

## ACC to host Community College Press Day

### • A dozen colleges to attend

By **HOLLY MACE**  
STAFF WRITER

On April 12, 1997, Alpena Community College will be hosting the Michigan Community College Press Association (MCCPA) Conference for the first time ever.

"It's an honor, but it requires a lot of work, commitment and responsibility," commented Polemic Advisor, Don MacMaster.

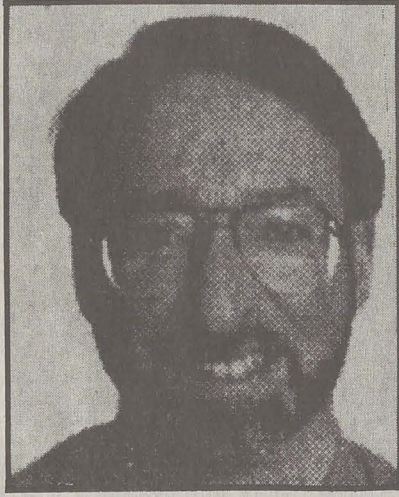
The conference enables advisors, editors and staff members of Michigan community college newspapers to get together for a day of special presentations, a keynote address, and also various awards.

Nearly 100 student journalists and their advisors from a dozen community colleges will be attending.

From 9:00 to noon, presentations will be given in various classrooms in the new Center building.

Lorraine Reuther, Training Coordinator, Besser Company,

and Cheryl Pell, Michigan State University Instructor, will focus on Graphic Design -- "What's in, what's out and

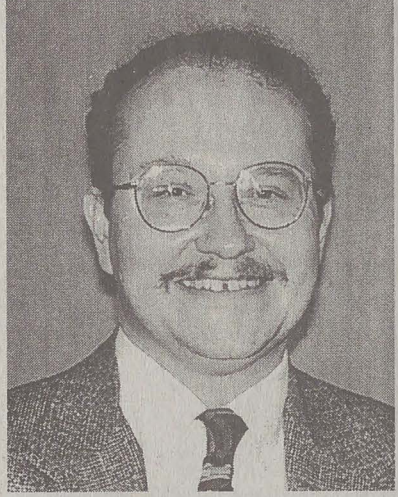


**Neal Rubin**  
*Detroit Free Press*

how it integrates with writing," said Reuther. "People today are not the readers they used to be. You have to entice them."

Jane Briggs-Bunting, Professor of Journalism at Oakland University in Rochester,

Michigan, and a press law attorney, will discuss legal guidelines, specifically Michigan's Open Meetings Act (OMA) and



**Bill Speer**  
*The Alpena News*

the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Following her presentation she will be holding a book signing at Waldenbooks in the Alpena Mall.

Bill Speer, Editor-Publisher of *The Alpena News*, will talk about Michigan Up North, the

web page of the newspaper.

Following the presentations will be a lunch break.

The conference will resume in the Robert and Jacquelyn Granum Auditorium for keynote speaker, Neal Rubin's address which he titled, "Why Journalism is more fun than selling shoes."

Rubin came to the *Detroit Free Press* as a feature writer thirteen years ago but says that now he considers himself more of a columnist.

From 1989-1992, he had a column titled "Department of State" in the *Detroit Free Press* Sunday magazine. He also had a column in the *Detroit Free Press* titled "Neal Rubin's Names and Faces." Currently, his column, "Neal Rubin's People," appears once a week in the "The Way We Live" section.

When asked why he chose this career, Rubin responded, "I don't know if I chose it or it chose me."

According to Rubin, he has

always been fascinated with newspapers in general, ever since he was an eight-year-old in Southern California reading box scores in the *L.A. Times*.

Rubin earned his degree in Journalism at the University of Northern Colorado and his Master's degree at Michigan State University.

Lorraine Reuther, who met Rubin back when she was teaching high school journalism as well as teaching summer workshops at MSU, describes Rubin as a "man of well-chosen words" with a "brilliant feature writing style."

Following Rubin's speech, Sonya Titus, who chairs ACC's English Department, will announce the winners of each of the following categories:

News story, editorial, feature story, light column, editorial commentary, analysis, headlines, sports story, sports column, in-depth story, review, news/feature photo, sports photo, photo essay, cartoon/comic strip, graphic illustration,

informational graphics, student ad, ad placement, front page, feature, Turkey of the Year, and Best Overall Newspaper.

Janet Mendler from the University of Michigan coordinated the judging, getting all of the entries out to the various judges.

*"People today are not the readers they used to be. You have to entice them."*

~ Lorraine Reuther ~

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College *Tower Times* is co-hosting this event. Journalism advisor Tom Thinnis and his students have been key partners in this event.

## Students abusing Internet access

By **MISSY PORTER**  
STAFF WRITER

Alpena Community College has been having problems with students abusing the internet system.

According to Lee Kirkpatrick, instructor of office technology, too many of the students are abusing their privilege of using the computers at ACC. The Netscape Browser has been having problems with students downloading things such as pornography screen savers and other types of programs. People print material off the computer, but do not check to see how long the articles are and end up printing over 50 pages, therefore tying up the printer.

Kirkpatrick said teachers have told her that students are beginning to fail classes because they use the computers too much for recreational things instead of school work. There are some students who sit in the labs all day and never do homework. When these things begin to happen there is a problem. Students should put their focus on school work first. Many use the internet for the chat rooms, the E-mail, and other activities instead of for informational use.

If this abuse does not stop, Kirkpatrick said, there will have to be some action taken.

"The internet should be treated like a prize when all school work is finished," said Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick thinks mandatory IDs to use any computer on campus and that students be required to take an internet course before they are allowed to use the computers might happen if the abuse does not stop.

*"The internet's a wonderful tool, but if it's their life they need to find something better to do."*

~ Lee Kirkpatrick ~

If the misuse becomes worse, the open labs might have to be omitted all together also. So not only will the misusers be punished, but the whole school will be also.

According to Kirkpatrick, the people who are abusing the system are not amateurs. They know exactly what they are doing and they know it's wrong. They are usually the people who spend all their time in the labs.

When students go on-line, it's a way to meet people without being able to see them. No one can see your imperfections, you can pretend you're someone else. Did you ever wonder who was on the other end? Are they pretending to be someone else? Maybe they're really a serial killer or a rapist? Sometimes it can be fun to talk to people you don't know and can't see, but when students start giving out their names and addresses it can get dangerous.

Most of the students here should be mature enough to make their own decisions.

They should know what is in good taste and what is not. Students really need to start taking responsibility for their own actions.

"I want people to use it (the internet), it's a wonderful tool, but if it's their life they need to find something better to do," said Lee Kirkpatrick.

## Comet passes lighthouse



William Lewis from Presque Isle took this remarkable photo near the new Presque Isle lighthouse Tuesday night, March 31. Using ASA 400 Kodak film and a Minolta X-D11 camera, he left the shutter open for approximately thirty seconds. He also used a 50 millimeter 1.4 lens. Lewis advises amateur photographers wanting to take photos of the Hale-Bopp comet not to use a telephoto lens to avoid streaking.

