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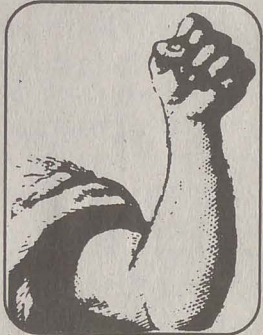
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FUN FACT!

DO YOU DO IT IN THE ROAD?

Sing, that is. Contrary to popular belief that we save our arias for the show or bathroom, most of use find our most appreciative audiences in the car. Almost four of every five of us (78.4%) sing in the car, karaoke with the radio, compared to just around half (48.4%) who do it in the tub. Another musical spot: the elevator, 12.9% get rocking there. And another fourth trill through other bathroom activities.

College Day inspires and enriches

By MARY KLINE
STAFF WRITER

A day of woman's adventure took place Oct. 18 at Alpena Community College.

The fourth annual College Day for Women began at 9 a.m. with keynote speaker Susan McFarland presenting "Life is a Dance..."

She shared her theory of

life as a process and dance, and the importance of maintaining a positive attitude to pull through the rough spots in life.

After McFarland's presentation, nearly 250 women split up and attended separate seminars for an hour.

These short mini-classes offered a wide variety of interests directed to quench the curiosity of today's women.

Some classes included Claude Monet: the Experience of Nature; Tool Time With a Pampered Chef; Becoming the Woman You've Wanted to Be; and Alternative Medical Therapies, just to name a few.

In the "Becoming the Woman You've Wanted to Be" session, Lorraine Reuther presented three women in a talk show atmosphere who shared

some aspect of their lives that made them stronger.

"There is a special energy that women have that men don't have," she said. "Once we understand that becoming real and enduring the pains of everyday life, we can become the woman we've always wanted to be."

Reuther introduced each of the women on her panel and each of them had a special message for the audience in Granum Theatre.

Marsha Hoppe shared her experience with abuse and also that of losing a beloved friend to war.

"I don't think of myself as 'poor me,'" she said. "I lived through it and maybe I can help someone else through it."

After the first round of sessions, the women were catered to a lunch which was

served by members of ACC's own men's basketball team.

A second set of sessions began which included Collecting Dead Relatives; Lord of the Dance; Making Sense of Aromatherapy and more. Following this second session, a third set of classes, including E-Mail and More! began.

For those mothers who couldn't find a babysitter, Sienna Suszek, of Michigan State University Extension, Alpena County, directed a special program for children.

Special classes included a Civil War re-enactment, science projects and other fun, informative lessons to fill inquisitive minds.

The long day of learning ended at 3 p.m. and another College Day for Women was put on the shelf.

Legends of the fall



Above, this scene of natural beauty comes to *The Polemic* courtesy of Lynn Borke, president of the new ACC Photographic Society. Below, this closeup of a flower in bloom was taken by Missy Porter. For more samples of inspired photography, please see the back page.



Seminar raises awareness

By JOHN KISSANE
STAFF WRITER

Fifty percent of the women in this country will be confronted by a sexual predator (someone who engages in any verbal or physical form of sexual assault), said lecturer Stephen Thompson in a lecture on sexual assault on Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Granum Theatre.

Thompson has been on Good Morning America and in major newspapers. He is the author of a book on sexual assault called No More Fear. He has been trained in martial arts, and is a sexual criminal profiler for the FBI.

He became involved in the field after a student of his, years ago, was raped. He feels it was his fault, for attempting to teach her rape-prevention techniques and failing.

"We blame the victim."

As he took the stage for a presentation (he says he has done more than 500), Thompson also took the crowd's

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College Day draws faithful

By MARY KLINE
STAFF WRITER

Feelings of accomplishment, confidence, and inspiration could be found at a CollegeDay for Women on October 18 at Alpena Community College.

"My daughter pushed me into it," said Joan Dulmage. "I'm from Hammond Bay, 50 miles north of here. I can't wait to come every year. This is my third year."

For many women, the college day is a chance to get out and experience a day just for themselves.

Special classes are offered that the women can choose from according to their particular interests.

This year, 250 women shared the experience on the campus of ACC.

"It's a good meeting opportunity," said Rose Marie Koltuniak of Alpena. "It's also an introduction to what the college has to offer."

Another benefit of the college day expressed by some of the attendees, was the chance to meet new people. People outside of an everyday circle.

Polly Cook of Alpena said the day put zest in her life. A nice variety of classes were offered and many positive feelings were shared that could expand her life.

Many women came alone to the event, and by lunchtime, were gathered with new friends, sharing their lives and the activities of the day.

Beverly Gagne of Alpena said the day taught her not to be afraid to change in midstream.

For many women, the day was filled with discovery. Discovery of emotions, activities, and friends. Basically, just an enjoyable day out.

ACC awarded safety grant

By MARY KLINE
STAFF WRITER

Alpena Community College will be receiving \$45,000 in grant money to fund safety training seminars for the benefit of the community.

The money was procured through a grant written by Don MacMaster, the director of the project, in July. Last week, word was spread that funding will be awarded by the Michigan Department of Commerce.

According to MacMaster, the Department of Commerce has a specific pot of money directed toward educating safety training. Fifteen similar grants were awarded across the state.

The grant ACC will receive is a one year grant. This means that all the training must be developed and delivered in one year.

Three high hazard occupations will be covered. MacMaster is working with local professionals in these areas to develop the most effective short seminars.

"We plan to cover three target areas locally," MacMaster said. "Agriculture, manufacturing, and construc-

tion. It's surprising when you look at the breakdown of what percentage of workers employed in these areas get injured."

At this time, a lot of the planning must be completed. MacMaster hopes to have the first seminar under his belt by the end of next month.

For the construction seminars, possible areas of focus may be proper fork lift operation, electrical safety, and fall protection. Electricity is also one focus of the manufacturing target zone. In the area of agriculture, special attention may be directed toward safely maneuvering around the various moving parts of a tractor and how to safely operate equipment so as not to cause bodily injury.

"I'm excited about the project," he said. "In some ways it may sound kind of dry but if the training prevents one person from getting hurt or killed, then it's worth it. As the main and only secondary institution in the area, it's our obligation to grow and reach out and provide things that are needed. The college recognizes the need to offer things that people already in the work force need."

If you knew her...

By LYZ HUFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

"Hi," my classmates and I said as we entered the room of an interesting young lady on one of our weekly visits to Tendercare Alpena. We were there to volunteer as a part of our Personal Adjustment class at Alpena High. We walked around, visiting with patients in their rooms. Some of the patients had trouble remembering us being there the previous week.

There was something special that drew us to this room. Was it the young smiling lady in the bed who invited us into her room? Was it her sense of humor, her outlook on life? Or was it the pictures of the men hanging on her wall?

She usually had the TV going, watching some talk show, usually Ricki Lake. She seemed to enjoy our visits, because we got the impression from her talks that she didn't have many visitors. She would not say much about her personal life, just that she was married but it didn't work out because he was an #\$\$@!*&! Her sense of humor was appealing to us in that she was down to earth and she agreed with us on many topics. She took an interest in our lives.

It was evident that she didn't like being there, confined to a bed. Even though she was bed-ridden (at least we never saw her moving around), she never elaborated on what her condition was or what the outcome might be. In fact, we never even knew what was wrong with her. I guess we didn't ask because she appeared to us "normal," and we thought something had happened to her that required a temporary stay at Tendercare, like a fall or something.

No one could have predicted the outcome.

No one could have known that this ordinary woman (except for the ailment), was engaged in an inner struggle: a knowledge of what long term effects her disease would have on her, and a nagging option to end the pain and suffering.

Soon, my classmates retired for the summer and I graduated, henceforth ending our weekly visits. When I returned to visit, I always made a point of stopping in to see this interesting woman, but on one visit, I looked in her room, only to find that she had been moved to another room. I searched around, and finally found the name plate bearing: Annette Blackman.

Last week, I read about Annette in the newspaper in connection with Dr. Jack Kevorkian. She had opted for assisted suicide.

Briefs

Spotlight Series shines again

The Western Jazz Quartet, pictured below, will appear at Granum Theatre on Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. The group is a Western Michigan University resident faculty ensemble that has received national recognition and a Five Star review in Down Beat magazine for their CD "Firebird." The musicians will be holding a free student workshop from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in CTR 107 before the concert. For more details, contact Mark Breckinridge at extension 279.



Jazz Ensemble catches the beat

The 21-member ACC Jazz Ensemble will be holding a free concert on Tuesday, November 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the Granum Theatre. The Ensemble will be playing big band standards, plus latin tunes and ballads, featuring many soloists and a vocalist. Come on out and support our jazz brethren.

Get involved in volunteering

The Volunteer Center and ACC is sponsoring the Student/Community Action Fair on Wednesday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. inside Park Arena. Many community organizations will be represented at the Fair, offering students and staff a wide range of volunteer opportunities.

United Way and the Power of "U"

The ACC United Way campaign fund drive went over the top late last week, surpassing this year's \$4100 campaign goal. Thanks to all the staff who participated in making this year's campaign a success. Stay tuned to your phones for details regarding the raffle drawing, open to all who contributed to the campaign, scheduled for Friday, October 31, at noon in the Lumberjack Shack. Top prize is a \$100 dollar gift certificate to the French Quarter. Also available will be an ACC sweatshirt from the bookstore, a set of passes to the Royal Knight Cinema, and a jar of lottery tickets.

