted for option four. Students who smoke should be aware that certain courtesies need to be extended to the non-smokers.

The total ban was proposed due to a few specific concerns. First, the piles of cigarette butts at building entrances is unsightly and unhealthy.

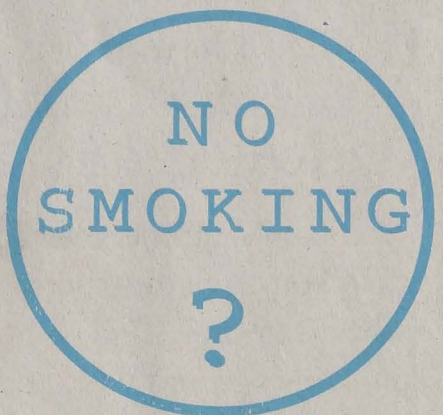
Second, when groups of people smoke at entrances, the smoke is often sucked into the building. Third, smokers clustered at building entrances force non-smokers to walk through a cloud of smoke to enter a building.

If students who smoke do not comply with these measures, the College Forum could vote on one of

the three other options and send the choice to ACC's president and Board of Trustees for activation.

Operating in a democratic fashion, the Forum allows ACC's faculty and staff to voice their concerns, which can become agenda items to be voted on by the assembled faculty and staff members.

Items that are supported by a majority are sent to the college's president and Board of Trustees, both of whom then decide whether or not to enact the proposed item.



Phillips settles in as self-study coordinator

•ACC works through accreditation

BY JOEL POTRYKUS
STAFF WRITER

Former English instructor, Roger Phillips, has found new challenges and discoveries with his position as Alpena Community College's self-study coordinator. Stepping down from instructing English, Phillips is now the full-time self-study coordinator.

"I miss students, I miss the process of watching them learn, and I miss classroom interaction," said Phillips. But he added that he found his new position allows him to see the process of learning in a whole new way.

In order to establish themselves as a reliable source of education and training, colleges undergo a self-study known as accreditation.

Accreditation is a process that ACC is currently undergoing to demonstrate to the students, community, and the nation that this institution has met standards and will provide the best possible education it is capable of delivering.

Accreditation is a review

of the all aspects of the college - the educational programs, financial resources, physical resources, human resources, support services, outreach services, and all other areas of the college will be reviewed to assure that each field is acting with integ-

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riety and fulfilling their duties successfully.

To get a full view of the college's needs for improvement, this self-study is being conducted by nearly all of ACC's staff and some of its students.

To head this system of self-study, ACC approached English instructor Roger

Phillips.

Phillips agreed to undertake the duty, and now, as the full-time self-study coordinator, Phillips must conduct meetings with the college's staff and organize the studies.

The college's staff formed 12 separate committees each reviewing a different aspect of the college. After observation, research, and revision, they hold meetings to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the field that they are currently studying.

They present facts and highlight areas that are performing well or need improvement to Phillips, who then writes a report from the information found by each committee.

The work of the committees will be done in March; they will have completed their research, evaluated their area, drawn a conclusion, and will make recommendations for improvement.

When all reports have been collected, Phillips will then compile them into one fi-

nal catalog of ACC's plans of correction, called the Self-Study Report. Next October, the report will then be sent to the North Central Association, for their approval.

In April of 1998, ACC will have a three day visit from four or five administrators and instructors from other colleges across the nation. These representatives will have read through ACC's Self-Study Report and looked into all of the data compiled.

They will visit the campus and do their own research on the college while on their visit. They will then recommend whether or not the college should be re-accredited.

The accreditation process has been involved in Higher education institutions for over 100 years. In 1895, the North Central Association was formed, which was an assembly of colleges and high schools in the mid-west.

Its purpose was to derive common standards by which they could judge each institution. By 1913, this association had become a formalized means of comparing colleges

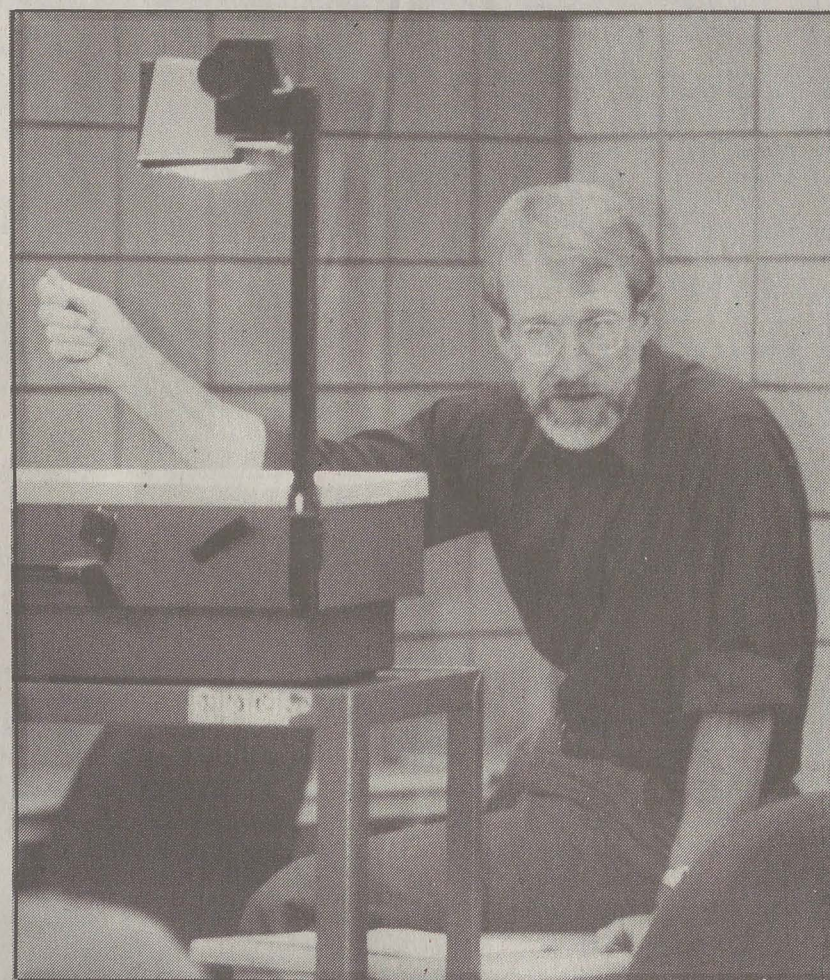


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ACC English instructor Roger Phillips fields a question during a recent presentation.

and creating standards.

The Regional Accreditation Association was then formed, with the North Central Association maintaining the standards of mid-west col-

leges, of which ACC belongs to.

Phillips and the rest of the college's staff are continuously striving to maintain ACC's tradition of excellence. The accreditation process can only improve the educational experience and environment at the college.

The transfer process requires legwork

BY CHARLES K HURST
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Many Alpena Community College students plan on transferring to a four-year university. However, they quickly

realize that it can be an experience riddled with obstacles. Although every major is different, the transfer process is similar in all cases.

The first obstacle that presents itself is the accreditation

concern. Of the three schools explored; Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, and the University of Michigan, only one, MSU, had an accredited journalism program. Their program is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

CMU and U of M both have journalism programs, but the student going into the field should consider their prospective employer's policies on hiring graduates from a non-accredited program.

The second obstacle is the credit transfer issue. This is the most important and complex issue of any that will be encountered. Each school has different criteria concerning the transfer of credits.

For example, most schools will only allow half of the credits needed for a four-year degree to come from a community college, and some allow more.

There will be credits that transfer as regular course credits at one school, but only as electives at another, or they will not transfer at all. Elective credits are limited to a set amount that will transfer.

Taking courses that don't transfer is a waste of time and money.

The third obstacle that most students will encounter is the need for knowledge of their chosen school's transfer guidelines.

"You need this information," said Richard Counsellor, Student Services counselor. "Many students don't make the effort themselves until it is too late. Seeing your advisor is only half the battle."

Every four-year school that accepts credits from ACC sends a detailed transfer guide to assist counselors and academic advisors in preparing students for the move to a four-year in-

stitute.

Until you present your counselors and advisors with some type of plan encompassing your chosen program of study and a school that best meets your needs, they will not be able to help you with proper efficiency.

There are several ways to gain more knowledge of the policies at the school you plan on transferring to.

First, go to the ACC library and ask to see the college catalogues. In the catalogues you will find some of the information you seek, such as MACRAO transfer facts, course outlines, accreditations, and phone numbers and addresses to the admissions office.