## World Center awaits soil test

By **CARRIE COLLINS**  
STAFF WRITER

As of March 20, there have been no definite dates set for the construction of the new World Center for Concrete Technology at Alpena Community College. Staff from the college have been working with architects from Hobbs & Black Associates, Inc., an architectural firm out of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Hobbs & Black is one of the 10 largest architectural firms in Michigan with over 30 years of experience. The company has received many honors and awards for their work, such as the Showcase of Excellence Award and the National Excellence in Partnership Award. They have also received awards for their designs on the Volkswagon of America Headquarters in Auburn Hills, the Olds Plaza Building and the Grand Office Tower, both in Lansing, Michigan.

The architects and staff at ACC had a meeting March 25 to make some final plans on the layout of the building. Architects Dan Sonntag and Bill Meier from Hobbs & Black were there and showed some of the plans for the new building. Some of the issues discussed were the placement of the bins and parking spaces. Sound control between the rooms was also an issue.


The total area of the building will be 41,600 square feet. The plant area will be 16,931 square feet, according to current design specs. The planned site for the building is between Woodward Avenue and the graphic arts building. Dr. Donald Newport, ACC President, said, "It will be depending on soil samples and those haven't been scheduled yet. But they have been authorized by the Trustees."

Testing will be done by the company, Newport said. "The architect will bring a soil testing kit to do borings and see what is there. If we find it's good ground and everything smells good and feels good, then I'd say that that's a fairly definite location."

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# Hautau named president

Alpena Community College Biology instructor Deb Hautau was named president of the Michigan Community College Biologists at the annual conference held at ACC on April 5.

The MCCB was formed to promote an interest in biology and the teaching of biology. It serves as a forum for sharing instructional techniques, current findings in biology, and new ideas for teaching biology. The organization fosters communication, friendship, and unity among the community colleges of Michigan.

ACC instructors John McGill and Mark Milostan are also members of the MCCB. More than thirty biology instructors attended the conference. The topics included: "State of Zebra Mussels in Michigan," "Biological Challenges facing Lake Huron," and "Refractive Surgical Techniques in Ophthalmology."



Left to right: Mark Milostan, Deb Hautau, and John McGill working the table at the Michigan Community College Biologists conference on April 5 at ACC.

## Stupak discussed road repairs



PHOTO BY POLEMIC STAFF

Congressman Bart Stupak recently visited Alpena Community College to engage in a wide-ranging discussion with ACC students in the Robert and Jacquelynn Granum Theatre. Stupak told students that he did not intend to run for governor, but would like to see the roads fixed.

**MCCB Conference**  
CTR 116  
**Present and Future in Nursing**  
by Judith Meyer, RN  
Professor of Nursing  
Alpena Community College  
10:15-11:15 am

**MCCB Conference**  
CTR 116  
**Update on Bovine TB in MI Deer**  
by Tom Carlson  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
11:30-12:30 pm

**MCCB Conference**  
CTR 116  
**Refractive Surgical Techniques in Ophthalmology**  
by Nancy D'Amico, Ophthalmologist, MD &  
Nancy D'Amico, MD, FRCO, FRCO, FRCO  
1:15-3:15 pm



Unlike the normal Northeast Michigan weather, Saturday April 5 was great and the hat and umbrella attended the meetings alone.



A table was set up with botanical specimens which were given away free.

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# 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.

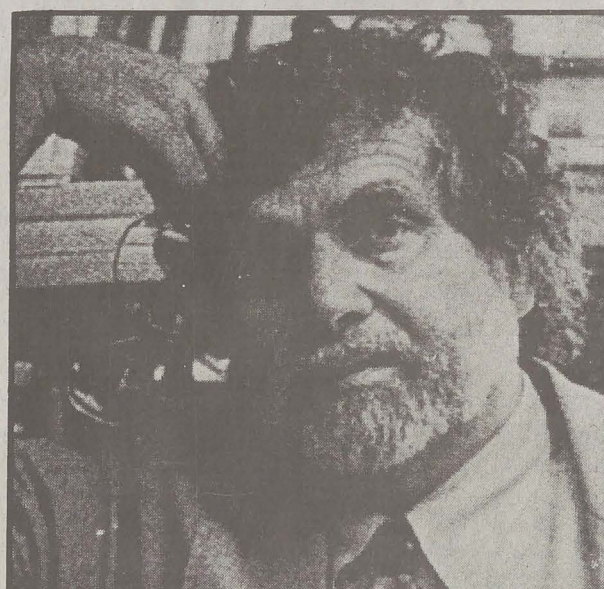
Kari said: "I would not have got the job without my LSSU degree -- there's too much competition." She thinks the opportunity to earn a four year degree locally at the regional site is one of LSSU's greatest assets. "I didn't want to have to pull my two daughters out of the Alpena Public School system.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

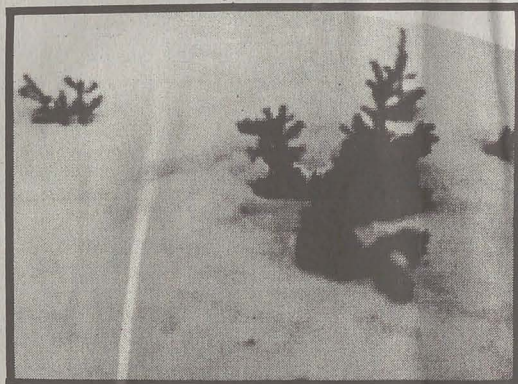


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How tall is the tree?

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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# The Ranger

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## Briefly

### Employee Development Day

Students will have a break from day classes Tuesday while faculty, staff and administrators at this college attend Employee Development Day.

Classes scheduled after 5 p.m. Tuesday will meet.

Employees will attend a group session, choose from concurrent sessions and relax at lunch with health and wellness activities.

The event begins at 8:15 a.m. in the foyer of McAllister Fine Arts Center.

From 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. a general session in the auditorium of McAllister Fine Arts Center will focus on "The Impact of the Information Highway on SAC."

The speakers will discuss home pages, e-mail, on-line registration and training.

Charlotte Wolf, director of the instructional innovation center, will discuss the home page of the Alamo Community College District.

Information on this college's home page will be presented by Sheila Fichtner, graphic Internet/web specialist; John Hammond, director of community and public relations; and Ann Marie Thornton, public information officer.

Math Professor Ron Ferguson will show departmental home pages, and English Professor Roger Bailey will discuss individual home pages.

Rosemarie Hoopes, director of admissions and records, will talk about on-line registration.

On-line classes will be the topic for James Perkins, government professor; Michael Berrier, government lecturer; Val Calvert, coordinator of student support services; and Lavon Lockwood, nursing professor.

Internet resources for classes will be presented by Ann Weisner, reading professor, and Dave Allen, computer information systems professor.

