

# Forestry, fishery alumni reminisce about their college days at ACC

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ACC's first alumni banquet reconnected students from the forestry and fishery programs. In the late 1960s, these were designed to immerse students in natural resources studies from the ideas and research of Dr. E.L. Dunckel.

Jack Petoskey, former dean of ACC, was happy to be at the banquet. He stated some of the high hopes for these programs in the beginning and the shifts that influenced their end in 1984.

The fisheries program helped to bring the chinook salmon to Lake Huron to generate a greater interest in sports fishing. It also brought the community together in the hopes of creating stewards for natural resources through those who came to study.

The alumni members who attended the banquet brought a unique range of personality, memories and experiences. Mike Schinbeck brought plenty of pictures from his college "dorm" days to share with everyone.

Most of these students applied their outdoor skills in typical college calamity. In the former ACC Dorms, tales of hanging dead deer out a third floor window and crawdad cooking in the student kitchen had everyone laughing. Another humorous story was the "who shot Big Boy" incident for the opening of bow season. An unidentified student snuck down in the middle of the night before opening day and put an arrow in Big Boy on Chisholm Street as he spun around on the

pedestal. The shooter was never reprimanded; instead he got a free lunch. But don't try these things during your education, kids.

The alumni members used their knowledge gained from the fishery and forestry programs in other fields such as taxidermy, environmental science, surveying, and landscaping. But most are not involved in the fields of forestry or fishing as a career. They all enjoy their affinity for the outdoors in their free time.

Jacob Van Houten, a biology teacher at Delta College and Chris Weston, also known as "Mr. Twenty-Gauge" came right from the city geese hunt, camouflage and all. Weston worked briefly for the DNR and went on to operate his own fishery in Alanson until 1987.

J.C. Stender works in surveying and also serves on the board of Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals. He and Jake Grebel, another forestry alumni, have used surveying in their work. Mike Phillips, was involved in both programs and worked on an internship for perch and bluegill. Roger Goss, superintendent for a window manufacturing company, enjoys hunting and raises beagles. Cecil Baird raises fish and is also a taxidermist.

Instructor Jay Wright fought to keep the forestry program going at ACC. But low levels of enrollment, changes in administration and the job market during the '80s led to discontinuing the program. Other former instructors and key people in the program were Tom Mears, Dave Dierking, and the originator of the program, Dr. E.L. Dunckel. They were not present at the banquet but were credited for their participation and contributions.



Photo by Richelle Sieland

Alumni from ACC's now-disbanded fishery and forestry program recently met to reminisce about their days at as students. They posed for a group photo in front of Kaiser Paul on ACC campus. From left to right in the front row are Mike Schinbeck and Jacob VanHouten. In the middle row, Cecil Baird, Roger Goss and Mike Phillips. In the back row are J.C. Stender, Jake Grebel, Chris Weston, Jay Wright and Jack Petoskey.

# Benefit helps former ACC student

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A benefit party was held for the family of Raury LeFave on Sept. 23. The money that was raised will help to pay for the head stone and other funeral expenses. Tickets were on sale for approximately a month prior and were available at The Court Yard, J.J.'s Bar and Grill, and other local restaurants and taverns.

There were about 200 people in attendance and approximately \$2,500 was raised. The party was held at the hunting camp of William and Linda Heussner. It started at 2 p.m. and featured a pig roast dinner. Entertainment included Karaoke, the live band Wicked Willy, horse shoes and ongoing card tournaments. Several donated items were raffled off to raise additional funds.

The family expressed thanks for the many people who donated their time and money, especially Nat Salzinger and the band.

"It was nice to know that Raury had so many friends," said Laurie Heussner, his best friend.

Raury was 29 when he died on June 23 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He attended ACC in the fall of 1991 and 1992 majoring in corrections.

"He will be missed and remembered by many," friend Julie Turske said.