Second, call or write the admissions office and express your concerns. Their job is to assist students in gaining admissions to their institute.

Third, set up an appointment with Richard Counsellor at Student Services. He will be glad to help you iron out the details. Contact him at 356-9021 ext. 277.

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Briefs

Hundreds visit Center

Hundreds of friends of ACC visited campus during the Center Dedication activities on Thursday evening, October 10, and Saturday afternoon, October 12. The Saturday open house featured a trade show in the arena, offering a personal glimpse of the college and its services to numerous sightseers. A highlight on Saturday afternoon was a rehearsal performance of *Godspell*, the first play scheduled in the new theatre (see story on page four).

World beat rocks crowd

Roots Rock Society, a premier world beat band, entertained an overflow audience in the new Bob and Jacquelyn Granum Theatre on Tuesday evening, October 22. The band mixed sinewy Caribbean rhythms with an upbeat message of hope, humanity, and mutual respect. Attendees commented afterward on the uplifting nature of the event. Event organizer Richard Clute, Social Sciences instructor, attributed the turnout to the Roots Rock Society, but also gave credit to Office of Public Information Director Carlene Przykucki for helping to promote the event. Having a new theatre didn't hurt either, he noted.

Spotlight shines on series

The first performance of the new ACC Spotlight Series, *A Tribute to Will Rogers*, captivated theatregoers in the auditorium on Saturday, October 26. Lance Brown brought the famous American Will Rogers to life with a fast-paced set of monologues, skits, and pointed political observations. The political material was especially timely, coming less than two weeks before the 1996 presidential election.

Time capsule placed

When the time capsule was placed on the wall near the entrance to park Arena, it contained a number of artifacts that will remain sealed until the capsule is opened fifty years from now--in the year 2046. Among the items placed: a videotape of *Home Improvement*; "Fellows" of the college; and a personalized *Polemic*.

Open House

Graphic Arts held an open house Tuesday night, October 22, in the Graphic Arts Building. Graphic Arts students taught their parents and guests what they have learned this year, including papermaking, running the press, designing on the computer, and washing ink off the hands.

Keep recycling, please

Charley Rosebush, ACC math instructor, will recycle your old phone books. Drop them in the collection boxes near the staff mailboxes in each building, and Rosebush will do the rest.

National teleconference

Ten people attended *From Me to We*, a national teleconference on the role of government and civil discourse on the quality of civic life in America. Aired Thursday, October 24 in Center 104, the teleconference was part of Exploring America's Communities, a National Endowment of the Humanities project designed to encourage discussion of current cultural issues. ACC is one of 41 colleges nationwide participating in this project.

Student Senate says hello

BY LISA MOORE
GUEST WRITER

Hello to all of you busy students and staff here at Alpena Community College! This is as good a time as any to introduce you to the Student Senate members:

- Heather Wooll - President
- Craig Carpenter - Vice-President
- Greg Lietzow - Freshman Representative
- Dee Grundy - Sophomore Representative
- Christie Werda - Sophomore Representative
- Sarah Speaks - Freshman Representative
- Marisa Stoppa - Treasurer
- Kevin Fushich - Freshman Representative
- Leigha Faith - Secretary
- Lisa Moore - Public Relations Chairperson
- Tom Stephenson - Freshman Representative
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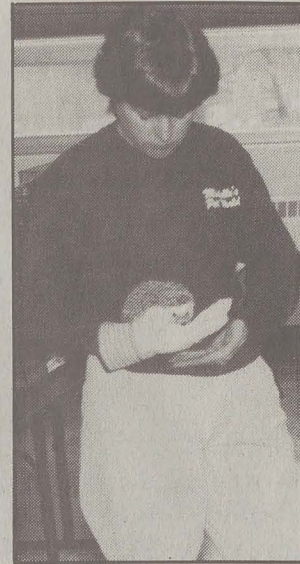
These are students you can contact, at 356-9021 Ext.287, if you have a concern, and they will attempt to resolve the issue.

One type of activity that Student Senate sponsors is dances for students, faculty, staff and their families.

Don't forget to attend the Costume/Halloween dance on Saturday, November 2 at East Campus from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m..

Prizes will be given to the best costumes, so be inventive.

COLLEGE DAY for WOMEN



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ACC Trustee Cathy Moe (very top) makes preparations for College Day for Women, held October 19 on the ACC campus. Michelle Ludlow (above left) introduces a member of The Animal Kingdom. Dr. Tina Rossi (above right) makes a house call in Center 112 to discuss Women's Health.

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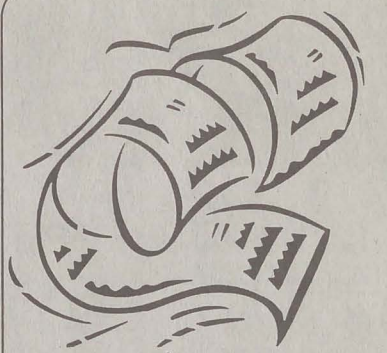
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Service Learning surveys students

BY JULIE SMIGELSKI
GUEST WRITER

Using skills from his statistics class, Dave Schaedig is working with three Alpena High School students to develop, conduct, and analyze a music preference survey. The survey will be given to a representative sample of high school students and the results will be shared with organizations interested in hosting musical events for youth in our area. AHS students involved in the survey are: C.J. Bruski, Jim Robb, and Elizabeth Smigelski. The students are also members of G.E.A.R., a youth advocate group developed for, and by, students.

The Service-Learning program at ACC is

beginning its third, and final year of a national demonstration grant from the American Association of Community Colleges.

Academically-based projects which help make a positive impact on the community are being done through a variety of classes at ACC. In addition to Dave Eger's statistics class, projects are being done through Coreen Williams' Gerontology class, both of Roger Witherbee's Introduction to Education classes, Mike Nunneley's photography class, and as continued projects.

A presentation in Ann Arbor is scheduled for early November at the *Consortium for Community College Faculty Development* annual conference.

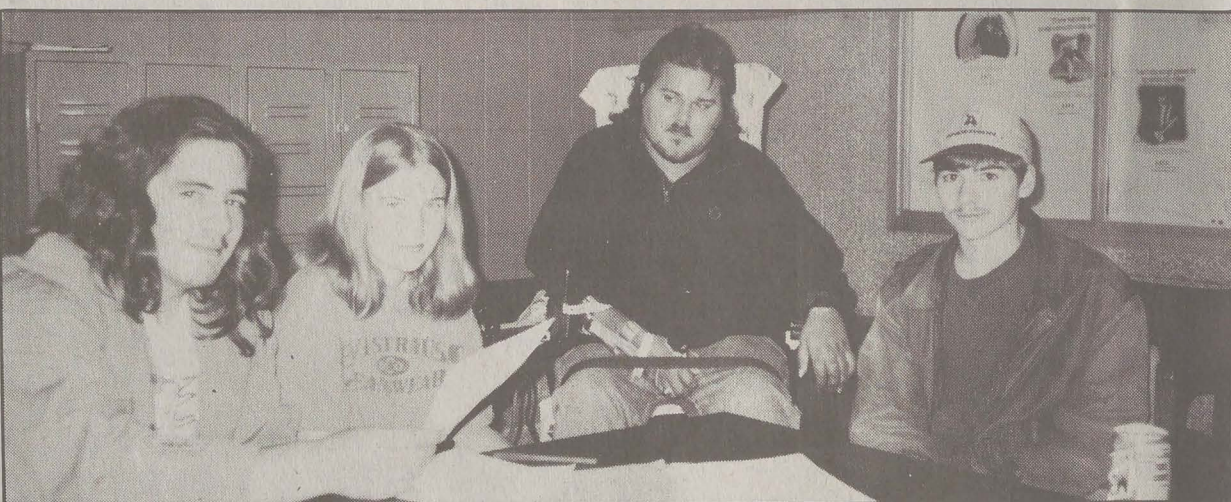


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Dave Schaedig, second from right, ACC statistics student, works with three Alpena High School students to develop a music preference survey.

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The audience joined in as Roots Rock Society entertained ACC with its percussive world beat.

Global Awareness shines at ACC

If we can't go to the Caribbean, why not have the Caribbean come to us? That's what happened during the 1996 Global Awareness Series.

The Global Awareness Series is about heightening community awareness of other countries and their cultures. It is a program that has been running for 10 years, and visits eight other Michigan colleges.