Librarians John Deosdade and Andrea Peterson will discuss refining net searches.

David Mrizek, coordinator of institutional planning and evaluation, and Edward De Leon, English lecturer, will discuss user-friendly e-mail.

From 10:25 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., employees will choose from workshops dealing with information technology.

Additional sessions include one-on-one technology coaching, instructional innovation grants, ACCD early and regular retirement, use of the Internet, and sexual violence.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. employees can relax and choose from sessions including health and wellness, creative writing, art and support of theater and communications productions.

Departments will sponsor sessions from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Boys and Girls Club to resurrect roller skating

### ● New greenhouse contributes to growth

BY BECKY BLACK  
STAFF WRITER

The Alpena Boys and Girls Club has been in operation since 1924. The mission of the club was to be a place where kids can hang out off the streets. That mission is still being followed, as it has been for over 70 years. For the last six months though, it has been put into practice by the new director of the Boys and Girls Club, Kelly Bushey.

In a recent interview with Kelly, she explained her plans for the future of The Boys and Girls Club. "We are pursuing avenues to increase our teen membership by making our facility more appealing to teenagers." In fact, the club is having an entire room dedicated to teens. This is made possible by a \$900 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan. The room will come complete with beanbags, pool tables, cable television, and a CD player with stereo surround sound.

Kelly's personal goal for the club is to create an environment in which that teens want to hang out. She says that "there are few places kids feel that they belong. Alpena Boys and Girls Club is that place."

To be a member of the Boys and Girls Club, kids pay a \$5 a



Racheal Throup, Michigan's Junior Miss Scholastic Achievement winner coming alongside some girls and boys at the Club. Photo by Kelly Bushey

year membership fee. Last year the club had 189 members.

The club is changing lots of things. Several improvements, such as repainting the gym, and increasing number of computers. The club put \$300 in to program games and basketballs this year. Another new addition is the

new greenhouse hooked to the facility. The kids will be able to grow and eat many different kinds of foods in addition to growing flowers to be planted outside this summer.

One of the most exciting things to happen inside the club is the "resurrection" of indoor roller skating. The

skates are being cleaned and starting in May roller skating for all ages will take place twice a month.

Alpena Community College students can get involved with the Alpena Boys and Girls Club. This is an excellent spot to get hours for community service. The club is looking for volunteers who are interested in crafts, gardening, tutoring, physical fitness (basketball games, kickball, floor hockey), and who are good with kids.

The club is also looking to hire a full time physical fitness program instructor. The position is for June '97-June '98. If you have questions, call Kelly Bushey at 356-0214.

The Alpena Boys and Girls Club is a wonderful and often overlooked asset to our community. Hopefully with the work and dedication of Kelly Bushey, the community will witness it thrive and bloom again.

## Film series offers up a classic

### ● "The Joy Luck Club" shines

BY KENT ANDERSON  
NEWS EDITOR

America was founded upon the hopes and dreams of people who longed for a better present for themselves and a better tomorrow for their children. And today, people from all over the world come to the US with the hope of realizing their aspirations for a better life. That influx of immigrants is what molded our nation into the cultural mosaic that it has become.

"The Joy Luck Club," third in a series of films shown at Alpena Community College as part of a National Endowment of the Arts grant program, helps explore the desire of immigrant parents for their children to have a better tomorrow. Also presented, however, is the fact that even though a parent may have the grandest of intentions, even though they want their children to be free from the choking sorrow and lingering misery of life, parents can sometimes miss the mark and, inadvertently, inflict the pain they sought to protect their offspring from.

Though "The Joy Luck Club" revolves around the Chinese culture, its theme of building a better understanding between parent and child are universally applicable. If we are to understand ourselves, we must comprehend our parents and be aware of our cultural distinctions.

Adapted from the Amy Tan novel of the same name, "The Joy Luck Club" was co-executive produced by Oliver Stone, who has tackled Asian themes before in "Heaven and Earth," and directed by Wayne Wang.

The movie features a talented cast of Asian actors, one of which has become quite well known since the film's 1989 premiere. Rosalind Chao, who portrays "Rose," currently has a recurring role as "Keiko," the wife of Chief of Operations Officer Miles O'Brien on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine."

The film is composed of the life stories of four Chinese women who, sometime after arriving in America, meet and form

the Joy Luck Club, a way of coming together to laugh and cry, to live and share their regrets and dreams. As "June," the daughter "SuYuan," who founded the club, says, "Their connection with each other had more to do with hope than joy or luck."

Also involved are their daughters' experiences growing up with the hopes their parents have for them, and the reality of painful misunderstandings when those hopes are misinterpreted as necessary expectations.

Tragic and often cruel, the women's tales begin in innocence, but quickly descend down a harsh path of mistreatment and brutal loss. Hope was the only potential savior they possessed during their dark years, and as they continued in that belief, which was embodied in their children, that hope, as "June" tells us, "was their only joy."

The mothers unfurl their tales as flashback narrations that begin in their teenage years. Taking us through turbulent Chinese countrysides with "SuYuan's" tale, to the lavish manor of a polygamous, wealthy Chinese aristocrat in "An Mei's" story, Wang's directing gives the movie a semi-epic quality while highlighting the beleaguered emotional states of the members of the "Club."

Despite the fact that "The Joy Luck Club" is composed of four separate tales, it flows with clear, clean focus and often seems like art in motion.

Wang gives us the stark reality of the women's tales, and, with the unyielding assistance of a superb cast, he is able to convey the poignant, tragic manner in which the daughters unwittingly inherit their mothers' damned pasts. Chao's performance, in particular, is full of power and lucid, shining beauty. The scene in which "Rose" suddenly comes to grips with her life and asserts herself for the first time over her soon-to-be ex-husband, played by Andrew McCarthy, is an Oscar-worthy moment.

If the word "classic" can ever be utilized with justification, it certainly applies to "The Joy Luck Club."

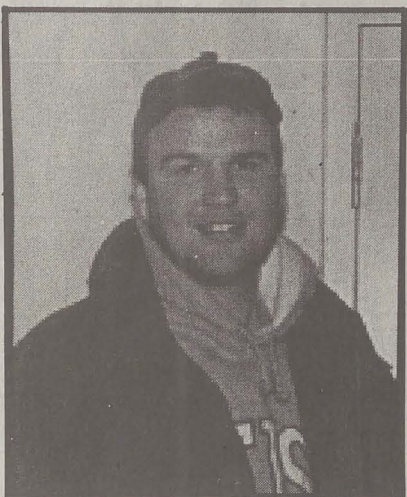
## If you could be any article of clothing what would that be and why?

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Kathy Kolonowski

"I don't know, that is something I'd have to think about."



