

Briefs

Awards night planned

The 1996-97 Academic and Athletic Award banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, April 24. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. with the award ceremony to follow. Among the awards given will be: Science department-outstanding student in Biology, Chemistry and Physics; Business department-outstanding student in BIS, Accounting, and Marketing; Law and Government award; athletic awards; outstanding tutor award; the Huron Shore award; club organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa and the Polemic; and the outstanding teacher award.

Exploring America's highways

The final film in this winter's "Exploring America's Communities" film series, co-organized by Matt Dunckel and Dick Matteson, is *Pow Wow Highway*, a thoughtful look at native American experience, scheduled for Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m. in Van Lare Hall 121. There's no charge for this film. Come out and experience some cinema that's a little off the beaten trail.

Recognize youth volunteers

The Alpena County Community Health Task Force in collaboration with WBKB-TV would like to recognize outstanding youth volunteers by presenting them with a "Youth Volunteer Community Spirit" certificate of appreciation. The task force is looking for: (1) youth volunteers aged 12-21 whose community service has not resulted in monetary compensation or was performed solely to meet curriculum or organization requirements; (2) youth volunteers who have made a positive contribution to the community; and (3) youth volunteers who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication in service and role-modeling. To sponsor a youth volunteer for recognition, contact Michelle Phillips at District Health Department number 4 by April 11, 1997.

LSSU offers informational session

Lake Superior State University will hold an informational session on Tuesday, April 22, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Center Room 107D. This session is designed for people who are thinking about going back to school, who want to advance in their career, or who would just like to know more about the educational opportunities in the area. For more information, call Kelly Smith at 356-9021, ext. 302. This program is free.

Scholarship money awaits

The Zonta Club of Alpena is offering a \$1500 scholarship to an ACC graduate who will be attending a four-year university next fall. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point. Community activities and financial need are also factors. Applications are available from Aggie Ferguson in VLH 107. Completed applications as well as high school and college transcripts, along with two (2) character references, should be sent to Marie Deno, Zonta Club of Alpena, 217 Fourth Avenue, Alpena, MI, 49707. The deadline is April 30, 1997.

Crimson Crew schedules tryouts

The Crimson Crew cheerleading crew has scheduled an informational meeting on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Center 106. Tryouts will be held the following week. Call Karen Dawson at extension 394 for details.

Make your summer worthwhile

Lake Superior State University - Alpena Site is offering seven classes starting in May. Administrative Policy, Collective Bargaining Independent Study, Financial Analysis and Policy, Communication Leadership, Independent Study for Criminal Justice, and Computer Application in Health Science will all be offered to obtain requirements to get a BS Degree. Contact Kelly Smith in the LSSU office, VLH 122A, for more details.

New LSSU Accounting Program starts fall '97

The Lake Superior State Accounting Program will start a new rotation this fall. Though 90% of the time students can join in the rotation at any time, fall of '97 will be the best time. Scott Suneson is the lead accounting instructor at the Alpena site. The fall schedule will kick off with Cost Accounting II taught Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m..

LSSU Accounting grads enjoy success



Elizabeth Grant '97

Elizabeth thought that the LSSU Alpena Accounting program contributed to her future plans by increasing her employability. She recently earned a job advancement at First Federal Savings & Loan. Her future goals are to sit for the CPA and she's thinking about enrolling in LSSU's Master Degree Program in Business Administration.

What she liked most about the LSSU Alpena Accounting program is the course schedule of evening or weekend classes and the quality of instruction. Elizabeth worked part-time and continued her education for six years while holding down family life with four children and a husband. Elizabeth graduates May 3 of this year.



Kari Romel '95

Kari formerly worked at Alpena Paving Company as a bookkeeper. She was employed by Michigan Limestone after she earned her Accounting degree. She is responsible for daily accounting activities and month-end financial closing. She supervises three other people in the Accounting Department.

Kari said: "I would not have got the job without my LSSU degree -- there's too much competition." She thinks the opportunity to earn a four year degree locally at the regional site is one of LSSU's greatest assets. "I didn't want to have to pull my two daughters out of the Alpena Public School system. I am thankful I was able to earn my degree close to home!"

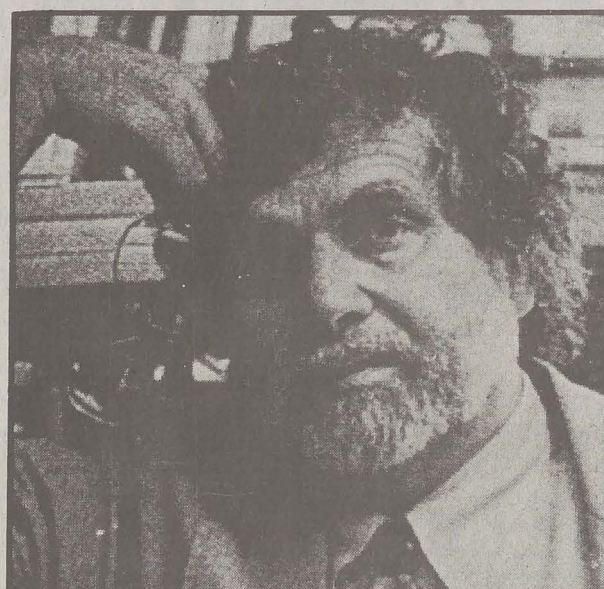


Brenda Butch '96

Brenda started her career at Omni as a Cost Accountant and moved up in the company after obtaining her Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting at the LSSU Alpena Regional Site. She feels that her degree was one of the key elements in obtaining her promotion at Omni.