In the past, the Global Awareness Series has focused on many other lands, including countries from eastern Europe, the Soviet Union (before its structure fell to democracy), and last year's ABC (Argentina, Brazil, and Chile) program.

The program has been brought to the ACC campus by Richard Clute, Social Sciences instructor.

He has been involved in the program since its beginning. He describes it as a group of northern Michigan community colleges that pool their meager resources in order to provide an educational background about a certain highlighted culture. He said this consortium of community colleges "try to create an atmosphere that is interesting about a certain part

of the globe."

This year's program is about the Caribbean. There have been three interesting presentations: a lecture on Caribbean politics by Folke Lindahl, an associate professor of political science at MSU; a poetry reading by Marguerite Cotto; and an introduction to Caribbean music by Roots Rock Society.



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The Roots Rock Society played to an overflow crowd at the Granum Theatre. From left: Mandingo, Stan Champion, Jackiel, Daniel and James.

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Godspell graces Granum Theatre

By DONALD S. FILARSKI
 STAFF WRITER

This November, the ACC Players will perform *Godspell* in the new Bob and Jacquelyn Granum auditorium located in the new Center building.

Nan Hall, Alpena Community College drama instructor, will direct the ACC Players in this presentation.

Hall summed up what the play is about. "It's a retelling of the story of Mathew in the Bible, the gospel of Mathew. It's done through scenes and songs. It incorporates humor and also some poignant and serious moments."

She explained, "Basically Mathew is telling a story of Jesus's life from his baptism through the crucifixion."

ACC student Eric Vanderveer, who starred as Joseph in *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, last year's hit Alpena Civic Theatre production, said, *Godspell* is the story of Jesus told from the book of Mathew from a kid's point of view.

The play is set in the 1970's. Beginning with a scene of children congregating in a park who go on to act out the story of the gospel, the costumes will reflect the dress styles of the 70's and so will the music.

When asked if the audience could expect to hear any familiar tunes, performer Sandra Black said, "It was really big in the 70's, I guess. There was one called *Day by Day* that was pretty big."

The cast, all ACC students include Brian Mills as Stephen, Eric Vanderveer as David, Terry Marek as Lamar, Eric Nelson as Jeffery, Ben Gougeon as Herb, Lisa Hall as Joanne, Kirstine Titus as Sonia, Becky Black as Glimer, Margo Law as Peggy, and Anna Udell as Robin.

Hall's past experiences include directing and acting. She has directed numerous plays in the Alpena area, most taking place at the

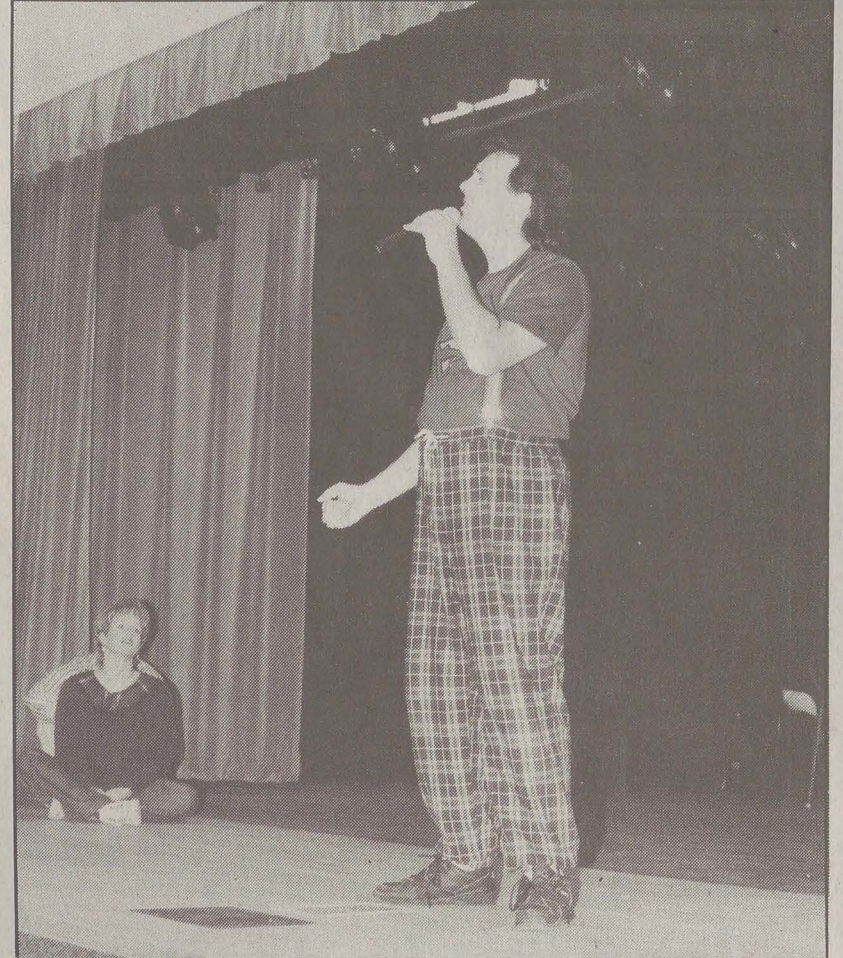


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Brian Mills pours his heart into the music at a recent *Godspell* rehearsal.

Thunder Bay Theatre. She has also directed presentations at ACT and here at ACC.

In describing her past directing experiences, Hall said, "Last season I directed *The Lion in Winter* at the Civic Theatre." This was the first play she directed at the Civic Theatre.

Early reservations for *Godspell* are recommended. You can get them by calling

356-9021 Ext. 392.

Godspell opens November 8 and runs through November 9, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 16. Showtime on November 10 is 2 p.m. All other showtimes are 8 p.m..

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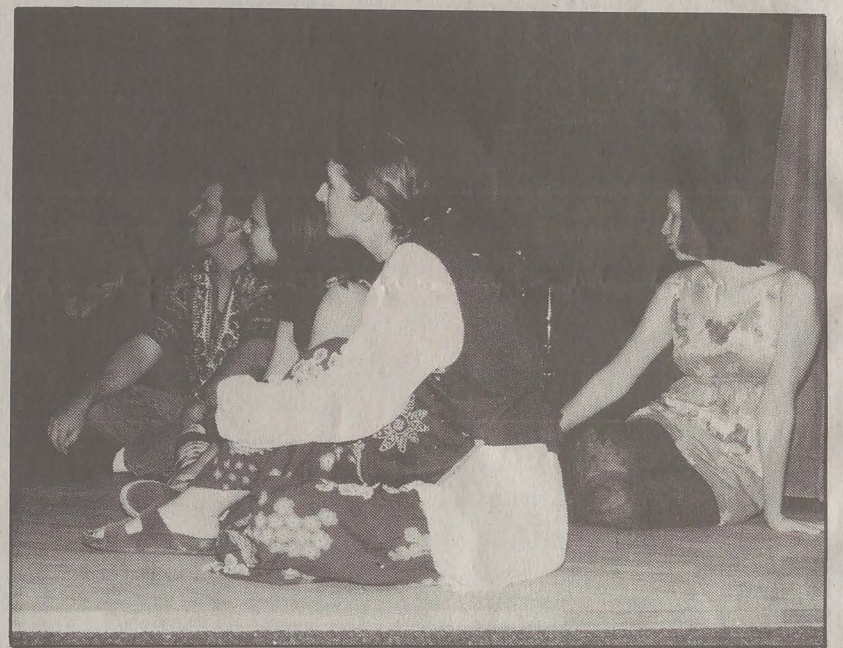


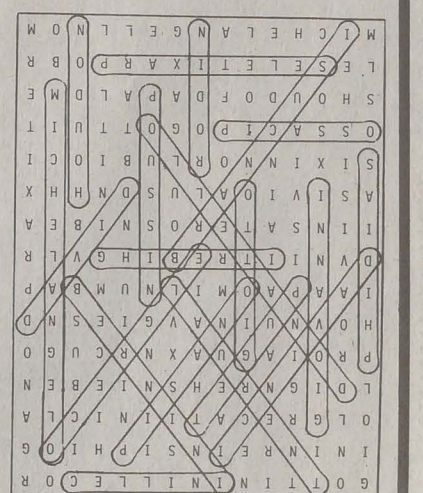
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Godspell performers (from left) Eric Vanderveer, Kirstine Titus, Becky Black, and Margo Law give their undivided attention to a musical number.