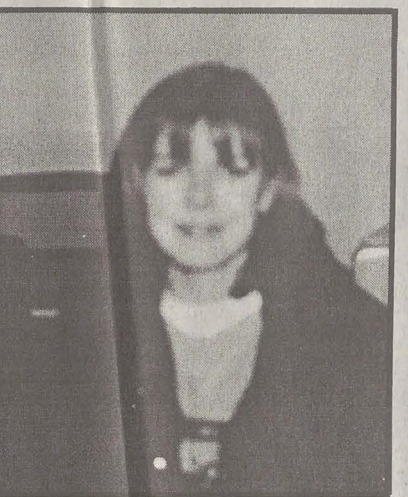
Shawn Cook

"I'd probably want to be a shirt because they're cool and relaxed."



Christina Webster

"A pair of sunglasses, because you'd get to see the whole world."



Angie Kruczinski

"A pair of shoes, because then you'd get to walk all over."



Jamie Koenig

"A coat, so I could be warm all the time."

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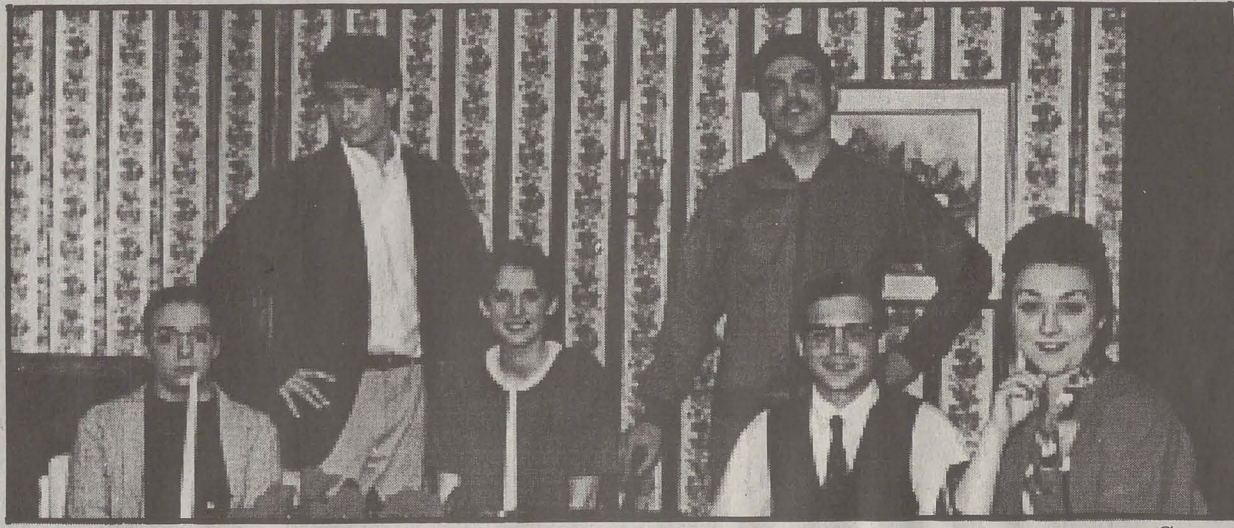


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Cast of "How the Other Half Loves" from left: Anna Udell, Ben Gougeon, Becky Black, Mark Breckenridge, Jamie Frazho, and Kirstine Titus getting into character.

# Behind the scenes at "How the Other Half Loves"

BY BECKY BLACK  
STAFF WRITER

## Friday, March 21:

Rehearsals for "How the Other Half Loves" have been underway for quite some time now. It's hard to believe that exactly two months ago today, I was auditioning for the role that I am playing. Two months...sounds like a long time to me; I just got my lines memorized last week. In exactly 13 days, opening night will hit and then the entire cast, myself included, will be able to see how much hard work has paid off. But of course, it always does.

At this stage in the game things are getting pretty critical. Now that lines are set into memory I'm more focused on keeping them there, and letting them out at the right time. No big deal, I only have around 300 of them. The posters have already been printed and with any luck I can get the tickets done this weekend, too. Everything is finally coming together.

One of the most exciting things to happen for the cast this coming week is the addition of our set. Finally we will have real walls to work around, instead of pieces of tape to mark our boundaries. I have a feeling I'm going to have problems at first though. I always manage to step on the tape walls. Furniture will be added too. That will definitely be a welcome sight compared to the folding chairs that are being used now.

The cast has been very dedicated to this show. In the role of the Frank and Fiona Foster, Mark Breckenridge and Kirstine Titus have managed to perfect British accents. They are one of the two couples that

the play is centered around, the other being Bob and Theresa Phillips, played by Ben Gougeon and myself. We have captured the essence of the love/hate relationship of our characters along with mastering some combat scenes. The other couple in the play, William and Mary Detweiler, played by Jamie Frazho and Anna Udell, are the typical boring, shy couple.

Each character in the play has their own quirks and moments. And there never is a dull moment. The play is set in two different apartments at the same time. Overlapping apartments, that is. So the entire cast has to learn the importance of not running into fellow cast members. Timing is essential, the pace is quick, and the play is utterly hilarious...and I hope we will be ready in 13 days.

## Tuesday, April 1:

Today is the last time the cast and crew will be able to work without an audience. The rehearsal was quite disastrous. Today was the first day the cast worked with food and water props. This led to the many breakings of character throughout the run. For example, today was the first time that I wet a washcloth that my "husband" sits on in one of the scenes. I forgot to tell him about it. At the moment of discovery for him, I just happened to be yelling at him, face to face. When he sat down, he gave me that "why on earth am I getting a wet butt?" look. From that point in time I lost my composure for the rest of the scene and delivered most of my lines through giggles. Not a good thing.

Otherwise, things have been going along beautifully! Everyone has their lines and

cues down. Costumes and props are now in place. Reservations are pouring in now, too. Things are getting very exciting, and opening night is coming faster than we realize it.

Tomorrow is our first audience. With that will come new situations to deal with. I have faith that we will be able to overcome anything that they can throw at us. But I'm hoping they will just clap instead.

## Friday, April 4:

Last night was opening night and despite the small crowd everything was great. Even the crowd was wonderful! It was small, but the people were very responsive and appreciative. We have finally experienced the play after preparing for it over two months.

I felt much better after this performance, too. After rehearsing a play for so long it sort of loses its humor for the actors. I was beginning to ask myself if the audience was going to find the play funny at all, because after all that time I sure wasn't finding it funny anymore. But then I got to thinking about how the first read-through for the cast went. We were all hysterical the first time through. But last night's audience response made me regain my faith in the play and the cast.

It's all going to be over in just three more days. It seems like two months is a lot of work to go through for just four performances. But that's just part of the whole "theater experience," I guess. Sunday, after the show, we will immediately strike (take down) the set, put away all of the props and costumes, and completely clear the stage. Then "How the Other Half Loves" will just be a fond memory in the minds of all of the people involved with it.

# Black & White

By Becky Black & Eddie White

## Becky

In my opinion "The English Patient" was very beautifully done. The scenery was really beautiful, the music was captivating, and the actors were convincing. But I do think that nine academy awards is a little excessive.