See you there

ACC's single parent support group will meet every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. - noon in Van Lare Hall 103. All students are invited to attend any Wednesday. For more information, contact Bonnie Urlaub in VLH 107.

Senate makes plans

By MISSY PORTER
STAFF WRITER

This year's ACC Student Senate has a lot planned.

The Senate began the year with a camping trip to Oscoda. This trip was used as a leadership seminar where they went over their constitution.

There will be many dances throughout the year. The next is the Halloween dance on October 31 at East Campus gym. Students are encouraged to dress up. There will be prizes given for best costume and other categories. The Homecoming dance is scheduled for Febru-

ary 14.

There will also be many different speakers coming to the campus to discuss important issues such as AIDS awareness and domestic violence. As yet, there have been no dates set for these events.

The Senate holds open forum meetings for students to attend to bring up concerns they have about the school or to give their ideas.

Student Senate President Leonard Thomas said, "I encourage students to get involved with the open forum meetings so they can voice their opinions." The next meeting is October 28 at 5:00 p.m. in CTR 106.

THE WORKPLACE

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

National project ends after six years

By ERIN BRUSKI
STAFF WRITER

After six years of providing educational programs adapted to the specific needs of various workplaces in the community, the Workplace Partnership Project has come to an end.

The program, which was funded through the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., was first funded at ACC in 1991. The first project lasted 18 months. In 1993 the college applied for funding again and received a second 18-month grant. Then in 1994, there was a three-year grant opportunity, the last funding cycle available. The WPP was funded again, one of just a handful of projects to receive funding over three grant cycles. Funding ran out on October 1.

The focus of the WPP was to identify what employees at companies really needed to know, and to develop courses based on that. These courses involved constant curriculum development and were not textbook oriented. The idea behind the program was to see if commu-

nity colleges could bring customized education to the workplace.

ACC staff involved in the project included WPP director Don MacMaster; communications instructor Dr. Richard Lessard, math instructors Kendall Sumerix, Tom Gougeon and Charley Rosebush; business instructor Lois Darga; language instructor Priscilla Homola; computer technician and newsletter editor Frank Przykucki; and office managers Katherine Meharg and Ann Schultz.

"A big enjoyment for me over the past six years has been the opportunity to work with some really committed professionals," MacMaster said. "I think that the project had some risk for all of us, because in many cases we were working outside our comfort zone and had to be fast and responsive learners ourselves."

"We realized that the credibility of the college was at stake to a degree and that if we did a poor job, it could reflect negatively on the professionalism of everyone at ACC. We didn't want that to happen and I don't think it did. It was a great group to

work with, very creative yet very professional. I miss having them around," he added.

According to MacMaster, the need for instructors to constantly involve the student in the development of authentic teaching materials was a key factor in the project.

One of the most successful projects was a sequence of two 15-hour farm accounting classes, developed and taught by former Math and Sciences chair Gary Sparks.

everyone on the shop floor, including some of the managers, went through three levels of math—general math, trigonometry, and Introduction to CAD. They were taught on site, using laptop computers.

Richard Lessard did some very strong applied communications work in team building, most notably at Besser Company, where a new department was created and still effectively operates as a self-directed work team.

Yet another program offered reading skills and comprehension to AIS home care workers across Alcona, Alpena and Montmorency counties, again using laptop computers with authoritative software. Care plans for the clients in AIS homes are often written by clinicians with advanced professional degrees, but the workers in charge of carrying out the plans often have limited educational attainment levels, resulting in a wide literacy gap. A 24-hour reading comprehension course was designed by Janet Fulton to narrow that gap.

"I think the Workplace Partnership Project really enhanced the college's outreach to business and industry," MacMaster. "And I think that a vibrant community college always needs to be thinking about how it can help the local workforce not only stay current but prepare for the future. These are our neighbors, after all. They support us when we support them."

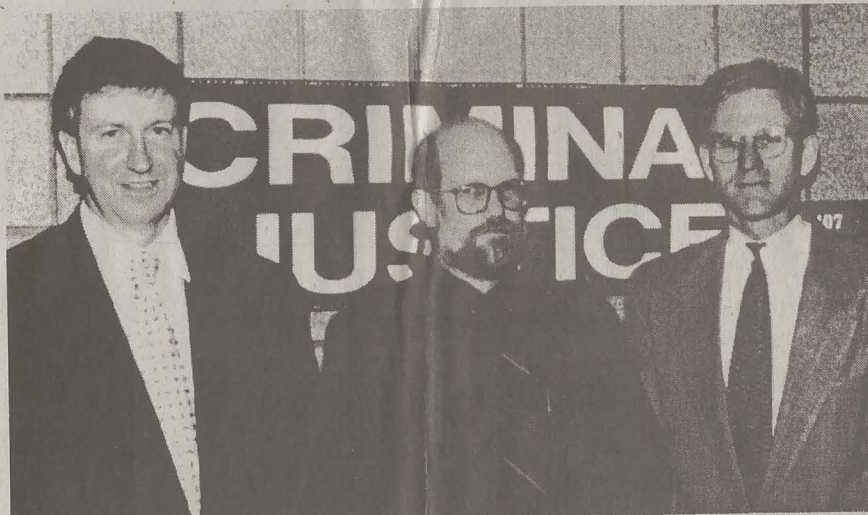
"It was a great group to work with, very creative yet very professional."

- Don MacMaster

Today's farmers need to keep accurate and thorough records. Feed ratios, pesticide application rates, breeding records, depreciation on capital equipment are just a few examples. Although this is easier to do now with new technology, many local farmers were not accustomed to using computers. By taking this course, they learned how to use a computer and Quicken software to track a number of variables—variables specific to their own operations.

A shop math program developed by Kendall Sumerix for Baker Enterprises was also highly successful. In this three-course sequence,

Open House '97



Above, three prominent members of the law enforcement community appeared at the Open House to discuss criminal justice as a profession. From left: William Lauman (Secret Service), Dennis Roy (Courts) and Walter Reynolds (FBI). At left, concrete tech instructor Pete Alexander greets a visitor.

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Participants in the Alpena Pride Program refurbish a house on Ford Avenue on Alpena's north side, one of the Volunteer Center's recent initiatives.



Volunteer Center provides First Step

By MARIA STANDEN,
STAFF WRITER

Many new developments have been happening within the ACC Volunteer Center. Besides co-sponsoring the October 29 Student Action Fair, the Volunteer Center has been busy with two new programs--the First Step Program and the Alpena Neighborhood Pride Program.

Providing a meaningful opportunity for both volunteers and the community has been one of the main objectives for the Volunteer Center as it celebrates its 20th anniversary this month.

Alpena's Volunteer Center is unique in that it is one of eight volunteer centers in the country that is associated with a university or community college.

"Alpena was always highly regarded as a volunteering community... so there already was a strong foundation here for a volunteer center," said Chris Angel, Director of the Volunteer Center. "Even though we are not noted as being one of the biggest volunteer centers, we have been noted as being a progressive center with a lot of great things happening and we are always continuing to grow."

The program started in mid-August. During the first semester, the participants take a course to introduce and help them to decide on a career to pursue. The second semester involves courses to train the participants for the job of their choice. During the program, participants also attended a Ropes Challenge Course that focuses on team building and leadership. In its first year, the program has 27 people that range in ages from 18 to 51.

"It [the program] has been very favorably received... the participants have been very committed, energetic, and willing to learn," said Angel.



Angel credits much of the success of the center to the staff. "We have a wonderful staff here at the Center. Everyone works really hard to make the Center what it is," said Angel.

First Step Program, funded by the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and the Northeast Michigan Consortium, is a pilot program to provide job training to income-eligible individuals.

Funded by First Federal Savings & Loan of Alpena, the Alpena Neighborhood Pride Project will be focusing on homes in need of refurbishing on Alpena's north side.

This year's project includes painting five houses and siding two houses and will be done by the end of October. Angel said that the program will start again next spring and he foresees it growing to be even bigger and better next year. Involved in this year's project were the ACC Student Senate, the men's and women's basketball teams, Youth Volunteer Corps, Habitat for Humanity, and First Federal.

"Even though the cost of living is rising and people are working hard to keep up, there still is a need for volunteering," stated Angel.

"Trends are showing people getting involved in more short-term volunteering, things like volunteering with your family or doing volunteer work at home are becoming patterns. Since state and federal funds have decreased - the need for volunteers has increased," Angel added.

If you are interested in volunteering or want to find out more about the Volunteer Center, contact Chris Angel at 356-9021, Extension 335.

AmeriCorps builds hope

By BECKY BLACK
STAFF WRITER

This fall an exciting new movement is sweeping through Alpena--AmeriCorps. This national service organization works to involve youth ages 11-18 in direct community service through service learning in their own classrooms. AmeriCorps has been around four years and is funded by the National Service Organization. Across the nation, there are only 11 AmeriCorps sites and 45 AmeriCorps members. Alpena was awarded three of these 45 slots, and Alpena is the only AmeriCorps site in Northeast Michigan.

The three Alpena AmeriCorps members are Tony Rosado, Kristen Issacs and myself.

In exchange for donating a year of service working the youth of the community, AmeriCorps members get a living stipend throughout the year. Upon successful completion of the 1700 hours of service, each receives an educational award of almost \$5000 to help with college.