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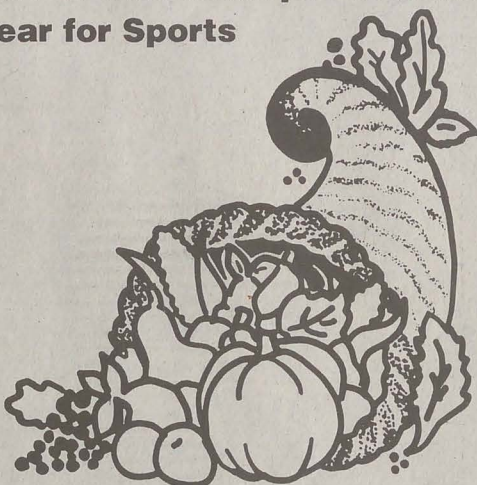


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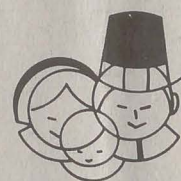
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Tupac Shakur got what he asked for:

American society has something to learn

The death of Death Row Records rapper, Tupac Shakur on September 13, raises some issues with which East and West Coast rap fans are familiar with. Most East Coast rap fans have a loyalty to East Coast rappers that is fierce. So fierce, that laughter and scoffs of "he had it coming," seemed acceptable at the news of Shakur's death. It was common knowledge among rap fans in New York and some here in Central Pennsylvania that, after the release of Shakur's song "Hit 'Em Off", he would not live to see '97. The rivalry and exchange of words between East and West Coast rappers may be more familiar in New York and California, but it is one that urban teens, including those in Harrisburg, can relate to, and others should be aware of as members of this nation.

The specific rivalry that deals with Tupac Shakur began back in November 1994. Shakur was shot five times in the lobby of a New York recording studio, in what police termed a robbery. Speculation arose with the release of Bad Boy rapper Biggie Smalls' song "Who Shot Ya?". From critics to the offices of Death Row Recording, including Shakur, questions began to arise about the meaning of Biggie's song, and how, if at all, did Biggie play a part in Shakur's shooting. This began the battle of the coasts.

Constant words, accusations, and disrespects flowed between the two Coasts in songs, interviews, and newspaper articles. Tupac Shakur came back with his single "Hit 'Em Off". Spouting rhymes that included death threats such as:

"Biggie Smalls just got dropped... smoke the Junior Mafia right in front of you... Biggie ... about to get murdered for the paper ... Any of you niggers from N.Y. that want to bring it, bring it. But we ain't singin' it. We bringin' drama. We gonna kill all you motherfuckers"

and personal messages to Biggie Smalls such as:

"Who Shot Me, but your punks couldn't finish it ... Five shots couldn't drop me/I took it and smiled."

Shakur also sent personal messages to East Coast groups such as Mobb Deep and the entire staff of Bad Boy Entertainment. In an East Coast supporters' eyes, this song sealed Shakur's fate, and it wasn't a pretty one.

Reading all of this and remembering it, makes it difficult to remember the reason why Tupac Shakur's death was a bad thing. Then the light shines through; regardless of the insults that were thrown, the egos that were hurt, and the threats that were issued, a human being died. Friends will mourn, family members will cry, and a mother will ask, "Why?". Is it appropriate to inform this mother who has just lost her only son who had lived just 25 years, that he died because he was a West Coast rapper who couldn't keep his mouth shut? Maybe the East Coast had nothing to do with his death. Perhaps it was a random act of violence or maybe it was someone from a rival West Coast neighborhood. It is not important at this point who did it. Right now the concern must be about how we will react.

A rapper is dead. A man raised in a poor urban neighborhood rose above the welfare and discrimination that is well known to urban youth of all races, and became a successful and wealthy entertainer. A young and healthy African-American man was once again shot down. A human being has been murdered. Is it time for the East Coast to throw a party because the "king" of the West Coast, a rival, has fallen down dead? It is time to come together and mourn. Not necessarily for the man, but for his mother and for the fact that we live in a society which finds joy in a man's death. We all are members of a society in which it is a rare occurrence for a young man, of any race, who was raised in America's ghettos, to break into wealth and success. It is time to mourn the fact that those who are "brothers" in an art form that has struggled to be accepted in mainstream America and fought for notoriety in American culture, have begun to fight among themselves. They have fallen victim to a problem that has plagued America since the Civil War. Instead of being able to stand as one, we fight our comrades just to prove who is best.

In the song, "Hit 'Em Off", Tupac Shakur stated:

"I let niggers know it's on for life."

Well then Tupac, maybe now it too can end.

The smoke signals say: "Smokers, move on!"

By KENT ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

The smoking issue recently reared its smoldering, ash and orange ember head at the latest College Forum meeting on October 15. It seems that the non-smokers are a little upset with some of the smokers' habits around campus.

Though smoking is not permitted anywhere in any of the buildings, the non-smokers are apparently determined to push the smokers further away, not even allowing them their little huddle puffs at the building entrances, like the US government of old, telling the Indians to keep going, move onto that nice little reservation over there. Wait, that land is too close to the land we want, so move away a little more.

It should be no surprise that the smokers group together at the building entrances - they feel like they have to circle the wagons, prepare for an assault by the Community College Custer, who will probably never have a last stand. The smokers will, in the end, always lose.

Seriously, the smokers could, to accommodate those of us who like breathing clean air, move their little black lung lounging further from the buildings.

Truly, I am a non-smoker, but my view has always been that if the smoke is not being blown into my face or clogging my immediate atmosphere, puff away, little

magic dragons.

But, for an overall solution, education is the key. The smokers need to be aware that some of their actions are unacceptable to the majority, so they need to respect others a little more than they do now, and, yes, some smokers, quite a few, in fact, are courteous.

At the same time, there must be a firm bond of cooperation between the faculty and the student smokers, who need to speak up if they want to protect their rights. The only way smokers can ensure that they get a fair deal is to speak up, yell, if necessary, but get involved.

Also, faculty should make the student body aware of major issues like smoking and parking when these items are to be addressed at the College Forum. And no, informing the Student Senate is not enough.

Awareness of issues of this magnitude should be spread far and wide, with the help of the Senate, of course, but why were so few students aware of the Forum session that was to discuss the college's smoking policy?

Sure, the Forum is open to students, who are, in fact, welcome to attend, but who knew?

If the smokers had known about this policy discussion, I don't doubt that some would have chosen to attend and voice their opinions. Everyone, including the non-smokers, should have been involved, or was the Community College Custer afraid of a last stand?

What Forum?

What issue?

By Scott Bateman



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Give credit where credit is due

By KENT ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

There are a wide range of religions that exist or did exist. Each one is different, some monotheistic, some multitheistic and, though each one carries its own view of life and death, all have a fundamental objective: granting answers and power to those who follow a certain perspective or dogma.

When some people have questions, problems, or situations that require extra insight, they turn to their religion. Faith in divine things gives some people the strength of will and morality to overcome the odds. But, why not look to yourself for that strength? Why not look to yourself for the qualities to define your moral fiber, to define your courage of will?

It's easy to do, to look up into the vast night sky, close your eyes, genuflect, and pray to a celestial entity for the power to find the answers to your problems. Then, when the

resolution comes, even if it was your own actions that brought it about, the attribution of the deed goes to god, who, surely, gave you the power to surmount your obstacle. Why not give yourself credit? Humans lack faith in themselves, faith in their ability to define and conquer this chaotic, nasty world of riddles and pain.

Whose hand lifted the stone? It was a human hand. Whose words closed the deal? They were words from a human, one of those flawed, emotional puzzles that, despite their failings, seem to get the job done.

It cannot be said that faith is a bad thing, yet believing in a religion, a god or gods, that fails to allow for the magnificent potential of the human mind by placing the defining qualities of the unknown in divine hands can be dangerous, divisive, limiting, and blind.

It takes only a glance through a newspaper to see the explosive consequences when two religions collide.

What if the warring factions about the world believed in a "religion" that was open to every perspective known to man? What if there were a form of faith that was, essentially, open-ended, a form of faith that was unfettered in its capacity to grow and change? This "religion" would not impose itself upon those who rejected it, it would not ambush you and stick a volume of its dogma in your face, attempting to control your beliefs by approaching you somewhere you cannot avoid, thus forcing you to face them.