Brenda stated that the instructors were LSSU's greatest strength. She added that "big universities just don't care. LSSU instructors have a 1:1 relationship with their students."

She also said: "Week-end classes give people who work full-time an opportunity to further their education." Brenda eventually wants to return to college to further her education and stay employed with Omni.



Alan Cheuse

Famous critic to lecture at ACC

Novelist and literary critic Alan Cheuse will present a lecture on "The State of Arts and Literature in America" at ACC in the Robert and Jacquelynn Granum Theatre on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Cheuse is probably best known for his regular evening book commentaries on NPR's "All Things Considered." He also produces and hosts the nationally syndicated public radio series "The Sound of Writing," which presents both established and up and coming authors reading their works of short fiction.

With several hundred reviews of fiction and related interest published in the *New York Times Book Review*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times Book Review*, *Dallas Morning Herald*, and *USA Today*, Cheuse is nationally known and respected as an expert in contemporary American literature.

He has authored six critically acclaimed works and is currently professor of creative writing at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Cheuse is appearing here courtesy of the ACC Spotlight Series. Tickets for the lecture are \$10, advance sales only. See Dianne Darga in Center Building Room 108 in you are interested in attending the lecture.

Cheuse will be offering a free workshop prior to his lecture. If you would like to meet a significant figure in contemporary American letters, contact Dianne Darga at 1-888-GO TO ACC (468-6222) ext. 214 for more details.

Five tons of salt used

By NICK PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

What has been the thing that has plagued us the most this long winter? Snow. That white stuff that is so magical during the beginning of the holiday season, but quickly loses its luster in the following weeks, months if you live in Northern Michigan.

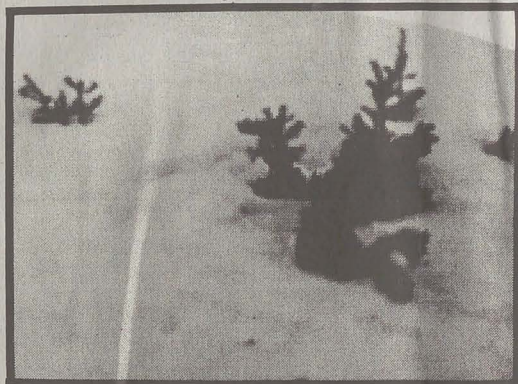


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How tall is the tree?

This year, however, has been a record breaking snowfall. The average snowfall for Alpena is 86.6 inches. We've had 179.5 inches this year so far, which is just a little bit more than double the average. In fact, we had so much snow this year that our maintenance crew at Alpena Community College, led by Don Witt, actually had to have the snow hauled off campus because they didn't have any place to put it. (Bless their souls).

Witt says that he remembers about eight years ago, they had about 500 pounds of salt to spread for the year. This year, they used a whopping 10,000 pounds of salt, so as you can see, that little devil Jack Frost really caused some trouble this winter. Witt also commented that there were approximately 700 man hours of put into snow removal this year. After that, I think our maintenance crew should get a well deserved break in the Bahamas.

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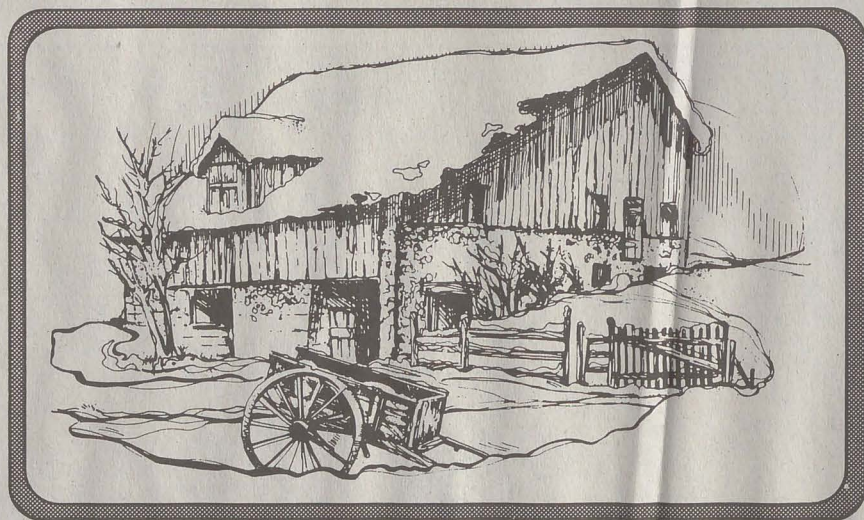
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