After the first year is completed, members have an opportunity to re-up for a second term of service and a second educational award, making this an opportunity for members to receive almost \$10,000 for college.

Alpena's AmeriCorps members recently returned from a weeklong training in Kansas City. All AmeriCorps members from around the country were sent there to network, share ideas, learn a lot, and have a great time!

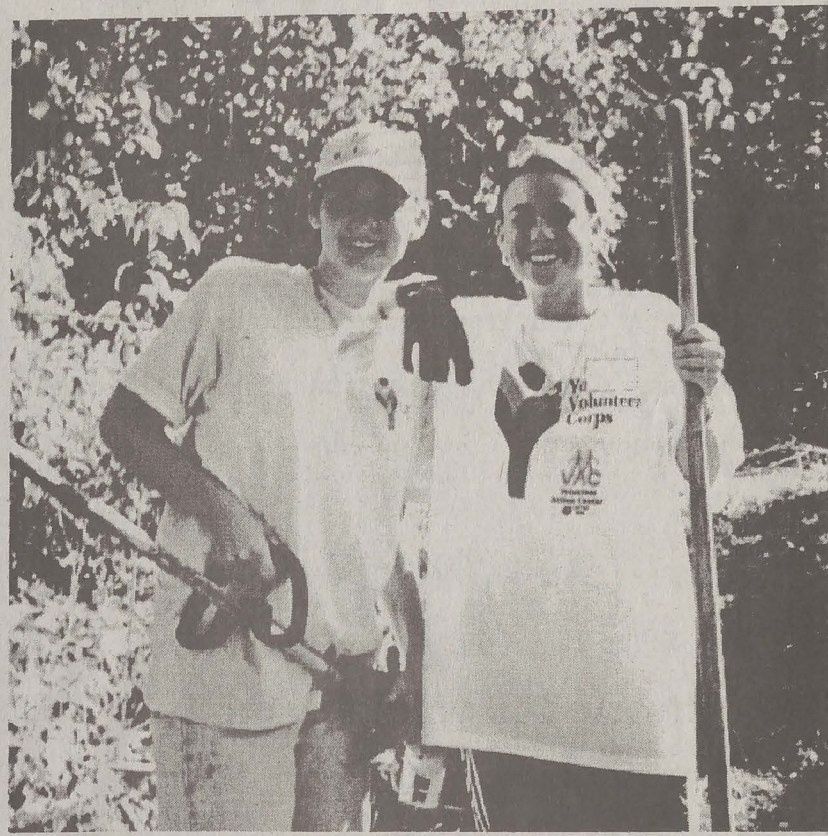
During the week, everyone present participated in a service project of our own. There were three options--building a butterfly garden at the facility where we were lodged, painting a mural at the camp, or traveling to the Quindaro Ruins, the largest archaeological underground railroad site in the nation to do a little "landscaping."

So I headed off to Quindaro, weed-whacker in hand. We actually "unearthed" a couple of stone wall building remains, one being a school. It was a great experience for everyone.

AmeriCorps focuses on four major areas of need--environmental, human,

educational, and public safety. Some of the projects already underway locally are the neighborhood PRIDE program, in which a group of students are working to paint and refurbish houses on Ford Avenue in Alpena; packing commodities at NEMSCA; working with elementary at-risk children to help with reading readiness; and also a collaboration with Roger Witherbee's education classes.

Although AmeriCorps works mainly with junior high and high school age youth, you will see us around here at ACC. Feel free to ask questions. We'd be happy to answer them for you.



Becky Black (left), an AmeriCorps member, changes the landscape during a recent training in Kansas City.

Phi Theta Kappa expands membership

By JEANETTE KORTMAN
STAFF WRITER

Everyone has heard reference to Phi Theta Kappa at one time or another around campus. But PTK is not a fraternity or a branch of the student government. So what is it?

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society

for students of two-year colleges who are able to maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average and are enrolled in an associate's degree program.

At ACC, Phi Theta Kappa has approximately 60 active members and is advised by Wesley Law, political science and history instructor. The purpose of the organization is to recognize and encourage scholarship among students.

"I believe that Phi Theta gives opportunities to those members who put forth an effort to improve the organization. Hopefully, scholarships and other awards will be given to our members after we accomplish our goals," said Sherry

Srebnik, the treasurer of Alpena's chapter of PTK.

One thing that the group is required to do is to participate in one major project each year. Last year PTK sponsored an AIDS Awareness presentation in the college's new theater, which was a complete success.

This year's endeavor will be a family oriented project entitled, "Family: Myth, Metaphor, and Reality."

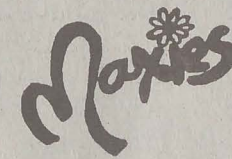
Phi Theta Kappa will be holding monthly meetings in which all members are encouraged to attend and get involved. These meetings will usually be held on the last Wednesday of every month and will be advertised around campus.

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Allyn weaves award-winning mysteries

By JOHN KISSANE
STAFF WRITER

Neil Gaiman wrote, "writers are liars." Gaiman may not be trustworthy though, as he is a writer. But it should be at least true for mystery writers. However, the things that mystery novelist Doug Allyn told me things about his past and present seemed plausible, and were corroborated by his friend Sonya Titus, who is an ACC English instructor. Here are the facts as we know them.

Allyn grew up in Alpena, and attended high school and college here. At ACC he studied, and enjoyed, creative writing. Allyn entered the military, which he stayed in for four years, three of them being in Southeast Asia. Afterwards, he joined a rock and roll band, The Devil's Triangle, through which he supported himself for 25 years.

Allyn entered U of M, majoring in criminal psychology. A mid-life crisis forced him to change. Realizing that he "couldn't very well drop out and join a rock and roll band" (he was in one), Allyn

decided to write. He's "an omnivorous reader" and was always so, perpetually reading two or three books at a time, usually in the mystery field. He joined another creative writing class and sold two of the short stories he wrote there, winning an award for one of them.



Author Doug Allyn

He sold them calculat- edly, hoping to use the leverage gained through their publication to publish an episodic novel he was working on. He did this. He attributes some of this considerable success to the fact that he used to play in a rock and roll band. "In both cases," he says, "you're selling art." Also, he says that he never had to deal

with the fear of the blank page, perhaps because he "came to the game late".

Allyn has won "every major award in the mystery field," including the prestigious Edgar Allen Poe award of the Mystery Writers of America. This award, given in the past to such writers as Harlan Ellison and Peter Blauner, gave him "a major rush." He had been nominated for it six times. One of the highlights of receiving it, he says, was that he got to meet Mickey Spillane.

Allyn's new book is due for November publication. It takes place in a fictional city partly based on Alpena. He had to research cave-diving for it. He says that the best way to do research is by talking to the people in the fields you're interested in. Sometimes those conversations can spark ideas, he says, and tend to be more beneficial than reading about those fields.

Allyn has either exposed his naked past to the light, or drawn around himself the shadows. At any rate, his books must be pretty good, because as Sonya Titus points out, the man is 55 and still rockin'.

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attention. Pacing back and forth with relentless energy, he rambled his way through an enthralling, intelligent, disturbing, sometimes funny and always informative speech.

Sexual assault, he said, "is not a woman's issue." Although the majority of people assaulted are women by men, it affects us all. Sexual assault takes the form of stalking, rape, and verbal or other physical harassment.

"In our country we have not created a pro-survivor environment," Thompson said. The reporting of sexual crimes is greeted with skepticism.

Also, public opinion focuses on blaming the victim (clothing, walking alone at night) and so many cases go

unreported. The fact is, he said, clothing is insignificant.

Rapists and all sexual criminals focus on controlling variables. They look for people who seem, by body posture, to be less assertive, who are isolated, and (usu-

Fifty percent of women will be confronted by a sexual predator.

- guest lecturer Stephen Thompson

ally) who are within five years of their own age. They care most for the controlling and dominating aspects of their

crime; sexual gratification is a secondary issue.

He shattered various myths, such as the one that most sexual assaults occur in the daytime, that less conservatively dressed females are more likely targets, and that

date-rapists would use less violence than stranger-rapists.

A pamphlet distributed at the lecture states that "Sexual Assault is the most frequently committed violent crime in the United States and remains the most under-reported."

By the end of the two-hour, 20-minute speech, Thompson had informed us of sexual assault, and, more importantly, how to rise above it. Anyone who has been victimized can call a 24-hour crisis line at 1-800-396-9129 or 356-9650. Also, there is the shelter here in Alpena and a sexual assault group every Monday, beginning October 13 in room 112 of Besser Tech from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Create memories to share

By JENNIFER FREEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever had incredible memories that you treasured accidentally destroyed forever by photographs that were ruined or lost? It can be a heartbreaking experience. Capturing irreplaceable moments during holidays, birthdays, and once-in-a-lifetime events are treasures that we want to hold on to forever.

Creative Memories is an exciting new program that is spreading rapidly. New consultant Stephanie Dettloff has brought it here to Alpena.

Dettloff agreed to try this workshop with a family member in Grand Rapids after losing precious pictures of her children due to defective photo albums. "I thought, 'OK, I'll try it. It'll probably be like one of those Tupperware Parties', but I was Surprisingly Wrong!"

