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College responds with more student parking

ALICIA WELLS
Staff Writer

More parking has been provided for students at Alpena Community College.

The biggest change has been at Van Lare Hall. Last year many students had a hard time finding a place to park in the Van Lare lot. Two rows of the staff parking, about 30 spaces, were changed over for the students.

To assure that the staff have enough parking, the lot in front of the Briggs University Center, was expanded for the staff. The students now have former staff space and three-quarters of the other two lots.

Some students seem to think the extra spaces have made a dif-

ference, while others still have trouble finding a spot.

"All of the parking backups may not be just because of the number of spaces," said parking lot attendant Terry Szczesniak. "Some class times overlap and the students are trying to park before the students from previous classes have left."

Overall, more parking space has helped. If you don't mind a short walk, there are also three parking areas designated for students directly across the street.

The Parking Control office has stated that there is available parking at the Natural Resource Center and the Graphic Arts buildings. A new lot has also been made for Concrete Technology students to park in.



Photo by Jocelyn Haske

More staff parking was added to the Briggs Center lot to allow more student parking near Van Lare.

ACC helps soapmaker start her own business

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Any student who has visited the ACC bookstore in search of gifts knows there are a wide variety of things to choose from. However, one display in particular tends to stand out on its own.

It's soap - by Nature's Echo. Patty Pike of Rogers City turned a hobby into a growing

business on Kindmere Farm about three years ago. She decided to market her soaps made out of milk from her Alpine dairy goats.

Pike brought her finished product, complete with logos and labels to ACC's Small Business Development Center. She received help with contracts, taxes

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Domestic violence needs intervention

"Don't be fooled by the face I wear, for I wear a mask, a thousand masks, masks that I'm afraid to take off. None of them are mine."

—Anonymous

DAWN TRIM
Contributing Writer

The preceding, desperate words were written by a survivor of domestic violence who chooses to remain anonymous. The possibility that any of us might be injured or have our homes invaded by a stranger is frightening to contemplate. Hundreds of thousands of Americans face an even more devastating reality,

They are harmed not by strangers, but by those they love and trust. They are victimized, not on the streets or in the workplace, but in their own homes.

Domestic violence is defined as abusive behavior that is physical, sexual, psychological or a combination of any of these. Domestic violence is a pattern of forceful control that one person exercises over another. Abusers use physical and sexual violence, threats, intimidation and isolation as ways to dominate their partners and get their way. This behavior creates a state of immobility and fear, which leaves its victims often times powerless to help themselves. The home is

City geese hunt called a success

MATT FRANKLIN
Staff Writer

Shots were fired for the first time on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 6 as Alpena's first of several goose hunts took place along the Thunder Bay River. The hunting continued Sept. 7 and Sept. 8 with all of the hunters bagging their limit of geese each time.

Alpena Public Safety Director Thad Taylor said that each day was very successful with a total of 77 geese taken.

"To me," he said, "this is just another step in helping the Canadian goose population in Alpena."

With the success of the first hunt, Taylor proposed a second hunt. This hunt took place Sept. 22 and Sept. 29 with 38 geese being taken and 115 being taken overall.

Taylor also said he hopes that this has made an impact on the population of geese in Alpena.

"We've tried everything from spraying areas to keep them away to transplanting them somewhere else and this seems to be the only thing that is working," he said.

There were four main objectives that needed to be accomplished to make a successful hunt: no injuries, no property damage, few if any user conflicts and taking geese. Taylor said that each

was accomplished and that he was very happy with the outcome of the hunt. The hunters showed up, checked in, hunted and checked out with no problems.

The hunters expressed his or her appreciation for the chance to hunt and to have a great time while doing it. They also made it clear that without the city officials and the great job they did none of this would have ever taken place.

Hunter Romeo Bourdage, an Alpena High School counselor, got to try his luck at an evening hunt.

"All of the effort put into organizing the hunt was definitely worth while," he said.

He also stated that it was much tougher to hunt these birds than most people imagine. The geese had their patterns set up and if you got them to move off them you really did something.

Hunters received permission to hunt only after submitting a letter explaining why they were qualified, what type of equipment they had and what shape it was in.

"Safety was the first thing we made sure of before the hunt, during and after," said Taylor.

The hunters also had to attend a mandatory meeting explaining the meaning and regulations of the hunt. Any hunters who didn't show up for the meeting were not allowed to hunt.