This movie starts out with a clip of a small plane flying over the desert. Aboard the plane is the pilot who is obviously distraught about something, and a dead woman wrapped in a sheet. In the first 30 seconds of the movie, the plane gets shot down.

The next scene is that of a young nurse tending to victims of WWII. She meets all sorts of hardships along her journey through life and is quite unhappy herself.

To make a long (over two and a half hours) story short-the scarred beyond recognition pilot of the shot-down plane comes under the care of the nurse who's decided to stay behind her troops in an old abandoned building until her patient dies. The patient has no recollection of his name or where he came from, so he is dubbed the English patient.

As his body deteriorates, the English patient recalls details of his lost life, and more vividly his lost love, a married woman.

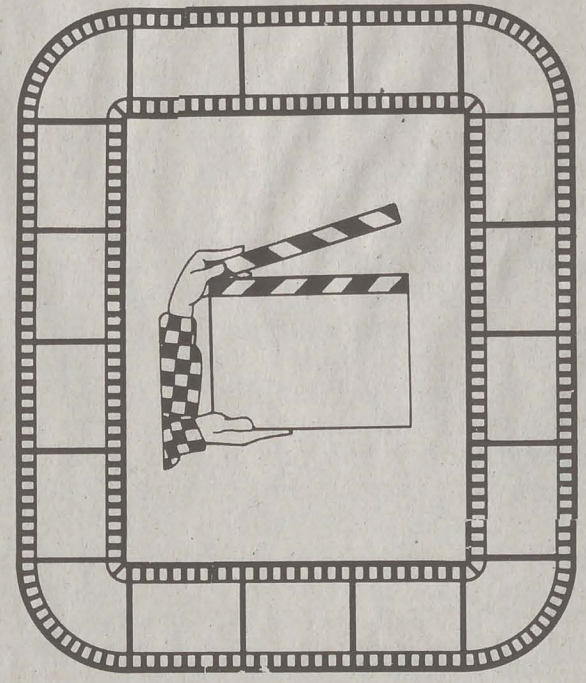
This story is a good love story. Between both the English patient and his lost lover, and also the blooming romance between the nurse and a fellow soldier. I would recommend this movie, but it is definitely not for everyone. But if you are one who enjoys a tragic romance, this movie is right up your alley.

## Eddie

That's right movie buffs, we're back, and we're more opinionated than ever! In the spirit of Easter, my cohort and I have decided to resurrect Black and White from the AHS archives.

In the wake of The Academy Awards, we have chosen none other than the mother of all movies, "The English Patient." The highly acclaimed film was the winner of the award for best motion picture, along with countless other Oscars. So we decided

days comfortable ones. They spend these times in an isolated castle where he starts remembering pieces of his life, and reminisces about his tawdry affair with actress Kristin Scott Thomas. Thomas is subsequently married to a successful business man, which causes her to be torn between the man that she loves, and the man that she has sworn to be loyal to. You'll have to shell out



since everyone was making such a big deal out of it, we'd see what all the noise was about for ourselves, and give you our point of view.

The movie starts out in World War II Africa, where a pilot and his lover are the victims of an untimely plane crash. The pilot, Ralph Fiennes, suffers horrid 3rd degree burns over the majority of his body, cooking his insides, and making his death only a matter of time. He also undertakes a bad case of amnesia, which left his life a mystery. He is cared for by a courageous young nurse, who temporarily gives up her life to make his last

the \$4.50 to find out which path she chooses.

The story is intriguing, but a bit long, using unnecessary scenes to fill up all of two hours and thirty-five minutes

worth of time. It has several intensely suspenseful moments, and is filled with passionate drama.

Although the plot is a bit confusing at first, it all makes sense in the end. It is well done and original, but a far cry from the best movie of the year. It did not live up to its billing or to my expectations, and I'm not the only one that thinks so; actor Willem Dafoe gave it an enthusiastic two thumbs down. But don't take our word for it; hit the theaters and see for yourself.

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## Body builder preps for state competition

By RITA MACIEJEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

At last spring has sprung, but to take a look outdoors one would never guess it.

Fitness is now on everyone's mind. We start to think about getting back into shape in order to look nice in that bathing suit.

For some, going to the gym and working out is a once or twice a year ritual. But for others, it is an ongoing process, a daily routine. Like getting out of bed in the morning. In other words, a way of life.

For Alpena Community College student Rose McWilliams, it is just that. It is a daily routine and a type of life style she takes pride in.

McWilliams, 34 will be competing in her eighth body building competition. On August 2, 1997, She will compete in the Iron Man and Lady of Iron Natural Body Building competition at the Redford Theater in Detroit. She will be judged on symmetry, proportion and size.

To get ready for such a competition, McWilliams puts herself through a very strict diet and exercise routine. About two months prior to the

competition, she spends approximately one and a half hours per day practicing her posing routine. Aerobics increases from five times a week to daily at forty-five to sixty minute sessions, but the weight training stays about the same.

McWilliams said that she tries to keep the weights as heavy as possible so that size is not lost. But the energy level is low due to a strict diet of 1,200 to 1,300 calories a day. Fats are restricted to 10%, more protein is needed, and fewer carbohydrates are eaten.

McWilliams attended Gabriel Richards High School in Riverview, Michigan. She was involved in sports and enjoyed the discipline and structure of it. She began body building in 1987 for the challenge. "I wasn't sure if I had what it took, but found out I really enjoyed it," she said.

On a daily average McWilliams's schedule consists of getting up at 4:30 a.m. when she starts her first session of aerobics. From 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. McWilliams manages at the Down Town Fitness Center and is a certified personal trainer. After work, weight training is done for two hours,

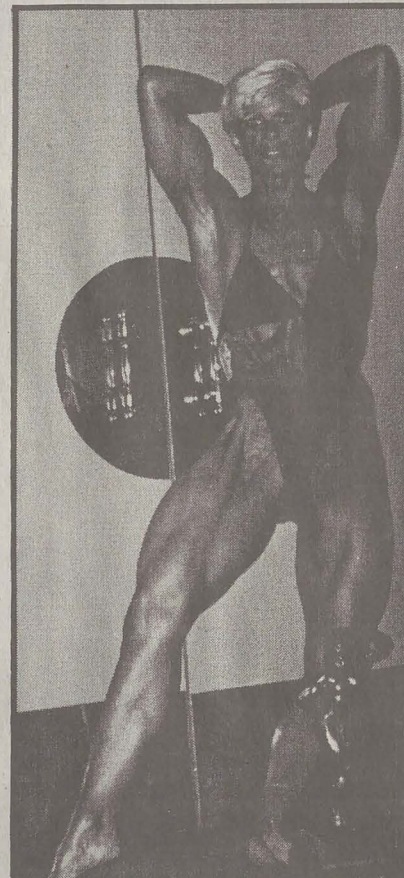


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Rose McWilliams poses with trophy.

then another hour of aerobics and posing practice from 8:00 until 9:30 p.m.