Dettloff says she didn't realize that this program offers a lot more than putting pictures in a safe-keeping display. She learned exciting and new ideas to document and display her precious keepsakes. Through photojournaling and creative cropping techniques, she has brought her "family bond" to greater levels.

Creative Memories' mission has three concepts that can really lay a foundation for a stronger and closer family unit.

The first concept is "Preserving the past." Setting up and documenting pictures of family members now will prevent later generations finding

Photo albums build families

them and trying to figure out who's who in older family photos. Past pictures can also help individuals "see" their growth in maturity, how we all change as we grow.

The second is "Enriching the present." Stephanie has learned how to use photogra-



phy as a means of building positive self-esteem in her children in their early years of development. Taking someone's picture can give them a sense of importance and and tells them that they matter to you, especially children.

The third concept is "Proving hope for the future." We can look at where we are, where we've come from, and strive to reach our goals in life. Dettloff has a page in one of her albums with her graduation pictures from college and underneath she writes encouraging words to her children. "You can do anything you put your mind to!"

Creative Memories teaches people to use a combination of creativity, photographs, and journaling to pass down lessons learned, family history, and goals accomplished to the

next generation. Making heritage albums and family trees can provide children with a clear sense of identity and where they came from. Dettloff said that the process of tracing this information alone can be a great family experience!

Upon attending one of the workshops, I can tell you that it's definitely more interesting than a typical "Tupperware Party."

Julie Wood, a dedicated cropper, said, "It's such a relaxing pastime that helps express your creative side, even if you don't think you have one. It's also really addicting!"

Norma Agius, working on an album for a Christmas gift, said, "I have family members who want their pictures done. It's a great gift idea!"

I was amazed at all the supplies that were on the tables. They had specially designed scissors, rulers with border designs, markers and special journaling pens.

Upon inquiries, she sets up introductory classes for those who have never heard of Creative Memories that usually run about two hours in length. There you will see demonstrations and get a chance to learn hands-on how to start your own album, so remember to take 6 to 10 photographs with you. Continuing workshops are held on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Fridays are "crop til you drop" nights. You can stay until midnight!

If you think you might be interested, contact Stephanie Dettloff at 356-4946.

Free snakes...

By JOSH TIMLICK
STAFF WRITER

I was making my way down Van Lare Hall one day (and as every day perfectly aware of my surroundings), when a casual glance at the bulletin board made me stop in my tracks. These words caught my eye:

**Free Snakes
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With one particular question in mind, I felt compelled to call the number provided.

"So what's the benefit of owning a snake?" I asked the woman who answered the phone.

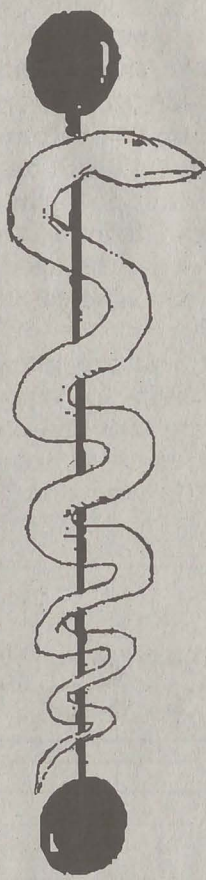
"To teach my kids the laws of nature," she replied. The snakes (which are nameless) ate rabbits, rats and mice (previously killed) once a week, she said.

The woman said she purchased the boas in pet stores downstate and that her kids "loved them." The snakes would crawl around on the floor. The kids liked to hold them and soak them in the tub.

"I thought they were pretty cool," said the woman's son.

The first of the boas measured two feet in length, the second four feet, and the third five feet. After owning the snakes for three years, each virtually doubled in length, the woman said.

"We decided to give them up because of the heat lamps," she explained. "It was costing too much to run them all the time."



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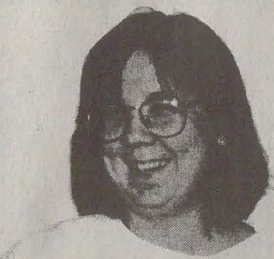
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The Amish Wore "NIKE."

By KRISTI HANSON
EDITOR/AD. MANAGER

I was invited on a shopping trip to Shipshewana, Indiana. My sister and two of her friends were heading down for the weekend. What's in Shipshewana you ask. That was my question too. Apparently, Shipshewana is a treasure trove of authentic hand-crafted Amish goods. I jumped at the offer. A weekend away from the kids and the husband was right up my alley.

We were all a little apprehensive during the van ride to Indiana. None of us had actually spent anytime within the Amish community. We were able to book lodging for only \$10.50 per person. To say we were a little worried about the condition of a motel that rents its rooms for that rate would be an understatement. I wanted to know if the owners threw in complimentary bullet proof vests with each key. My sister thought there would be bars on the windows. I remember passing a hay wagon on some freeway between Michigan and Indiana, and someone commenting that maybe we should stop and grab a couple bales to insure we'd have a comfortable bed. As you can see we were pretty well set on the myth about the rough conditions of the Amish community we were driving into.

"Who needs to call home, when you can pray."

We made it to our motel, without the hay. The owners of the establishment were not home. Taped in plain view on the door was an envelope with my sisters name on it. We were instructed to "please" let ourselves in with the key we found at the bottom of the envelope. We were also told not to worry about payment, as we would deal with that the next day. I've worked in three different motel chains, and have never heard such nonsense. Who were these weird naive people to leave their motel in the hands of strangers. They hadn't asked for any type of deposit to hold the room. We had our own ideas of who these people were. The general consensus was that they were of the cannibalistic nature and were lulling us into a false sense of security, so, when our guards were down they could strike. Everyone knows the Amish don't work at conventional jobs, they have to feed their families somehow, right? We also reasoned that they didn't require a signature was so that during the police investigation into our disappearance, there would be no proof that we were ever there. As you can plainly see, we had thought this through thoroughly.

Putting our reservations aside, we unlocked the door and entered our room. Except for the fact that there was no phone in the room, it looked like any other motel, complete with cable TV. The exception to this would have to be the large painting of the Holy Bible hung above one of the beds. Who needs to call home when you can you can pray. Finding our lodgings suitable, the mattresses were not made of hay, we decided to get down to the business at hand, shopping!

There are quite a few stores in the center of town, all boasting the same theme, authentic Amish crafts. I am not here to say these items were not authentic, but I wouldn't be wrong in saying that after a few minutes of browsing, I half expected to find a "Made in Taiwan" sticker on some of them. One such item was a beautiful hand-crafted, hand-painted bench. Upon closer inspection of this hand-painted bench, I discovered the painting to be a wallcovering border, pasted and trimmed so as to appear as a painting.

"Did you know, the Amish take American Express."

As the day progressed, I uncovered many other faux pas. For instance, did you know the Amish take American Express, and Visa, and Discover? Here we thought we would have to barter our services for their goods. I'm not above mucking out a stall for an authentic Amish quilt. Well, there was no need. Authentic Amish quilts were being sold for \$29.99.

Another fun discovery came when I was waiting in line to pay for my authentic Amish picture. The young girl at the cash register really looked the part, Hair pulled back in a tight bun, dark dress and bonnet, she looked the part all right, right down to her Amish NIKE running shoes.

Outside the stores were no different. The Amish clerks carried walkie-talkies to communicate with each other. For \$4.00 you could ride in an authentic Amish buggy for fifteen minutes, \$7.00 would get you a half hour.

The best part of the trip was when my sister, the self-proclaimed professor of Amish community and culture took us on a sight-seeing tour of the Amish farms. Actually, we were looking for a decent restaurant, and took a wrong turn.

The trip was great. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys shopping for crafts. I was disillusioned by the fact that these were not authentic Amish citizens running this town, merely players in a play for money.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred other virtues which the ungrateful will never know.

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Wind Ensemble makes sweet music

By JESSICA DUBIE
STAFF WRITER

The Alpena Community College Wind Ensemble performed for the first time on the stage of ACC's Granum Theatre Tuesday, October 7.

The 60-minute performance was composed of a variety of musical pieces ranging from Victor Ewald's "Symphony for Brass" to "Allegretto from Symphony #7" by Beethoven. The ensemble's director, Mark Breckenridge, commented on the difficulty of these musical selections. "It's an endurance test...especially for the brass players."

The ensemble's original sound is due, in part, to the wide range of instruments, which cover practically every aspect of the musical spectrum. This sound ranges from the higher, lighter sounds of the flute and clarinet, to the deeper, fuller sounds of the tuba and baritone saxophone.

Because of the wide range of instruments, Breckenridge said it was difficult to find music to fit the group. A tuba player,

Breckenridge chose many pieces he played in college, some of them more classical pieces for brass ensembles with parts rewritten for the woodwind instruments, creating a new sound unlike any other ensemble of this nature.

The thirteen-piece ensemble is comprised of talented musicians ranging from high school students through senior citizens.

Trumpet player Tom Woods is one of the older players in the ensemble. He says the main reason he joined the group is "to keep my emburasure up for the city band."

Damien Malenfant, one of the ensemble's three trombonists, is a junior at Alpena High and plans on being a music education major in college. "I am taking all the music classes I can," was the reason he gave for his participation.

Melanfant was able to get some practice directing the band during the concert when Breckenridge turned the baton over to him, and Breckenridge joined the ensemble, playing the trombone.