Fall's Splendor



Photo by Richelle Sieland

Brilliant reds contrast against a lone wheel along U.S. 23 north of Alpena. Fall colors are at their peak in Northeast Michigan, attracting tourists and local residents alike

Domestic violence crosses all racial, age and economic lines and shatters lives at every level of our society.

In October of 1993, Nicole Brown Simpson told a police 911 dispatcher, "He's going fu—ing nuts." A few months later, O.J. Simpson was arrested for the murder of his ex-wife. Since then, that 911 call has been played and replayed on television and radio. Simpson called the battering of his wife "no big deal." Last June when the 911 call was released from evidence, America could listen to the rage of a publicly known man. Anyone could hear by the terror in her voice that what

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Perspective

We like Alpena "a little on the trashy side"

RICHELLE SIELAND
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Although the title is inspired by the likes of Jerry Springer and the twang of a country song, don't get mad yet. To be trashy is not always so bad. Just ask a sanitation company, preferably one who is the richest corporation in the world and is paid to take care of what we don't want to: our garbage. Our present system of waste disposal is a trashy issue of careless proportions.

If you think about it, wrestling, fast food, cigarettes and soda pop are the equivalent to the former days of baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and Chevrolet. Our consumer desires are targeted by mass marketing campaigns and seduced with the convenience and beauty of packaging. As the after glow fades, we are left hungry and too broke for a \$30 trash bill.

Changing the present system is a mixed bag of pros and cons. It doesn't matter whether we are working class, businessmen or government officials. Everyone must consider that Northeast Michigan is an area that is dependent on a consumer economy, industry and manufacturers for a quality of life. But we also like to hunt and fish. We can ignore the threats of mercury levels in our water and tuberculosis in deer. Right? To conserve our natural resources and afford to enjoy them seems impossible.

Our city is doing its best to balance environmental issues for the good of everyone. But unfortunately without people to attend meetings and do the groundwork of collecting information and legal support, many decisions are made by a few for the good of all.

Alpena government officials are to be commended for their

efforts. An example is the report on the quality of city water. According to the Michigan-based environmental group Clean Water Action, a survey revealed only 61 percent of state water systems delivered a report to drinking water consumers. Alpena's results were listed in the June newsletter.

Another good note for the city, according to Wayne Hewitt of Evergreen recycling, local officials have been working with the center and Northeast Michigan Recycling Alliance for the past two years developing a program. This affirms there are people working together who are trying to find solutions for the community at large about waste and recycling.

Without the research of grass roots organizations, a strategy to inform the public is not possible. The local environmental group Huron Environmental Activist League (HEAL) has helped the public to know about plans for disposing of hazardous materials and spillage that may have gone unreported. Another local hallmark is the waste incineration that was going at a local plant in Alpena has stopped as of Sept. 15.

But the battle is far from over. The policies and loopholes in Lansing and Washington are instrumental in the legal standards of waste disposal. According to NO-WASTE, a grass roots information website, "Michigan... attempted in the past to stop out of state waste." But "the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that waste is a commodity under the interstate commerce clause and therefore cannot be stopped from crossing the state line." What this means is that waste is a commodity. It has tangible worth that can be commercially bought and sold between the states. The federal

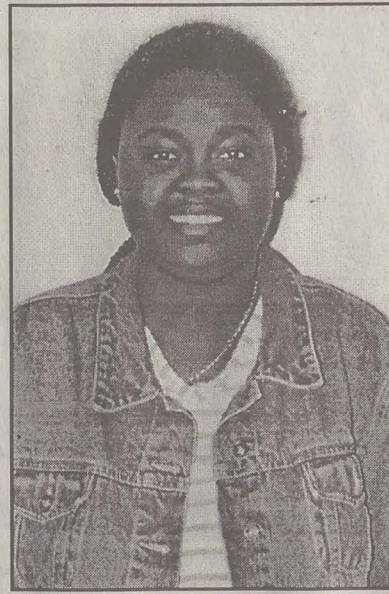
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law says garbage is a product and waste management corporations are just another business. The only changes that can be made are through state laws of regulation.

The trashy side of this editorial is that if we remain ignorant about waste, we are all paying for it. And it will cost us plenty in the future. A negative aspect of our consumerism has turned garbage into big business and the law says so. The more we are uninvolved and misinformed the less things will change.