And, because it allows for change, because it can transcend barriers without any limits on its vision, and because it unifies all, brings everyone, no matter the color, nationality or perspective, under one definition, it would not profoundly divide the world. This "religion" exists, actually. Right now, however, it is unrealized. It's called Humanity. Let it live, and give yourself, not a god or gods, the credit for living.

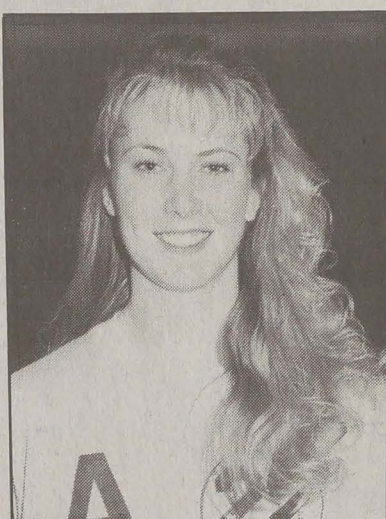
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By Lyz Huffman

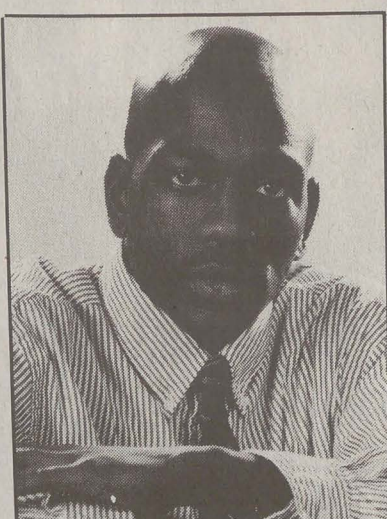
With the start of the new season, how do you feel about playing in the new Park Arena?

Photos by Mike Nunneley

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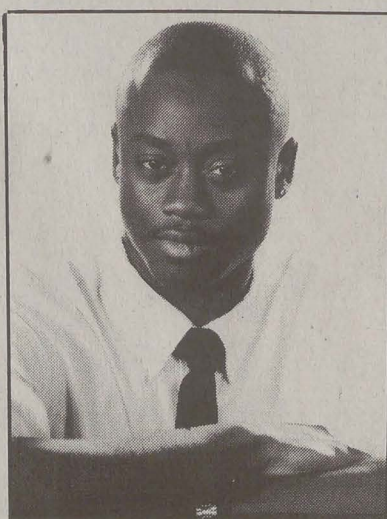
"It's going to be cool, because I think there will be a lot more people that will come to the games." **BODHI WATTS**



"Really exciting just having a whole new building around." **TRENT DUNCAN, LUMBERJACK GUARD/FORWARD**



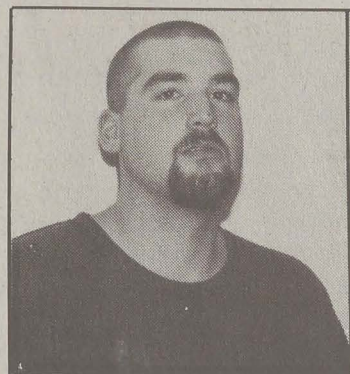
"Very excited, it's going to be a great experience. I'm really looking forward to it." **MARISA STOPPA, LADY JACK FORWARD**



"I feel it's alright...." They put a lot of money into it." **EMANUEL HARE, LUMBERJACK FORWARD**



"I think it's good that it's attached to the Wellness Center, and it's going to be a nice meeting place for basketball games." **KRISTIN HIGGINS**



Playin' the Field with Jeremy Williams

Waasup ACC? Welcome back to the field. Quickly for a roundup of what's happened in the last couple of weeks.

Well, I said that Michigan won't go under 3 unless they mess up. Well they messed up. My Super Bowl pick from the AFC is Miami and now Dan Marino is hurt and will miss most of the season. I wanted to see the Montreal Expos in the playoffs but they did not make it.

Now to hoops. Conditioning is over for both Lumberjack squads. Now practice begins on the hardwood. That means for the men Frank McCourt enters the picture. That paragraph has got the making for a good horror movie. Just kiddin', coach. Please don't make me run extra sprints.

On the real tip, it's time to get it on. "Let's get ready to rummmmmmbbbbbbblllee."

Also, I will have a special award in my column every month. It will be called the "Paul Bunyan" award. It will go to the biggest and baddest Jack on the basketball court. One will go to the men's team and one to the women's team. Now obviously the season just started but I have an award to give already. This "Paul Bunyan" goes to Jim Kissinger. "Kiss" is out for the year but still gets up at our 6:00 am practices and helps out. He will also be going on our trips to road games and keeping stats and filming the games. Get Well Soon!

Have some thoughts I want to share with you on this years men's and women's teams. Both teams have two players from Alpena High School. Well Tanya Liske and Jessica Krajniak are both 5'7 and play guard. Waylon Smolinski and Jason Bies are both 5'11 and they too play guard. Hmmm. Coincidence? Both teams are relatively small. The Lady Jacks have one true center in Amanda Romel as do the Jacks in myself, Jeremy Williams. Coincidence? The women's team has nine players, one of whom is a sophomore. The men's team has 18 players, two of which are sophomores. That's a ratio of one sophomore to eight freshmen for both squads. Coincidence? They also each have a coach that played together as Lumberjacks during the same year in Bobby Allen and Mike Kollien. Coincidence? OK I'll stop.

To the gridiron. Here's the "Big-J's" top ten in college football.

- 1) Florida, what an offense.
- 2) Florida State, they bounced Miami.
- 3) Ohio State, what's a top ten list without a member of the Big Ten in it.
- 4) Arizona State, I guess I'll have to give them their props.
- 5) Nebraska, boy, they're creeping back.
- 6) Tennessee, see #5.
- 7) Alabama, undefeated but hasn't played Florida or Tennessee yet.
- 8) Colorado, the Buffalos haven't faced Nebraska yet but will be stubborn.
- 9) Tie, Michigan and Northwestern, NW is in first place in the Big Ten. U of M has to turn it up and play like they did against Colorado.
- 10) North Carolina, sleeper.

Note: What happened to Texas and Penn State? Look out for Iowa and West Virginia. They might give some people a tough time.

Hockey and Basketball started up, but it's crunch time in Baseball right now. The Yankees are in and so are the Braves. What? What happened to the Indians? Oh well!

I say Atlanta in six games and Fred McGriff will be the series MVP. Maybe it's too early to say but I like the Detroit Red Wings in the Stanley Cup versus the Montreal Canadians. Remember I'm French-Canadian. In pro hoops, Chicago will repeat. In college, ACC will beat North Carolina for the title... yeah right. ACC is a different class. On the real, ACC will win the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) crown. Not just the men's or the women's teams, but both.

Well that's it for this edition for the field. Peace! RIP: Tupac Shakur. "How many niggas fell victims to the streets, rest in peace young nigga there's a heaven for a G!"

Sophomore Stoppa leads Lady Jacks

BY JEREMY WILLIAMS
SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Jacks enter this season facing a mighty task. This year's women's team is young but determined. They are represented with nine competitive and fiesty ladies who have no doubts about what they can do.

Coach Mike Kollien returns for his fourth year as head coach of the Lumberjack attack. He is complemented by his assistant coach, Tracy Gribble, who backs Kollien for a third straight season.

Together they are tackling the task of turning this squad into legitimate contenders.

"We'll be alright as long as we don't have any injuries," Gribble said. "It's tough to scrimmage and practice with only nine girls, but we won't have to keep everybody happy. Everybody will receive playing time and each one will feel that they have contributed."

Last year's Lady Jack brigade finished at 8-14. With only one sophomore returning, the Lady Jacks will have to grow up quickly.

Marisa Stoppa is that lone sophomore and she hails from Alcona. She is a 5'9 forward who will lift the Lady Jacks with her solid play and experience.



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The ACC Lady Jacks took time out of their busy practice schedule to pose for a team shot. Back row: HEAD COACH MIKE KOLLIEN, MARISA STOPPA, CHRIS MAY, AMANDA ROMEL, ANGIE KOKOWICZ, ASSISTANT COACH TRACY GRIBBLE. Front row: JESSICA KRAJNIAK, KELLY PALMER, KELLY SADLER, TANYA LISKE.