Breckenridge not only plays the trombone and di-



Alpena Community College Wind Ensemble prepares for a night of entertainment.

rects the Wind Ensemble, but he is also the director of the ACC Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble is what gave him the idea for creating the Wind Ensemble because he felt that "...not everyone plays jazz...," and he wanted to give all musicians a chance to play.

This being the first semester of the Wind Ensemble, it has started out small, more like a chamber ensemble than

a concert band, but the hope is that this two-credit evening course will grow.

Breckenridge felt that the concert "went great" and that the ensemble itself is an "excellent group."

Anyone interested in joining the ensemble can contact Mark Breckenridge at extension 279, or stop by his office in the NRC building, room #212B.

"The Game" distinguishes father from son

By ADAM MINNICK
STAFF WRITER

Michael Douglas is dodging the "shoots" and scaling the ladders as San Francisco businessman Nicholas Van Orten in director David Fincher's (*Alien3*, *Seven*) latest guess-what-happens-next thriller, *The Game*.

As the wealthy but lonesome tycoon, Van Orten, reaches his dreaded 48th birthday, haunting images of a father and son separated by a tunnel of darkness and a sun-reflecting pavement rush his mind. As the 9-year-old Nicholas watches, his dad steps off the edge of a tarred roof, plunging to his self-inflicted death. These visions not only initiate the realization that his father committed a horrid suicide at the of forty-eight (Van Orten's new status), but also remind him of the massive void in his own life.

Upon meeting his younger brother, Conrad (Sean Penn), for a classy birthday luncheon, a moody Nicholas is presented with his gift. A card bearing the words *Consumer Recreation Services* (CRS) sparks his curiosity. Conrad explains that it is a game... a life changing experience. Conrad's concern for his older brother, noticing an apparent parallel between his life and his father's, shines

through in his plea to give the game a try. Nicholas is skeptical, but eventually finds himself at the CRS receptionist's desk.

Van Orten is introduced to the organization's vice president, Jim Feingold (James Rebhorn), who explains to the weary newcomer, "The game is tailored specifically to each participant. Think of it as a great vacation, except you don't go to it... it comes to you."

The twists are unpredictable and lead Nicholas into realms never travelled by his troubled mind, and certainly nothing like his father had ever experienced.

Douglas's portrayal of Van Orten is to be applauded, especially as a dirty, broken man who winds up half-buried alive in a Mexican grave at the absolute bottom degree of humanity. The one-time millionaire, in this situation, finds himself bribing the country's customs officials (perhaps CRS employees?) with his most prized possession-- a watch he received from his father. He then hitches back to San Francisco with his last few dollars.

This is quite a transformation from the

always-sparkling, multi-thousand-dollar suits and "no place like home" seven-digit estates he is used to. To this Van Orten says, "I don't care about the money. I'm pulling back the curtain. I want to meet the wizard."

Screen writers John Brancato and Michael Ferris III did leave some plot holes for Fincher to attempt to cover. Among these are the whole drowning sequence's risk, the *real* bullets fired at Van Orten's fleeing car, and--

at the film's conclusion-- a perfectly placed cushion. Being a master of leaving the viewer disturbed as the theatre lights fade on, the director succeeds in filling the gaps by focusing your attention on the surprising outcome of Van Orten's "learning" experience, instead.

Even though you won't leave the theatre with the same twist you had in your stomach after *Seven*, *The Game* is one turn you will not want to lose.



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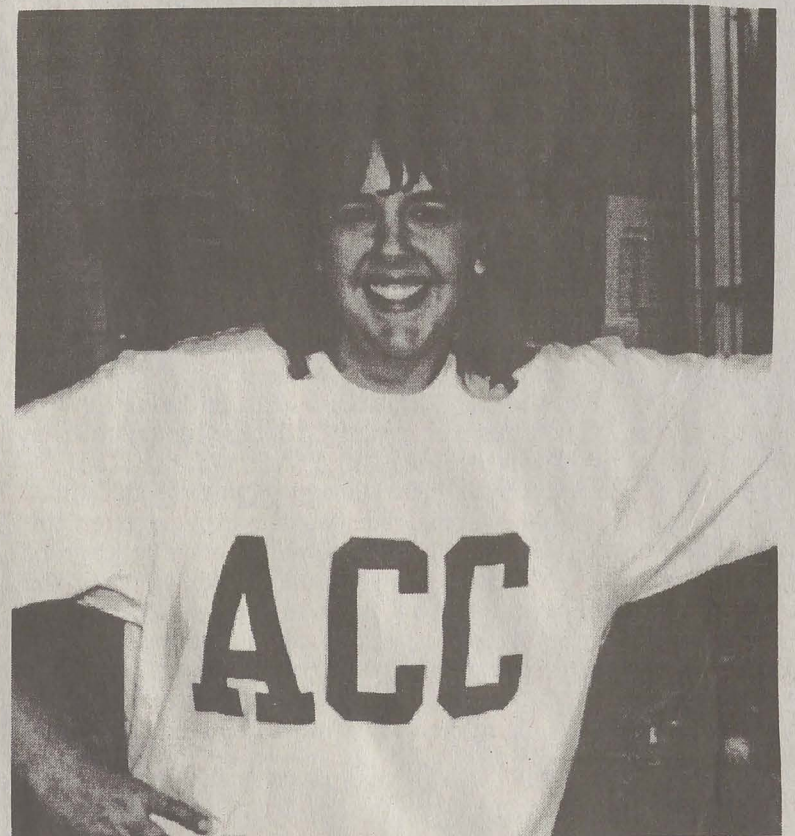
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Dawson to move on to Missouri

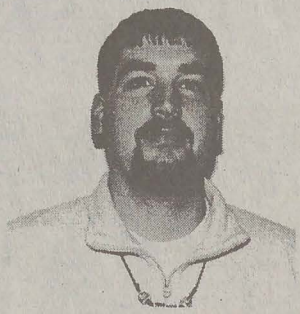
By JEREMY WILLIAMS
SPORTS EDITOR



A smiling Dawson takes a minute to pose for a picture.

Playin'da Field

with
Jeremy Williams



Hello, everybody! Welcome back to the field of dreams. Well, what's happening in the world of sports this month. Let's see, hockey started, college and pro hoops are soon to begin regular season play, baseball and major league soccer are in the midst of their playoffs, and college and pro football are in mid-season stride. Let's start with campus stuff.

Bobby Allen is a little upset because he had to cancel intramural football and softball. Only one team signed up for flag football and none signed up for softball. ACC's got school spirit. Allen quickly joined forces with the Wellness Center to put together a wiffleball tournament. That was cancelled too. Allen has basketball in mind to finish out the semester. Get your rosters in!

Practice has officially begun at the hallowed halls of Park Arena for the men's and women's hoop teams. No more running at the Alpena High School track, or running around the soccer fields behind East Campus. No more running around the city or running excessive ladders. Believe me, ya don't wanna know what ladders are. Also, now that conditioning is over, Frank McCourt enters the scene. Coach McCourt begins his 15th year as the big, bad Lumberjack stud. I love ya, coach. The Jacks have had one scrimmage versus Delta, Rochester, and St. Clair so far. They looked shaky at first, but then came together and played decent.

The women are working harder than ever and Mike Kollien has noticed a nice difference.

"Having the girls come in over the summer and playing has helped. Also, with the summer workout programs that we handed out, most of the players did a lot of conditioning on their own. They came into practice in a lot better shape than in years past," Kollien commented.

The season is early, but the first game is right around the corner. Some players that you should look for to have breakout seasons are Angie Kokowicz, Chris May, Jamie Ehle, Alicia Kilbourn, Jason Brecheisen, Trent Duncan, Dennis Smolinski, Hans Parker and Ben Croze. Needless to say, Alpena will be putting good squads on the floor this year. If ya have nothing better to do on a Wednesday or Saturday night, c'mon up to Park Arena and check us out.

Well, I predicted that Cleveland and Atlanta would play in the World Series. Everybody said, "Cleveland?" Well, look who's in the Series. I can't say the same for the Braves who lost to Florida.

Michigan squared off with State on Saturday and we all know how that turned out. The Wolverines still have a long way to go. They have to play Penn State and Ohio State. The Spartans are heading to a bowl. They surprised everybody in the Big Ten so far. The Lions are on a roller coaster ride at 4-4. They win when they should lose and lose when they should win. I don't know what's up, but I'm happy to see Barry Sanders off and runnin'. I just can't figure these guys out. They should be 7-1, maybe even 8-0. Elsewhere in the NFL, Denver finally lost, but they are still my Super Bowl winner. There are a lot of strong teams this year and a lot of surprises. The playoffs will be exciting.

Steve Fisher was fired from Michigan. The Pistons have new players like Brian Williams and Malik Sealy that should help out Grant Hill. They are still missing that big time center. Brian Williams can't fill that spot, but maybe JEREMY WILLIAMS can.

The Wings are off to a good start at 6-1-2, but they aren't even leading their division. That distinction goes to St. Louis. I'll have more to talk about on hockey and hoops as the season goes on.

Be sure to get your entries in for our contest, "Guess This." Also, don't forget to get your intramural basketball rosters into Bobby Allen or the Wellness center. Well that's it for this edition. See ya.

ACC will be losing one of its finest and most dedicated workers soon. Karen Dawson will be leaving for Kansas City. Her husband, Pete, who works for Lafarge, received a promotion and now ACC's "do everything" woman is guiding her family back to her hometown in Missouri.