Local government is doing its part to handle the issues that concern the community, but the work of environmental organizations, outside agencies and the public are also important to the balance. And the other position is this: big business and government are handling the trash anyway, so if you don't want to think about it you don't have to.

I still like Alpena—trashy or not.



Seon Clark

"I like to see the brown leaves on the trees. It looks messy when they fall on the ground."

Lumberjack Voices:

What's your favorite part of fall?



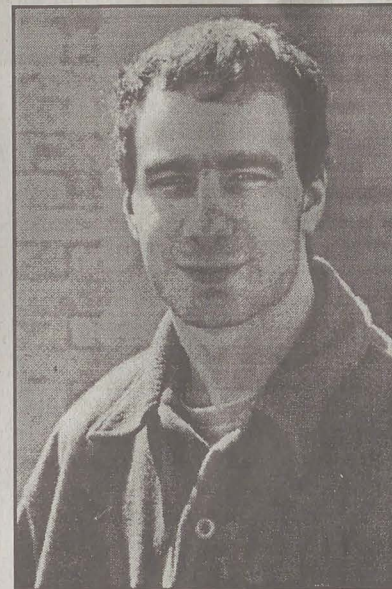
Eric Benac

"It gets cooler. I like to watch football games."



Melissa Johnston

"Definitely my big cozy sweaters, scarves and mittens."



Peter Hines

"The colors, the weather."

THE ADVENTURE OF KAISER PAUL

As "Iron Man" by Black Sabbath rings in his head, Kaiser Paul saves students from the Johnson Street crosswalk.



- Richelle SIELAND 2000

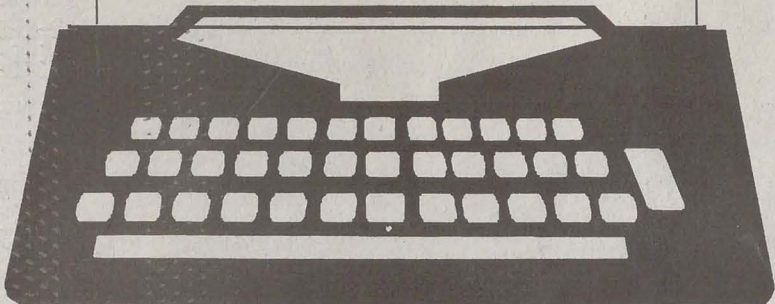
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Forestry, fishery alumni reminisce about their college days at ACC

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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

BY ROXANE SNYDER
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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 posses-

sive 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

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

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.