McWilliams eats six small meals per day as opposed to three large ones. The diet is a

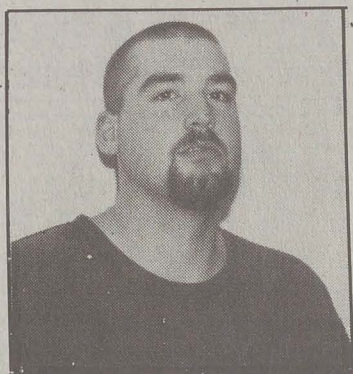
very balanced, very clean, combination of chicken, fish, rice and baked potatoes, as well as lots of vegetables. She adds no butter, salt, or sauces to her food, eats little fruit, and drinks about two gallons of water a day.

McWilliams has several accomplishments. In 1991, she won first place at the Lansing Body building championships, she finished fourth in the Michigan State Body building Championships in 1992, and she won first place at the Great Lakes Natural Regional Competition in 1994.

McWilliams competes more for fun than expecting to win. "If you go into a competition expecting to win, you are only setting yourself up for a disappointment," she stated.

She is not going there expecting to win, just knowing that she did everything possible to look and do her best is all that is needed.

She also said she is comfortable about going into this competition because she has more years of competing under her belt than the others do. "Right now I'm mentally ready, but not physically. By August, I will be both." McWilliams stated.



## Playin' the Field

with  
Jeremy Williams

Hello everybody, welcome to the feelgood column. The column that makes you feel all warm inside. So, what has been going on lately? Well, everything. Can you believe the Arizona Wildcats? Michigan won the NIT. It's the first time I ever followed the NIT. Baseball started up. Major League Soccer started up. Pro hoops and hockey are nearing the playoffs. This is a great time for sports fans, like us.

Basketball is over, but the next season has already begun. Coaches McCourt and Allen are bringing in recruits to look at throughout the spring. Also, players that plan to return next year are playing just about every day and working out. The talk is to get ready to win the national championship next year. Remember, Hans Parker, Jason Brecheisen, Trent Duncan, Ben Croze, and just about everybody else will return next year.

The Lady Jacks are also returning almost everyone except Marisa Stoppa. Coach Kollein should start getting recruits in to look at them as well. The team will be better now with a little bit more experience. They also will be better if they can have more than nine players this year. That's just my opinion, I could be wrong.

The Lady Jacks started their season on a spring trip to Tennessee. Not the basketball team, but the softball squad. So far, they look decent. Probably because there are a few players from Hillman on there. There will be a review on the 1997 softball team next issue.

Arizona made an incredible run to win it all. Ya'll know they knocked off three number one seeds in a row. My colleague Hans Parker said that Arizona was the only team in the tournament that could have beaten Kentucky. I agree. 'Zona was just too quick. I picked Kansas to win and look what happened. I really didn't want to, but c'mon, they were a clear-cut favorite. Needless to say, I lost my pool.

Michigan got muffed. Oh well, they won something, right?

Now to focus on the pro game. What did I tell you about Detroit? Last time I wrote about the Pistons, they had the second best record in the league. I said they would drop to fourth or fifth in the conference and get bumped in the second round. They are in fifth place right now. Don't get me wrong, because I love the Pistons and I hope they step it up. Chicago is still the easy favorite for the title. Miami and New York have outside shots coming from the East. In the West, it'll be interesting, considering Minnesota is a 6th seed right now with a record under .500. This could be the year that Utah reaches the finals. Don't forget Seattle, Houston, or LA.

The Wings are in the driver's seat. They are in third place in the conference behind Colorado and Dallas. That's where they want to be. Believe me, everybody is aware of Detroit. Montreal is currently in seventh place in the East. This depresses me because my beloved Canadiens will probably have to face someone like Philadelphia or New Jersey.

Opening day was last week and baseball is in full swing. How will the Tigers do? They can't do any worse. Remember what I said earlier about their young hitters. Melvin Nieves, Tony Clark, and Bobby Higginson will have solid seasons. They acquired a closer from Houston in Todd Jones. But they still need pitching. Especially in middle relief.

I know it is early in the season, but I'll make some predictions. Texas and New York will be strong in the A.L., but Seattle looks good enough to win it all. My Montreal Expos might not win it all, but I still love them. Atlanta, St. Louis, and San Diego are tough. Don't forget about Florida or Los Angeles.

For soccer fans, the Major League of Soccer started up, as well. At least it gives us something to watch besides baseball in the summer.

Be sure to catch next month's edition of "Playin' the Field." I'll have a tiny tribute on our departing sophomores. See ya next time in the field.

## 96~97 Lady Lumberjack Softball



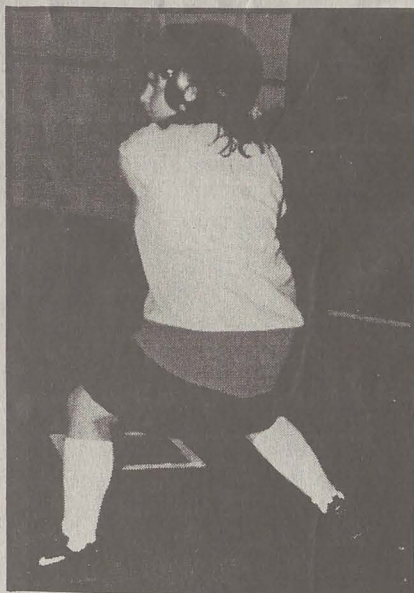
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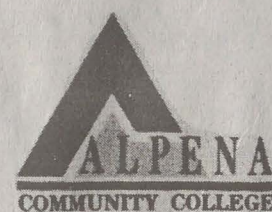
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# Coach McCourt looks at the big picture: "I love what I do"

By JEREMY WILLIAMS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Frank McCourt has had the privilege to coach, teach, and counsel many students and athletes. To see them blossom and grow into upstanding citizens and successful careers brings a warm smile to his face. He feels that's what it's all about.

"My life is not about being the greatest coach in the world. My life's about being a

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~ McCourt ~

positive influence on as many kids as I can," McCourt states.

"I'm fortunate that they (ACC) pay me to do what I

love to do."

McCourt has dealt with hard lessons throughout his career. He says it hurts him to know that you can't save all kids. Some kids just don't have the desire and heart, according to McCourt. Frank also has found that he doesn't have to have the greatest athletes on his team to make him happy. He wants players with big hearts and with minds in the right spot. That's what it's all about to Coach McCourt.

Frank McCourt has established himself in the Alpena community. Born in Detroit and raised in Alpena, McCourt has seen, been around, counseled, and coached some of the finest athletes and students to come out of ACC.

Though coaching is his forte, McCourt has many job titles. He's a licensed counselor, in which he assists advisors and helps students get on track with their careers. He's in charge of employment services. He and his staff help find full and part-time jobs for current students and graduates. He teaches a careers and learning skills class.