Dawson has helped transform ACC into a big college atmosphere. ACC, traditionally known for small athletic programs and no big college feel, is now filled with school spirit and involvement.

Dawson is mostly responsible for establishing the "Crimson Crew." The Crew is a club with a dance squad and cheerleaders to entertain during Lumberjack basketball games. There aren't too many community colleges in the nation that have both.

She is also the athletic trainer at ACC. The college has always been in need for a trainer to not only help with the athletes, but to help treat Wellness Center members. Dawson also is counted on to run things in the Wellness Center.

With so much involvement on the athletic side of ACC, it's hard to believe she has time for anything else. But she does. Dawson heads up Student Senate with Matt



In the Wellness Center, Dawson helps Lady Lumberjack, Jessica Krajniak, get started on a treadmill.

Dunckel, who will take over when Dawson leaves.

She credits ACC with helping her learn a lot. Dawson found out how hard it was to balance a work life with her family life.

"It is a tremendous responsibility for a woman who has children at home and a husband at home and a household to run. Then to come to work and run programs like this, it really helps you appreciate the work that you're doing," said Dawson.

ACC may soon take for granted what Dawson has brought to the table. Dawson leaves thanking ACC for her first shot at a "real" job.

"What I will miss most is the interaction with all the athletes. I really enjoyed that aspect of my job. I enjoyed being an athletic trainer, and bringing the Crimson Crew program here. I'll also miss Tracy (Gribble) because she is a good friend and Andrew (Sengenberger) for teaching me a lot about running a Wellness Center," Dawson said.

She also says she gets great satisfaction watching the young athletes mature and grow as individuals.

As for the future, she wants to take some time off working to get her family settled in Missouri. She would, however, like to pursue her career in athletic administration, and maybe work for the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Administration) which is headquartered in Kansas City.

ACC will lose one of its first building blocks of the new era, in Dawson. Dawson leaves behind big-time college appeal and that's something she brought here.

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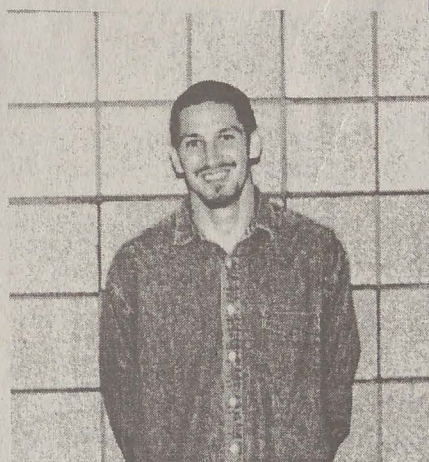
by Jeremy Williams

They are two of the best athletes on campus. They are two of the nicest guys on campus. They represent ACC with class and dignity. Have you heard of them? Probably not, unless you're an athlete, too. Introducing Alan Massey and Dave Tchorzynski.

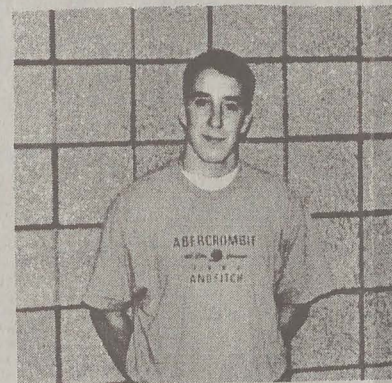
Massey and Tchorzynski have both run cross-country and played for the basketball team at ACC. Both fellas have down-to-earth attitudes and a quiet demeanor. They play for the love and not the hype. They don't care about interviews or full-ride scholarships.

Alan Massey arrived in Alpena after completing a year at North Central Michigan College. He is running in his second year and leading the harriers with his hard work and experience. Massey is putting up the best times he has ever had. That's why Coach Lessard has made him a captain. Last year he played on the basketball team and came off the bench and provided a spark with intense play. At Boyne Falls High School, he earned all-conference honors all four years and all-region in three for the cross-country team. He has the school record with a 16:43 time in a 5K run. He earned all-conference honors in three years and honorable mention all-state his junior and senior seasons on the hardwood.

Massey hopes to become an elementary school teacher and settle down in northern Michigan somewhere. Alan is the son of Alan Sr. and Gissele. He has one little brother and three little sisters. Massey likes to collect sportscards and watch professional wrestling.



MASSEY



TCHORZYNSKI

Dave Tchorzynski will be completing his sophomore season as one of the most dedicated athletes ACC has ever seen. He ran his first year, but an injury kept him from competing on the X-country course this year. He is, however, playing his second year of basketball for the Jacks. The sharpshooter nicknamed "deadeye" by his peers will be looked upon to provide good shooting this year. At Atlanta, he paced a Huskie attack by averaging 16.0 points per game, including five triple-doubles in his career. He made all-conference and all-area two years in a row. He ran track and is part of the 2-mile relay school record.

Tchorzynski is looking to become involved in business affairs when he graduates. He wants most of all to be a good, successful family man. Dave is the son of Dennis and Rose. He's the youngest in his family. He has one older brother and two older sisters. He enjoys golfing, fishing, and hunting elk.

Overlooked but not outworked is how I describe these men. Both don't or didn't see much playing time in basketball games and there aren't crowds at X-country meets. What drives them? What keeps their spirits up? DEDICATION.

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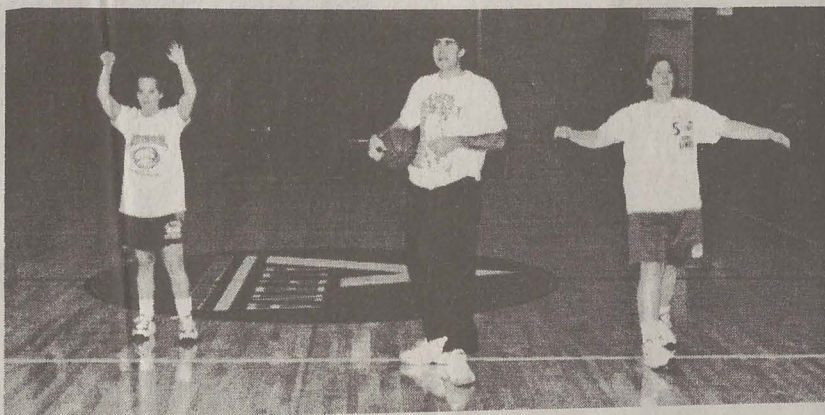
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The new look Lumberjack basketball teams kick off their seasons

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In less than a month, fourteen determined women will run onto the Park Arena floor. These ladies have worked hard all year and practiced for over a month to get to this point. These warriors are the ACC women's basketball team.



Coach Mike Kollien barks out instructions during passing drills at a recent practice.

This year's team is comprised of eight returning sophomores and six incoming freshmen. The shoe to fill, though, is a big one. The Lady Lumberjacks lost Marissa Stoppa, their leader from a year ago, who is now continuing her basketball career at Tri-State University.

With the return of some key players and a good freshmen recruiting class, many people including head coach Mike Kollien, expect big things out of the 97-98 squad. "Expectations this year are probably higher than in past years," he commented.

Returners Angi Kokowicz, Chris May, and Kelly Palmer, along with freshmen Jamie Ehle and Alicia Kilbourn are among those who are expected to contribute significantly.

The Lady Lumberjacks have scheduled a couple of tough scrimmages this preseason, hoping that it will pay off against their strong MCCA opponents. Increased versatility will also increase their chances of doing well this year.

"We've got some size, some quickness, and some good outside shooters. We have people that can play every position, unlike in years past when we were maybe lacking in height or maybe in guard play," Kollien remarked.

According to Kollien, the Lady Lumberjacks' goals for this season are simple, "to finish in the top four in the league, to get a home playoff game, and to go to the regionals. Whatever it takes to do that, whether it takes us winning eighteen games, or whether it takes sixteen, whatever it takes to be able to do these things."

Whether all their goals are reached or not, this year's ACC womens basketball season promises to be exciting.

By JEREMY WILLIAMS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Alpena Community College men's basketball team come into this season with a few things teams in the past have lacked. Though Alpena teams have always been scrappy and hard working, this year is a little different. Depth, experience, and a common belief that they will exceed expectations and tarnish the bad reputation that has haunted ACC basketball over the past few years.

Frank McCourt begins his 15th year overall as a coach in the Lumberjack basketball program. This is his 8th year heading up the men. Bobby Allen will assist McCourt for the fourth straight year. Together, coaches Allen and McCourt have recruited one of the best group of freshmen to come to ACC. The Jacks will be deep and talented at every position. McCourt will have the luxury to call upon 10-12 guys a game to get quality minutes.

Experience will play a factor in the success of the team. ACC will court seven sophomores this year (six from last year). They will be looked upon to provide valuable knowledge and leadership. The freshmen have caught on quick, but are still suffering through some growing pains.

The attitude of the Jacks is much different than in years past. There's a togetherness that can't be breached. There are many slogans that the team is using right now like, "no excuses", "refuse to lose", and "keep the intensity up." Many of the Lumberjacks stayed in Alpena during the summer to work on their games and get stronger and better. The belief is simple. Win.