# Leaving an abusive partner requires financial and emotional support

## ABUSE

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Nicole Brown Simpson was up against was a very big deal. For the first time, America could hear for themselves the terror that millions of women live with every day. For most women, their cries go unheard.

A large percentage of women who are in abusive relationships will stay in the relationship. Why do you suppose that is? Many women are emotionally dependent on their husbands. They have never relied on themselves; they left their parents' home and went directly to a husband who took care of them.

Many women have become isolated from friends and families. Some of this isolation may have been forced on them by possessive husbands who did not allow them any freedom. Some of the isolation may be self imposed by women who are ashamed of the visible signs of abuse, who do not want to have to explain anything to family or friends. Many violent partners hide their behavior and appear pleasant and sociable in public, which often leads the abused to believe that if they did tell, no one would believe them.

Many women are raised to believe that a successful marriage depends on them, so when abuse occurs they believe that it is their fault, that they must have done something wrong. In their mind, they deserve it. No one deserves to be beaten, for any reason. But the abused think that if they only try harder, do better next time, then things will be OK.

Many abused women are alcohol or drug dependent. They put on the false front spoken of in the beginning of this article. They wear a mask. Their self-esteem has been eroded; their hopes, goals and dreams are all forgotten. When they hear long enough what a bad person they are, they eventually believe it.

"The idea of becoming a public spectacle is very frightening for a woman, so she leads people to believe that everything is fine," said Diane Guigar, a social worker and substance abuse counselor at Shelter, Inc. of Alpena. "A beaten woman feels like a failure, so she stays quiet."

She leaves the mask on, and continues playing the game of pretend. Abuse usually comes in cycles. During the non-abusive time, the husband may keep some of the promises he made after the last episode. Generally he does feel remorse and vows that it will never happen again. She still

loves him and believes what he says about change, so she stays. But nothing changes.

"Most women who leave abusive relationships need some sort of outside intervention," Guigar said. "A battered woman loses her ability to predict what is helpful and harmful in her life."

The abused person has no instinct left because of the pain inflicted on her in what appears to be random situations. A beating may occur one time, but a week later for the same action, nothing happens. When a woman no longer controls her own life and does not know what to expect, she then becomes helpless, helpless to stop it and helpless to move on. She stays, and the cycle continues.

When women do escape and try to make something of their torn lives, they are often reminded of the past. Many women are left with physical scars on their body so that every time they look in the mirror, every time they get undressed, they are reminded of the hopelessness, the confusion and the pain. These physical scars will

never go away, just as the emotional scars may never go away.

If you know of suspect that someone is being abused, tell the victim that it is not their fault. Let them know that there are alternatives. There is help available, there are choices, and there is hope. But most of all, let them

know that you care and that you believe them and that you know abuse hurts. Listen to them; the power of a secret is lost when it is told. Please get involved. It is your business. A woman in an abusive relationship is in very real danger of losing her life. You may be her only hope.

## THE BATTERING CYCLE

### Stage One: Growing Tensions

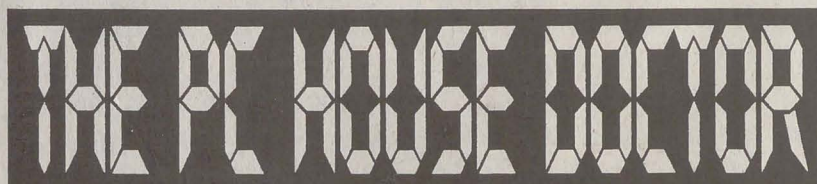
- Abuser monitors and controls victim
- Jealousy escalates
- Abuser belittles victim
- Abuser accuses victim of unacceptable behavior

### Stage Two: Explosions of Violence

- Actual physical and sexual abuse
- Increased verbal abuse
- Threats to kill
- Abuser destroys victim's belongings
- Abuser threatens to harm others if the victim leaves

### Stage Three: Honeymoon Phase

- Abuser promises to change behavior
- Abuser apologizes for the assault
- Abuser buys gifts, gives compliments
- Victim feels a sense of security



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