McCourt is the coordinator of athletics. He's in charge

of putting together schedules for ACC's sports teams. He's Vice President of the MCCA (Michigan Community College Athletic Association). McCourt is also the sports director of the Eastern Conference of the MCCA. He handles all the protests and problems that face sporting events and the schools that participate in them.

McCourt is the president of the faculty council. At one time he was full-time athletic director. He now splits that duty with Max Lindsay.

Frank McCourt is a very busy man at ACC, but he has other priorities off campus. He owns Dinosaur Gardens which is an exhibit of life-size sculptured dinosaurs. He owns Lumberjack Enterprises which operates Project ACCESS. He also helps run the Alpena Gus Macker. McCourt is co-chairperson with Tom Townsend. McCourt doesn't take credit for bringing the Macker here, but feels he and his crew work very hard to keep it here.

McCourt started his coaching career leading the Lady Jacks to many years of prominence. His first campaign started in 1980-1981,

which he refers to as his best team ever. He led them to a Region 12 runner-up finish and duplicated that feat the following season. Due to funding problems in 1983, the athletic program was cut.

In 1984, athletics were back and so was Frank McCourt. He coached the Lady Jacks to winning seasons until the 1988-89 season. Due to various reasons, he made the transition to coach the men's team the next year. He held the coaching reigns until Jeff Duncan was hired in 1993. Duncan only lasted one year and McCourt found himself back in the coaching seat once again, this time attempting to resurrect the sorry situation that Duncan left behind.

"The program was in a sad state and it was going to take some time to straighten it out," McCourt recalls.

ACC fans have sat through a couple of rebuilding seasons, but things are looking bright for ACC basketball.

McCourt is a graduate of Alpena High, and graduated from ACC in 1962. He then continued his education at Michigan State. Obtaining his Bachelor's in History and

Master's in Counseling.

His career began as a Social Science teacher and counselor in the Pontiac public school system. He landed a golden opportunity to come home and teach Economics at ACC. He was also the Admissions Counselor. McCourt has been here ever since.

McCourt lives in Ossineke, with his wife of 29 years, Judy, and has two sons, Michael and Steve. Michael lives in Lansing and was just married and Steve is a senior at Central Michigan and student-teaches at Alpena High.

McCourt got into coaching because of the sheer love of teaching and athletics. He's uncertain when he'll step down as coach of the Lumberjacks. He doesn't feel he wants to retire any time soon.

"I'll leave when either I'm 65 or when this isn't fun anymore," McCourt said.

Right now, the 6:00 am practices, counseling and teaching, and his various job titles keep him happy. At the ripe age of 54, we'll see him around for many years to come.

He has a young, eager assistant coach, Bobby Allen,



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Coach McCourt prowls the sideline during the highlight Homecoming victory over Henry Ford.

waiting in the wings. He feels Allen is working hard at becoming a good coach and he doesn't have a problem with Allen being the head man when he's ready.

# National Coach of the Year recalls ACC playing days

By JEREMY WILLIAMS  
SPORTS EDITOR

There has been a lot of great players to play at ACC. McCourt has coached many of them. When asked to name his all-time five best players for men and women, he couldn't pinpoint just five.

For the men's team, the first name that came to his mind was Bobby Allen.

Allen played only one and a half seasons through 88-90. He finished his career at ACC 12th all time in scoring with 795 total points scored.

Allen stated, "He got my life together. He made me into a man and to what I am today."

Mike Kollien brought a nice outside shot and smarts to his position in the paint for McCourt. Kollien is ACC's 10th leading scorer all time with 891 points.

ACC's 3rd leading scorer, Nathan Tuori, was the workhorse during his stay in 1994 through 1996. He has 1025 points and is currently at

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Brett Benvenuti was a good player and a good student. He was a 6'6 forward that continued his education and career at the University of Denver.

Mike Gunderson was a good scorer and did whatever it took to help win games for the Lumberjacks in his career. He was a good shooter and a lead by example leader.

"He gave me and stills does the proper guidance to be successful. In a sense, he's like a second father to me. He has given me a lot of good opportunities to be a success," Gunderson said.

Demerious Flowers, who is playing at Huron University in South Dakota, is a quick slashing scorer who brought excitement to McCourt's teams in 94-96.

A guard who displayed toughness and grittiness was Dan Marquardt. McCourt feels Marquardt was one of the best defensive players he has ever coached. He's play-

ing at Olivet College.

Another rugged tough guard that McCourt liked was Tim Neumann. He was a great

*"Coach McCourt has such enthusiasm for the game. He was always into it..."*

~ DeRocher ~

defender and an excellent floor leader.

McCourt picked seven Lady Jacks to be on his all-time team. Heading this list is Diana Flakes.

Flakes is the all time leading scorer in ACC history. She dominated the conference in 1979-81 amassing 964 points during her stay on the Sunrise side.

Pam Pringle played only 18 games at ACC, but scored 521 points in that span. She

averaged 30 points per game and 20 rebounds a contest. She led the country in scoring in 1984-85, and was first team all American.

Currently the Head Coach at Tri-State University, Cindy DeRocher was a great playmaker for McCourt's teams in '80-'82. She helped the Lady Jacks to two runner-up finishes in the Region 12 championships. She also was just named NAIA coach of the year.

"Coach McCourt has such enthusiasm for the game. He was always into it. He pushed me to get my degree from LSU. It was a great time for

me there," DeRocher recalls.

Veronica Mullen played in the glory years of '80-'82. She was a 6'1 center that was hard to stop in the paint. She is currently 6th all time in scoring.

Tabitha Koger, a Flint native, played during the '87-'89 campaigns. Koger is second all time in scoring and was one of two of McCourt's last Lady Jack superstars. She accumulated 788 points.

Brimley's own Sherry Hyvarnien is that other superstar. She is 10th on the scoring list and has 571 total points in her playing days at ACC.

Currently residing in Grand Rapids, Sheila

Parkinson was the best jump shooter McCourt has ever seen. She played on the great teams of '80-'82 also. She is the seventh all time leading scorer and rounds off a great tally of names.

Parkinson recalls, "He was a special coach. I had a great time with my teammates and it was all fun in that time of my life. I have a lot of great memories."

McCourt has touched many lives in his career. He's most thankful for the great kids he's had to counsel and coach, and he still has some years to do what he loves. Isn't that what it is all about?



Current Lumberjack coaches Mike Kollien (55) and Bobby Allen (standing) listen as McCourt makes a point during a timeout. (Archives photo).