Derrick Brooks, Tony Robinson, and Jeremy Kozak graduated. Kyle Root, and Emanuel Hare moved on. Alan Massey elected to just run cross country. Waylon Smolinski redshirted to focus on his academics, but he will play next year. Returning from last years 11-19 team are captains Trent Duncan and Ben Croze, Jason Brechesien, Leonard Thomas, Hans Parker, and Dave Tchorzynski.

Duncan comes into the season stronger than ever. The 6'2 point guard from Brooklyn N.Y. and Leelanau will be called upon to lead the team emotionally and physically. Duncan possesses good ball-handling skills and is a tenacious defender.

Last years leading scorer and rebounder returns in the form of a forward. The 6'4 Ben Croze was forced to play center last year due to lack of size. This year the Grayling native will play forward. Croze is a good shooter and a work horse in the paint.

Though Jason Brechesien (6'0) only played one half of a season, he put a charge into the Jacks. The former Petoskey star is one of the best shooters on the team. He gives the Jacks a boost on both the offensive and defensive end of the court. His strong will and "never quit" attitude will carry the team a long way.

Last years surprise, Leonard Thomas, might be the Jacks best defender. The 5'9 guard from St. Ignace has good leadership and fundamental skills. His quick feet and improved jump shot will give the squad more experience at the guard position.

Hans Parker will be looked upon to give the Jacks good shooting and good de-

fense. The 5'11 Fairview native can fill it up from anywhere on the basketball court. Parker is also very smart and knows the game inside and out. He leads by example and that will help guide the freshmen.

Atlanta's own, Dave Tchorzynski, returns to the squad. Tchorzynski recovered from a fall injury, that kept him from running on the cross country team, to give the Jacks even more depth at the guard position. The 6'0 shooting guard can play good defense and is one of the most dedicated members on the team.

The other sophomore on the squad is 6'9 big man Jeremy Williams. The Burton Atherton alum has yet to complete a full year on the court. The tallest and oldest of the Lumberjacks brings a good shooting touch and good fundamentals to the center position.

The incoming freshmen guards include Jason Tappio from Republic Michigama, Jamal Edwards from Taylor Kennedy, Quinton Bledsoe from Tawas, and former Onaway star Marty Mix.

Kevin Brown from Lowell and Durand native Mike Bukovchik will give depth to the forward position.

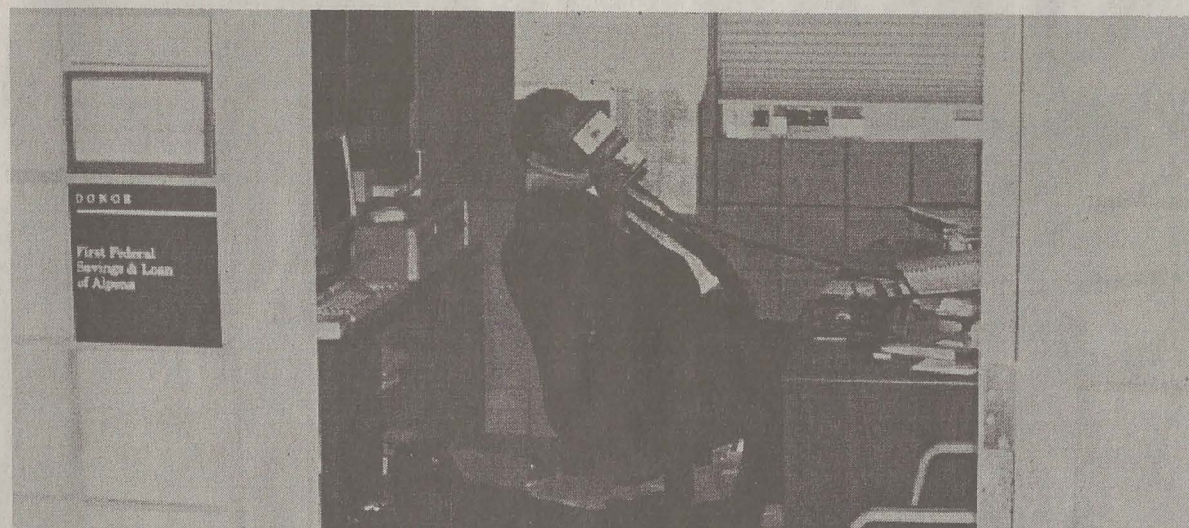
Centers Gary Greenwood, from Newberry, and former Rogers City star Dennis Smolinski will provide size and strength in the middle.

Coaches McCourt and Allen feel this might be the deepest and most talented team that ACC has had.

Allen said, "We need to be fundamentally sound, work hard as a team, and get our work done to be competitors in the league this year."

The Lumberjacks kick off their season with an away game at Sault College, November 4th. The first home game is November 8th vs. the Alumni.

"Guess This"



"Guess this" prominent sports figure and you can win a free meal at the Lumberjack Shack courtesy of the Polemic and its sports editor. Just write down your answer, name, and a phone number where you can be reached on a piece of paper or note card and either give it to Jeremy Williams or drop it in the Polemic dropbox at BTC 106. A winner will be picked randomly. Faculty and students may participate. GOOD LUCK!

Hint: He's a basketball coach.

Runnin' Jacks storm into Ohio regionals

By WILLIE CORNELL
STAFF WRITER

Fall is coming to a close, and the first snow has already landed. For basketball fans, this is just the beginning. But cross country fans are looking at the end of quite a season.

The team came into this season with high expectations. The consensus was that this would be, perhaps, the best team ACC has ever seen. And they were a great team. Unfortunately, ACC happens to run in the toughest region in the nation. Not being able to compete with our division, for was to have good individual stats.

Going by that, the harriers had an outstanding season. Kevin Vaillancourt was a team leader and a strong front-runner for the team late in the season. Alan Massey was very consistent, running at the top of the team all year. Aaron Cox was an outstanding fourth man and comic relief. Curtis Hanson looked to be the most improved runner. And Willie Cornell had a fairly good season considering his hatred of hilly courses, which the lower peninsula seems to have an abundance of.

The team will be flying down to Columbus, Ohio, on the first of November to compete in their regional finals meet.



During their recent home meet, two Lumberjack runners streak by.

New softball skipper begins his ACC coaching career

By JAMAL EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

This fall we have seen a number of changes at ACC. Sportswise, one of the bigger changes would have to be the resignation of softball coach Tracy Gribble. For several weeks the spring-based sport was without a coach until this past month when Mike Wisniewski applied for and received the job.

Coach Wisniewski isn't a stranger to Alpena. He has been coaching around the

area for the past 34 years, and has been coaching junior varsity softball at Alpena High for the past 13 years. Winning is not something new to him either. Wisniewski won a state Babe Ruth title with the guys, and in '89 and '90 took runner-up in state with a Huron Shores young women's softball team.

Coming to ACC with this resume and will to win has generated some promise. With a group of 10 Lady Jacks on four days practice, Wisniewski went to Lake Superior State and knocked off MCCA state champ Grand Rapids Community College

in a preseason tournament that included Oakland Community College and LSSU's varsity team.

"This season we are looking forward to being successful and very competitive. Pitching and hitting will be our strengths, but we will have to work on our play in the outfield and catching," said Wisniewski.

This season the team will be counting on the play of returners Tanya Liske, Angie Page, Jessica Krajniak and Julie Shiffer. This spring looks to hold considerable promise for this team of Lady Lumberjacks.



After a good fall outing, the softball equipment will be put away until spring.



The 1997-1998 ACC men's basketball team

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ACC's New Photographic Society Club