Leading the list of guards this year is a couple of former Wildcat standouts, (5'7) Tanya Liske and (5'7) Jessica Krajniak. From Atlanta is (5'7) Cherie Green. Kelly Palmer (5'6) from Brimley and Kelly Saddler (5'6) from Johannesburg-Lewiston round out the guard play.

The Lady Jacks feature one true center in Amanda Romel

(6'0) out of Posen. Playing at the forward slots are Angie Kokowicz at 5'8 hailing from Ogemaw Heights and 5'11 Chris May from Johannesburg-Lewiston.

Alpena's women's team will have to overcome a few obstacles but they will be tough to handle.

"We just want to be com-

petitive in games, especially in the last two or three minutes of a ball game. We want to remain positive," Gribble said.

The Lady Jacks open their season versus the alumni in the annual alumni scrimmage on November 9. ACC's first regular season contest will be at Kalamazoo on November 22.

Softball team challenges LSSU

BY LESLIE MALE
STAFF WRITER



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Head Coach Tracy Gribble introduced her ACC softball players during a recent press conference. Also pictured are (from left) Mike Kollien, women's basketball head coach, Richard Lessard, cross country coach, and Bobby Allen, assistant coach men's basketball.

The Mackinac Bridge may have shut down the weekend of September 27, but the Alpena Community College's women softball team didn't during their scrimmages against Lake Superior State University.

Coach Tracy Gribble commended the squad for their performance even though the adjustment from the batting cage to fast-pitch may have been a setback to the team during the scrimmages with LSSU.

ACC's softball team is young this year, with 12 out of 16 players being freshmen. But Gribble noted that they worked hard this fall, squeezing in a few practices despite the cold and rain.

"They enthusiastically toughed it out," Gribble said.

Practice will resume sometime in March, with pitchers and catchers starting in January.

Coach Gribble said she is "very, very excited" about the upcoming season.

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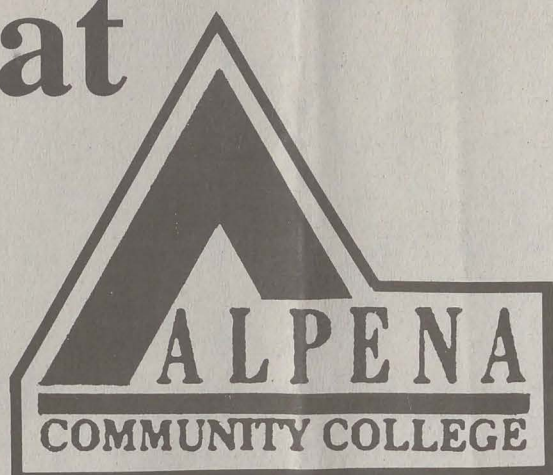
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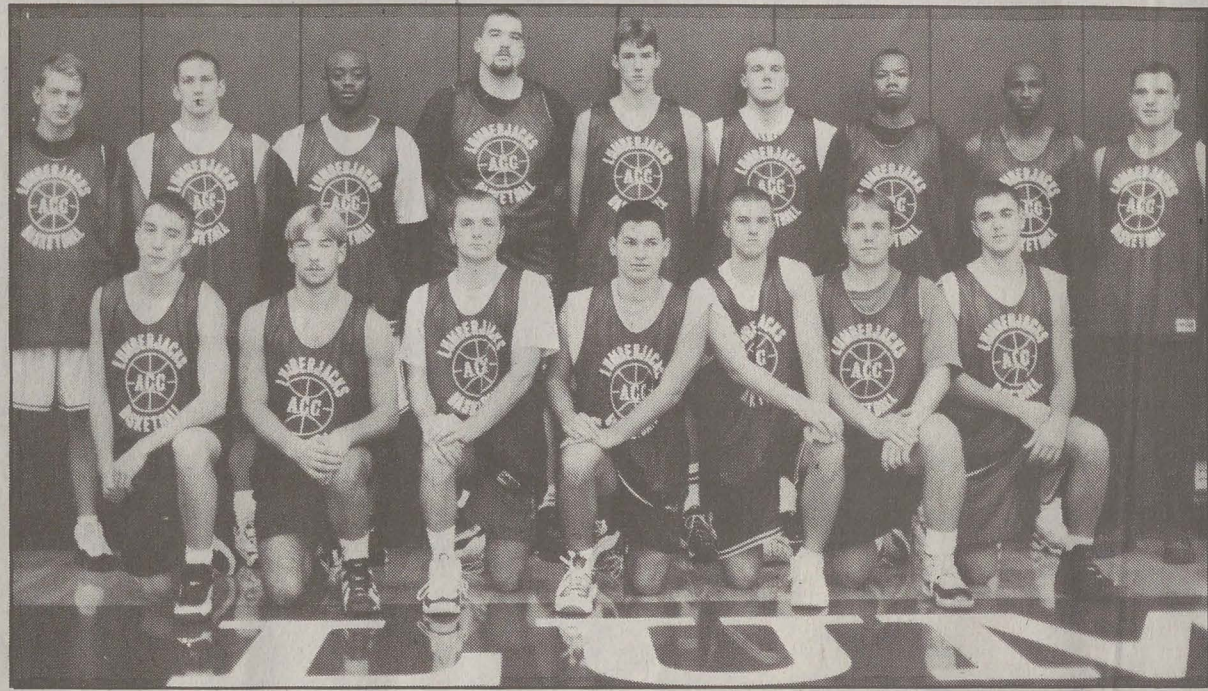


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ACC Lumberjacks take a rest during practice to pose for this picture. Back row; JEREMY KOZAK, ALAN MASSEY, EMANUEL HARE, JEREMY WILLIAMS, KYLE ROOT, BEN CROZE, DERRICK BROOKS, ANTONIO ROBINSON, JIM KISSENGER, Front row; DAVE TCHORZYNSKI, DENNIS TENANT, JASON BIES, LEONARD THOMAS, HANS PARKER, WAYLON SMOLINSKI, JASON BRECHEISEN.

Lumberjacks sharpen focus

By JEREMY WILLIAMS
SPORTS WRITER

The 1996-97 Lumberjacks come in with high hopes and much optimism. This year's squad is youthful and inexperienced at the college level, but that shouldn't stand in the way of a successful season. This year's team is more motivated and focused than in years past.

With just two sophomores returning, head coach Frank McCourt has the task of teaching his kids in a hurry. McCourt enters his 14th campaign as the main man of ACC men's hoops.

Backing McCourt is his assistant coach Bobby Allen. Allen, a former ACC standout, enters his 3rd year under the reigns of McCourt. Allen adds his hardcourt expertise and is in charge of conditioning the student-athletes.

This coaching tandem finished last year with an 12 and 16 record. Though reaching the playoffs, they fell to state champion and nationally ranked Mott Community College.

The Lumberjacks step in

to fill the void left by players such as Mike Gunderson, Kevin Green, Demerious Flowers, and 1st team all-conference center Nate Tuori.

Filling the point guard slot is captain Derrick Brooks. Brooks is one of two sophomores and he makes his way from Chicago's Covert. He will be expected to run the show. Standing 6'3, he will play some small forward, as well. He averaged 12 ppg as a freshman in 94-95.

The other sophomore, Antonio Robinson, returns after a solid season last year averaging 9 ppg and 6 boards a game. Robinson hails from Horn Lake near Memphis, Tennessee.

The freshmen enter the season willing to learn and eager to play. With no time to wait in the wings, the newcomers will have to come into their own.

This year's squad has an abundance of guards and not too many big men.

The point guards include 5'9 Leonard Thomas from St. Ignace, Jason Sayre at 6'0 from Mancelona, and redshirts Jason Brecheisen (6'0) and Trent Duncun (6'2)

from Petoskey and Leelanau, respectively.

At the shooting guard position are Alpena's own Waylon Smolinski and Jason Bies, both standing at 5'11. Dennis Tenant (6'0) from Posen, Jeremy Kozak (6'3) from Alcona, cross country harriers Alan Massey from Boyne Falls and Dave Tchorzynski from Atlanta, and sharpshooter Hans Parker from Fairview will all vie for playing time.

There's only one true center and that's Jeremy Williams at 6'9 from Burton Atherton. Expected and relied on to play big are Ben Croze at 6'4 from Grayling, Kyle Root at 6'7 from Clio, and Emanuel Hare at 6'2 from Flint Beecher.

Last but certainly not least is Jim Kissenger (6'1) from Boyne City. Kissenger ruptured his Anterior Cruciate Ligament and will likely miss the season, although he would like to come back before the end of the year.