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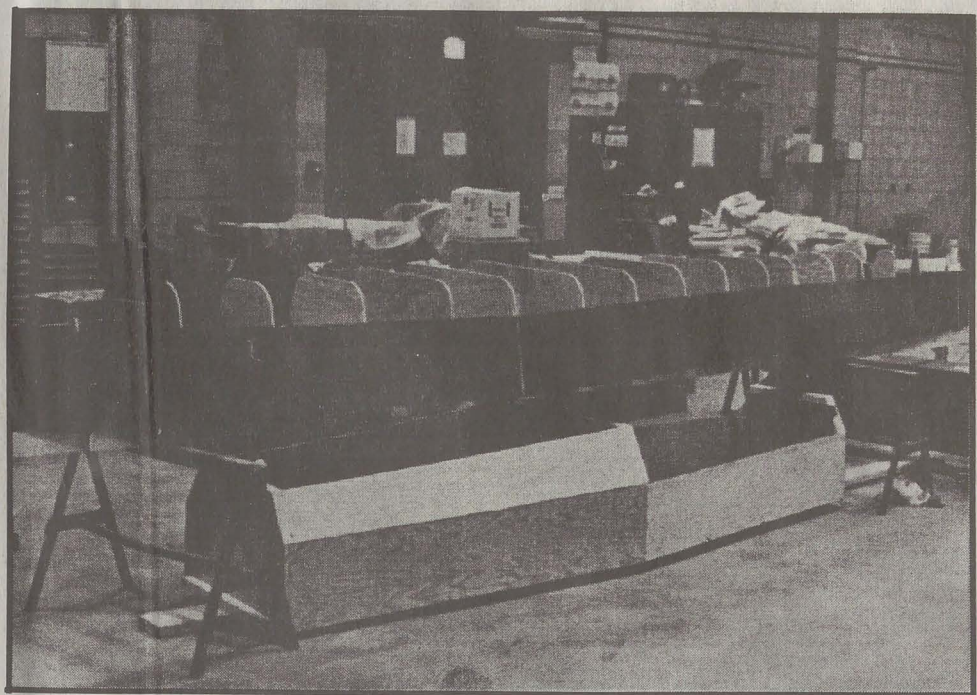
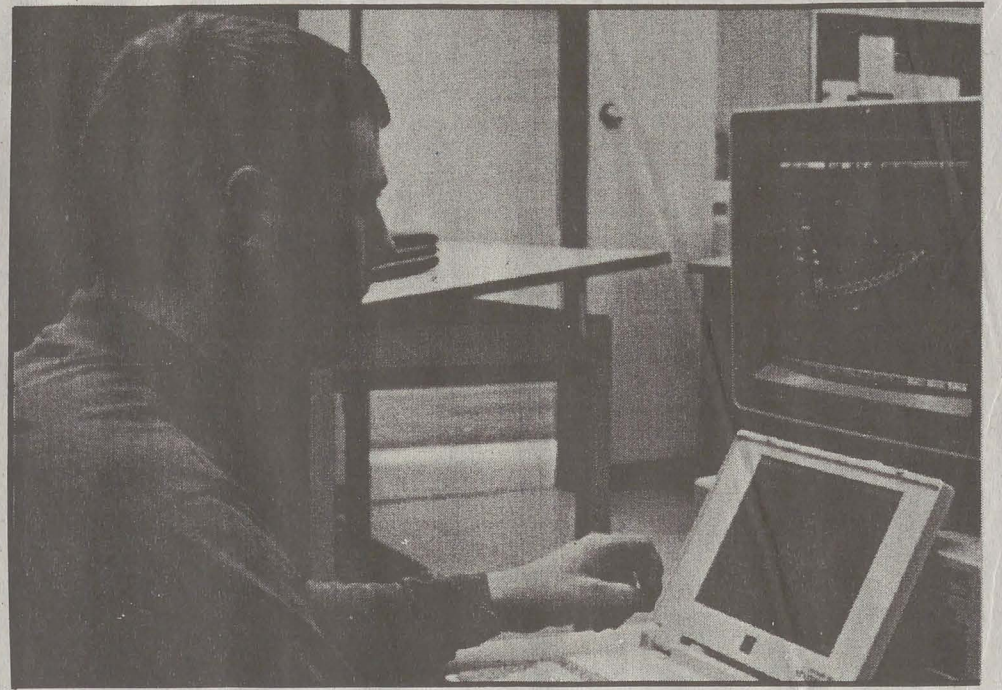
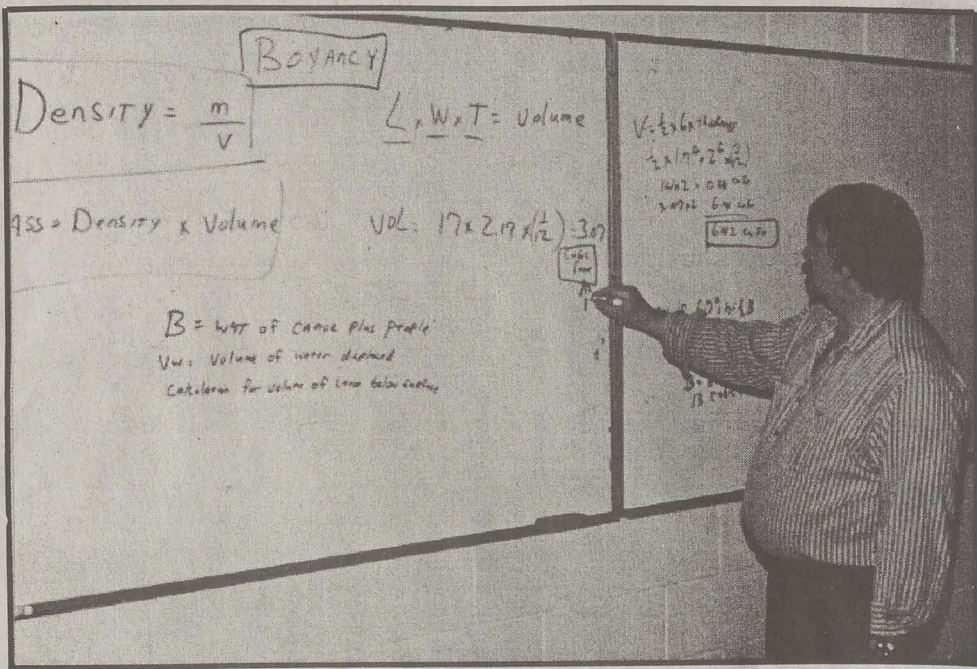
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# BUILDING A CONCRETE CANOE



Clockwise from top left: Concrete Technology instructor Kevin Sylvester calculates some buoyancy equations. Student Mike Brown uses CAD to come up with the best design. The shell (right and bottom left) stands ready. A student applies concrete with a trowel to the wire mesh covering the canoe. Some hands-on finish work produces a smile.



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- 9 Goulash w/ garlic bread
- 10 Sandwich Wraps
- 11 Patty Melt
- 14 Chicken sandwich combo
- 15 Nachos Grande
- 16 Veggie burgers
- 17 Hamburger Combo
- 18 1/2 Sandwich Soup & Salad
- 21 Hot Wrap combo (new)
- 22 Hot Dog combo
- 23 Chicken Strips
- 24 Grilled Cheese & soup
- 25 Fish Fillet combo
- 28 Mini Quiche w/ fruit
- 29 Mushroom Swiss Burger
- 30 BBQ Beef

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