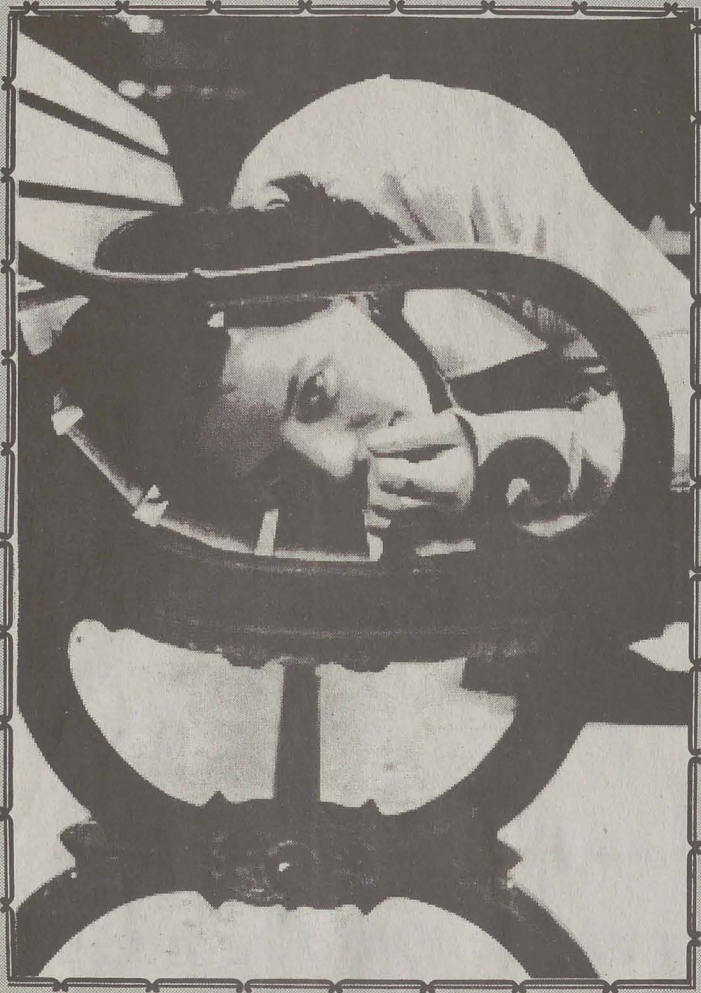


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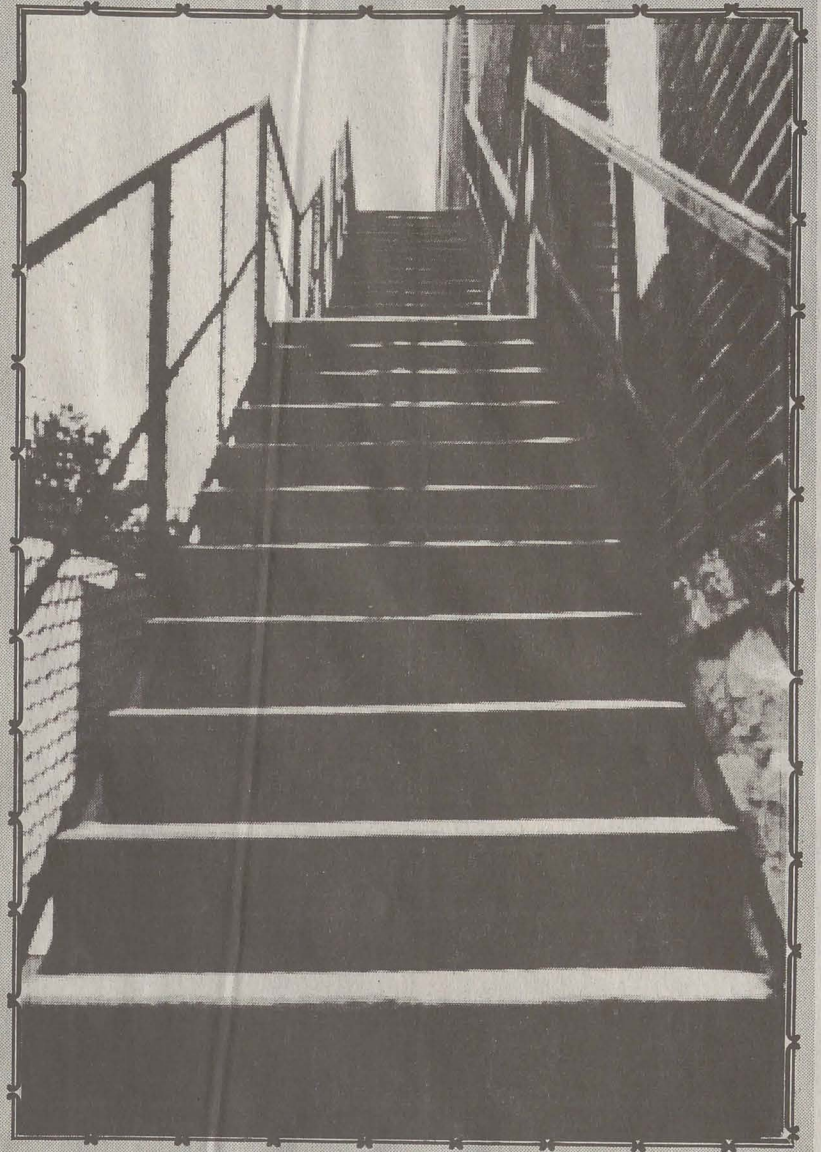


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There is a new addition to the selection of clubs and organizations at ACC--the Alpena Community College Photographic Society.

Michael Nunneley, Photographic Society supervisor and photography teacher at ACC, said, "The Photographic Society's members intend to decorate the campus with their works. In addition they intend to display and sell their works at shows in Alpena." According to Nunneley, the society is designed to further explore the photographic talents of ACC students and alumni.

Students are planning to write letters asking organizations such as Kodak, Agfa and Fuji, for money or equipment to help make the lab better for students in the future.

Society President Lynn Borke said, "Our mission in forming the society is not only to help each other learn more about photography, but also to improve the facilities."

There is a \$25 membership fee.
Members of the Society include:
President: Lynn Borke
Vice-President: Julie Behning
Secretaries: Betsy Hough and Brian LaLonde
Treasurer: Brian Silver

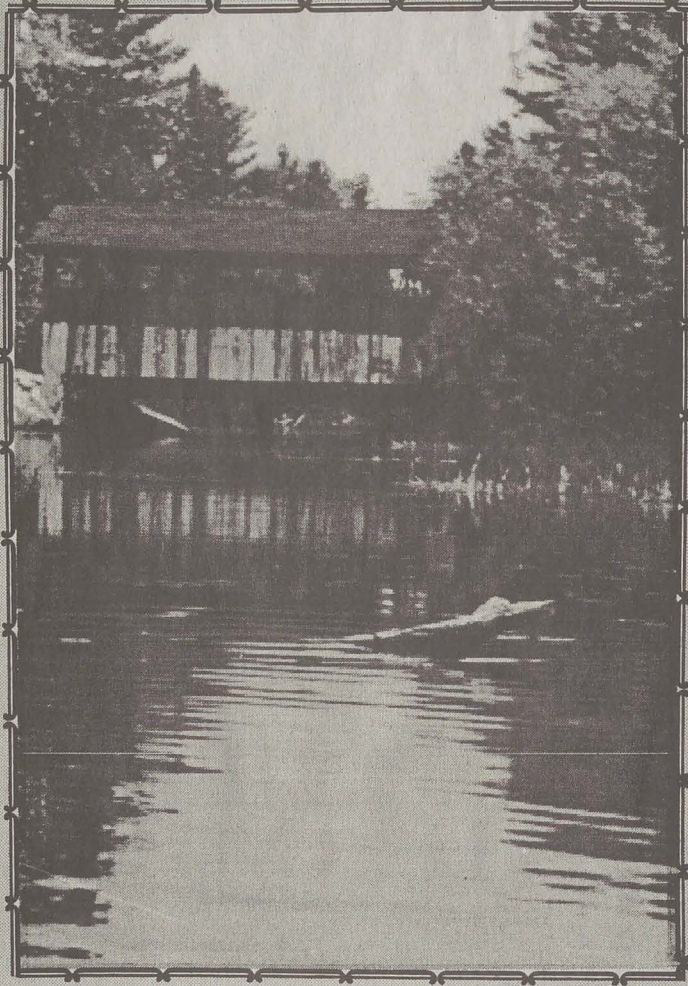
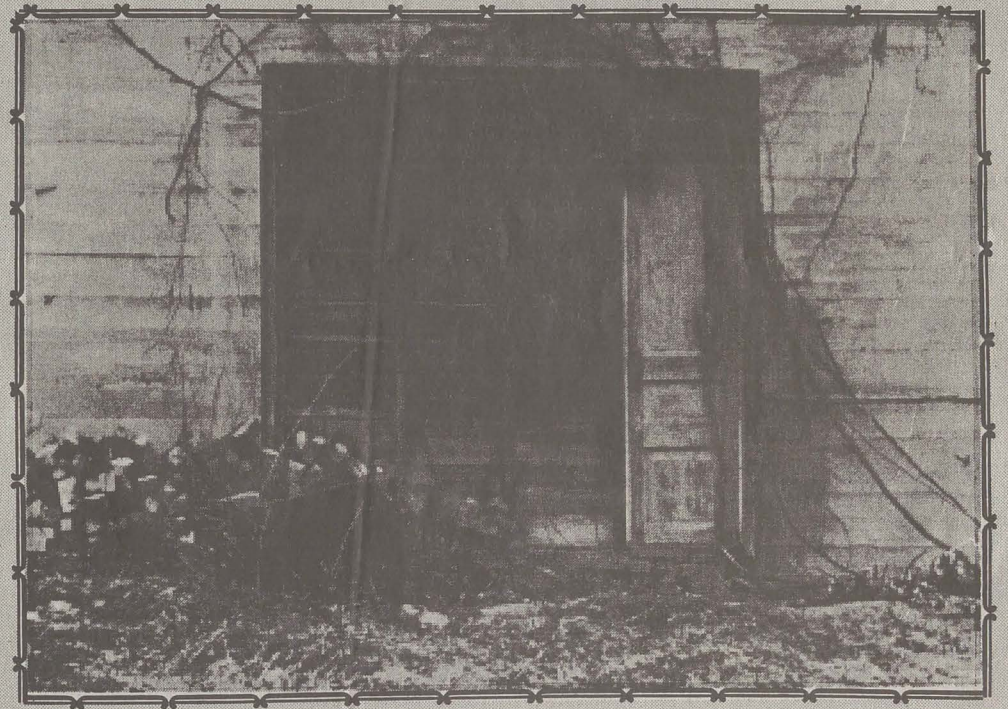


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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Alumni Game (M/W) 5:30/7:30
9	10	11	12 Thunder Bay Arts Council Presents "Five by DeSign's Radio Days" ~ 7:30	13	14	15
16	Fall Break No Class. Good Luck Hunters! 17	18	19 Sault College M B B ~ 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 No class	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Glen Oks WBB ~ 1:00 p.m.					1997	