The Jacks open versus Sault College at home in the brand new Park Arena on November 2 at 3:00 p.m.

ACC basketball schedule 1996-1997

November 2	Sat.	Sault College, Canada (M)	3:00 p.m.
November 9	Sat.	Alumni Scrimmage	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
November 13	Wed.	Sault College, Canada (M)	8:00 p.m.
November 15-16		East West Tournament at Alpena	
November 15	Fri.	St. Clair vs Kalamazoo Valley (M)	6:30 p.m.
	Fri.	Kellogg vs Alpena CC (M)	8:30 p.m.
November 16	Sat.	Kellogg vs St. Clair (M)	1:00 p.m.
	Sat.	Kalamazoo Valley vs Alpena CC (M)	3:00 p.m.
November 22	Fri.	at Kalamazoo (W)	5:15 p.m.
November 23	Sat.	at Glen Oaks (W)	1:00 p.m.
November 26	Tues.	at Sault College, Canada (M)	7:00 p.m.
November 30	Sat.	at Alma J.V. (M)	1:00 p.m.
December 3	Tues.	at Olivet J.V. (W)	4:00 p.m.
December 6	Fri.	at St. Clair (M)	6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
December 7	Sat.	at St. Clair (M)	1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
December 7	Sat.	Olivet J.V. (W)	2:00 p.m.
December 13-14		Tournament at Muskegon Community College	
December 13	Fri.	Women's Game-ACC vs Muskegon	5:30 p.m.
		Men's Game-ACC vs Muskegon	7:45 p.m.
December 14	Sat.	Women's Consolation or Championship	1:00 or 5:30 p.m.
		Men's Consolation or Championship	3:15 or 7:45 p.m.
December 18	Wed.	at Alma J.V. (M)	7:00 p.m.
December 20	Fri.	at Schoolcraft (DH)	5:00 & 7:30 p.m.
December 27-28		ACC Holiday Inn Christmas Classic at Alpena	
December 27	Fri.	Gogebic vs Muskegon (W)	2:00 p.m.
		Muskegon vs Henry Ford (M)	4:00 p.m.
		Alpena vs Henry Ford (W)	6:00 p.m.
		Alpena vs Gogebic (M)	8:00 p.m.
December 28	Sat.	Women's Consolation	11:30 a.m.
		Men's Consolation	1:30 p.m.
		Women's Championship	3:30 p.m.
		Men's Championship	5:30 p.m.
January 8	Wed.	at St. Clair (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 11	Sat.	Oakland (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 14	Wed.	at Henry Ford (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 18	Sat.	at Delta (DH)	1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
January 22	Wed.	at Macomb (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 25	Sat.	at Mott (DH)	1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
January 29	Wed.	Schoolcraft (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 1	Sat.	St. Clair (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 5	Wed.	at Oakland (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 8	Sat.	Henry Ford (DH) HOMECOMING	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 12	Wed.	Delta (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 15	Sat.	Macomb (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 19	Wed.	Mott (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

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Information Meetings Monday, November 11th

Alpena General Hospital
Cafeteria Conference Room
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Alpena Community College
New Center Building Rm 106
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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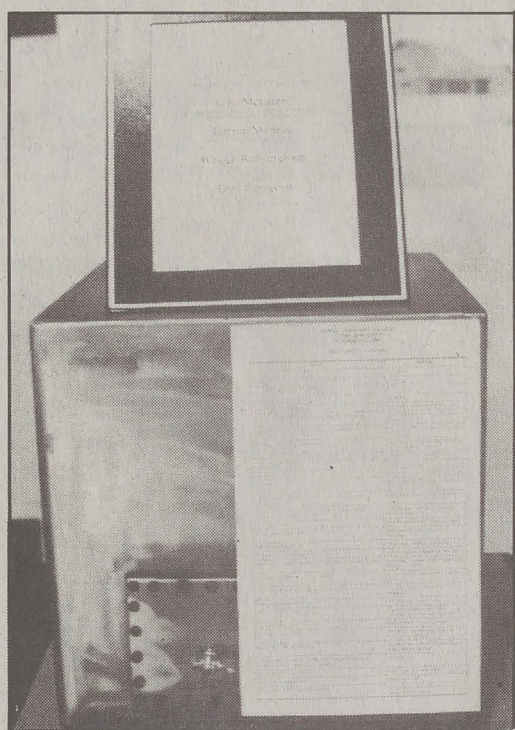
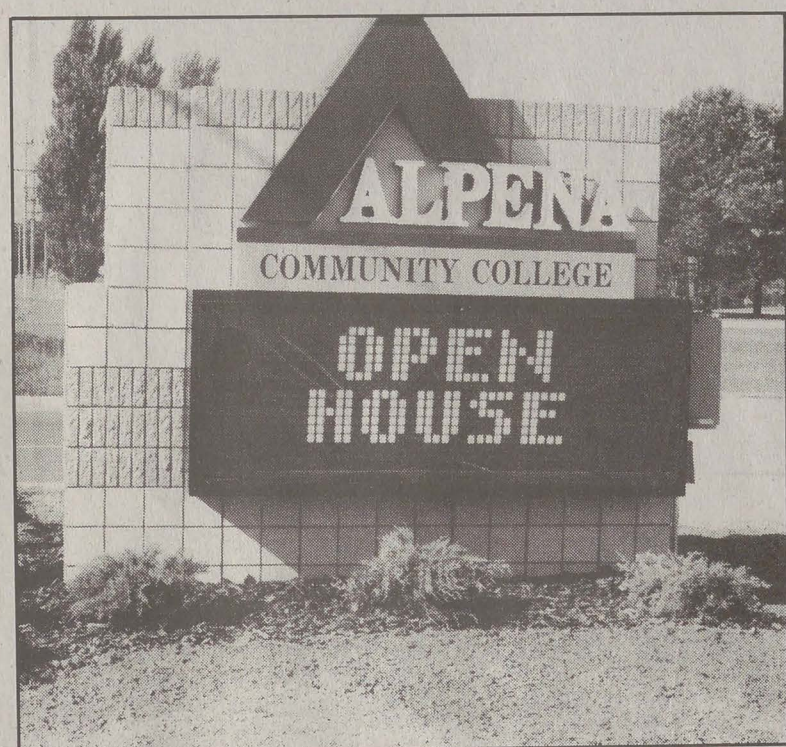
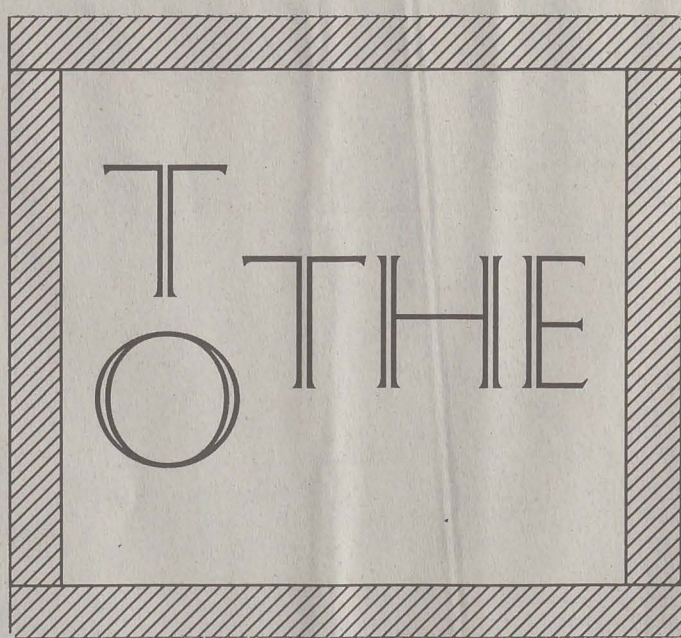
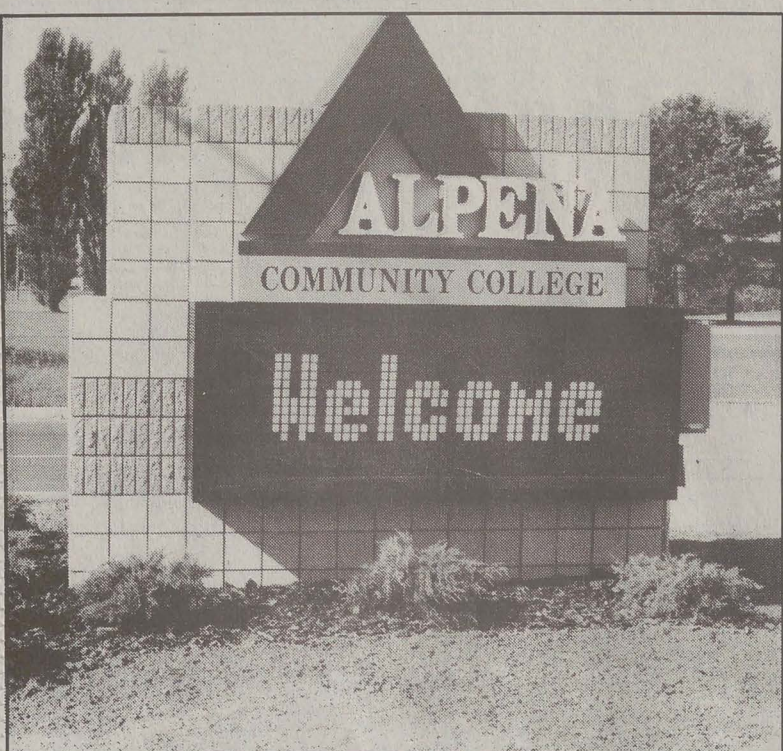
asks for your support
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Electors of President and Vice President of the United States	- Bill Clinton
United States Senator	- Carl Levin
Representative in Congress	- Bart Stupak
Representative in State Legislature	- Bob Fournier
Members of the State Board of Education	- Marianne Yared McGuire
Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan	- Herbert S. Moyer
Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University	- Olivia P. Maynard
Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University	- S. Martin Taylor
County Drain Commissioner	- Joel I. Ferguson
County Commissioner	- Robert E. Weiss
	- Murray E. Jackson
	- Annetta Miller
	- Joseph J. Marceau
	- Kenneth C. Hubbard

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Remember to Vote November 5

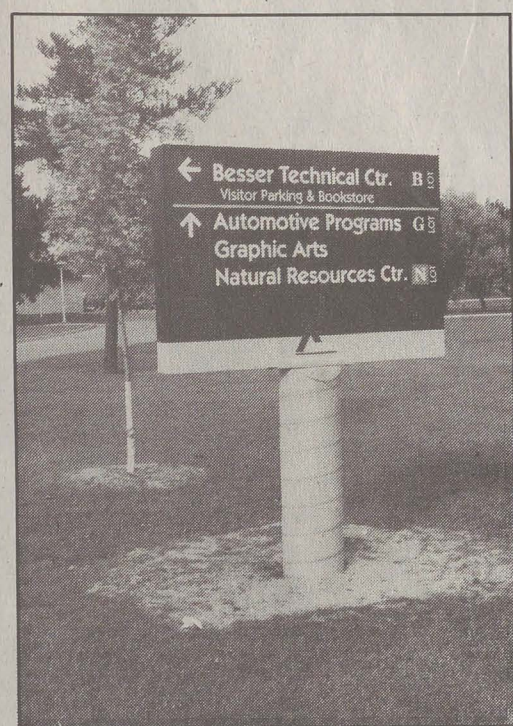
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ACC's time capsule prior to being sealed within the Park Arena wall.

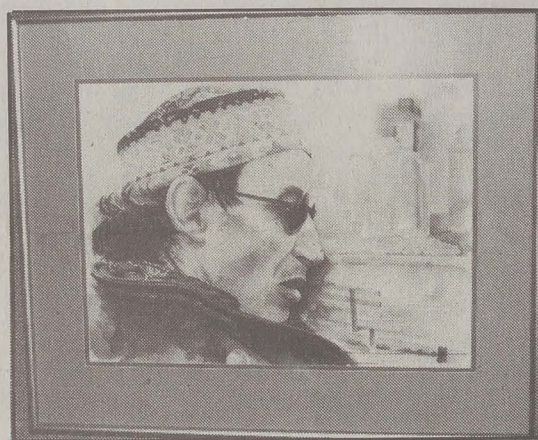


Ribbon cutting participants poise on the verge of clipping, officially opening the Center.

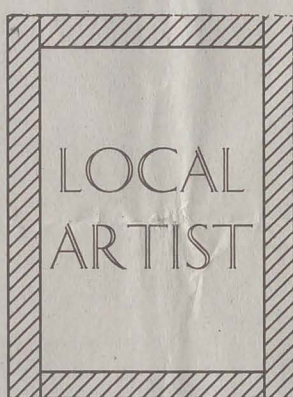


New signs point the way with a touch of crisp, technically graphic resourcefulness

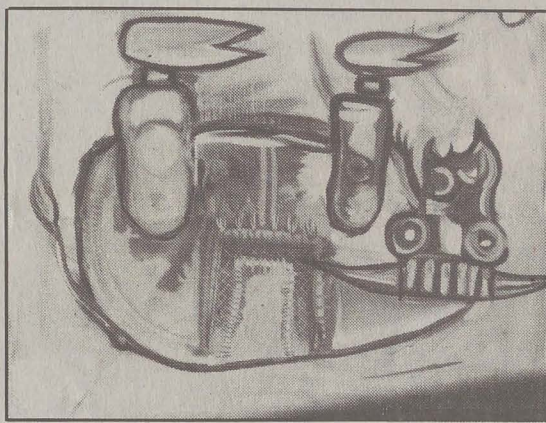
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ON-CAMPUS FOOD SERVICE HOURS:

The Center Building Dining Room:
 Tuesday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
 Friday 7:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
Jeannie's Soup & Such:
 (Van Lare Hall)
 Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

The Campus Food Service is offering specials on the following days.

- Nov 1 Chicken breast sandwich combo
 - 4 Veggie burger & fruit cup
 - 5 Scrambled eggs, ham, & English muffin
 - 6 Broccoli & Cheese baked potato
 - 7 Tacos, taco salad, burritos, nachos
 - 8 Baked fish sandwich combo
 - 11 Chicken strips & fries
 - 12 Chili dog combo
 - 14 Hot soup and salad
 - 18 Chicken Ala King
 - 19 Spaghetti & meatballs with garlic bread
 - 20 Hot turkey sandwich
 - 21 Jumbo hot dog combo
 - 22 French toast, sausage links, hash browns
 - 25 Goulash with garlic toast
 - 26 Meatball sub combo
 - 27 Bratwurst with sauerkraut combo
- All "Combos" served with fries and medium drink

Planning a holiday party with family or friends? Let ACC Food Service assist with your food needs. Available in November, information on food trays, snack items, and special desserts. If you are in need of something specific, call EXT. 216, and ask Kathy for the information.

Need a gift idea for a birthday, or to say "Thanks"? How about an ACC Food Service gift certificate. \$5.00 gift certificates available. Easy shopping, one size fits all. Available from the cashier in the new Dining Room.

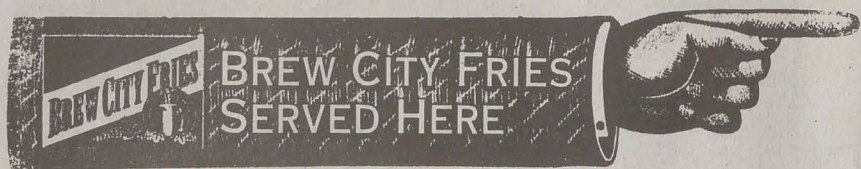
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 ACC (Men)BB Sault College, Canada 3:00 p.m.
3	4	5 Remember to Vote! Election Day	6 Broccoli & Cheese baked potato Served Every Wednesday	7 Tacos, taco salad, burritos, nachos Served Every Thursday	8	9 ACC Alumni Scrimmage 5:30 & 7:30
10	11	12	13 ACC (M)BB Sault College, Canada 8:00 p.m.	14	15 NO classes Fall break East West 6:30 & 8:30	16 Tournament at Alpena (M) 1:00 & 3:00
17	18 Early Registration begins for Spring Semester Classes	19	20 Next Issue of the Polemic	21	22 ACC (W) BB at Kalamazoo 5:15 p.m.	23 ACC (W) BB at Glen Oaks 1:00 p.m.
24	25	26 ACC (M) BB at Sault College, Canada 7:00 p.m.	27	28 NO Classes Thanksgiving	29 No Classes Thanksgiving Holiday	30 ACC (M) BB at Alma J.V. 1:00 p.m.

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