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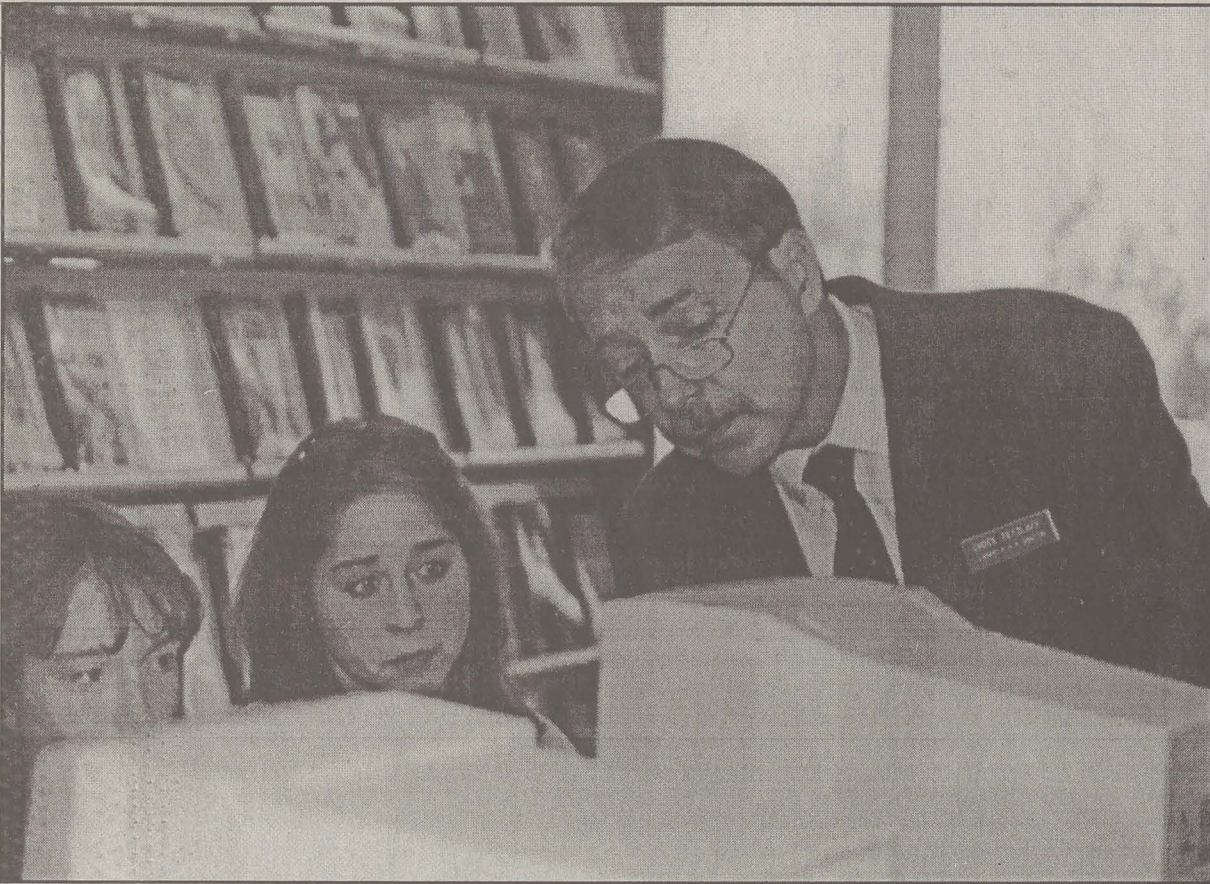
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He's a fellow Star Wars fan, would rather be titled the Dungeon Master and dedicates himself to the education of ACC students. He's librarian Charles Tetzlaff.

ACC's Library houses many resources for students' use

TINA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

There is an entire world of information just waiting for us — in the library. There is so much to learn and so many ways to find just the right article, book or journal.

Charles Tetzlaff, the self-proclaimed Dungeon Master (a.k.a. librarian), dedicates himself to providing us with that plethora of information. I had the privilege of experiencing Tetzlaff's tour of the library and its resources; I learned more than I could have ever imagined!

We started with the search engines in the research computers: Within them we can find a regional catalog, a worldwide catalog, 800 full-text journals, and over 60,000 full-text poems just to name a few.

Fall of 2000 brought new searching tools as well. Now we can access Athena from our home computer at <<http://198.108.228.3/athcgi/athweb.pl>> flip through over 6,000 e-books and review over 280 full-text nursing journals. Tetzlaff made it his goal to get the new programs in working order for the fall semester.

He chooses the programs based on student and department needs. This can be a tricky feat. Operational and material costs are rising faster than the library's annual 3 percent budget increase. He must evaluate and chart the use of programs to decide which will be cut and what will be added.

The resources we have in the library depend on us. For example, a search engine that goes unused for a year may not be there the next. It's important we know what programs are available to us and use the ones we like. In turn, if there were a program we wish to see in the library, Tetzlaff would be more than happy to hear our suggestions.

After the searching tools, the Dungeon Master took me to the multi-media room. IBM and I-MAC computers with Internet access make research easy and fun! We also have an Apple computer with a scanner and personal TV/VCR equipment for watching informative videos (the library has over 1,000 videos in stock).

Next to the multi-media room is the conference room. If ever we have a group project we have our own private room to meet in. I was greatly surprised at some of the resources available to us that I didn't even know we had. The library offers a good size collection of children's literature, classical CDs, and approximately 60 audio books. We can listen to "Schindler's List" or a Charles Dickens classic thanks to the people who donated them.

There has been some concern by students for more library hours particularly on Saturdays. Tetzlaff addresses this issue in his 1999-2000 Annual Report: "The staff is only three persons maintaining 62.5 hours a week with no additional funds for overtime or additional staffing." Nothing has changed. Those three dedicated people rotate working eve-

nings and weekends. How can we ask for more?

It is obvious Tetzlaff gives his all to making the library the best resource center it can be under the circumstances. He arranged the room with students in mind. The bookshelves are strategically placed as sound buffers so students can study in the back of the library. He also put another computer in the back so we don't have to walk all the way up front if we forget a call number. He even adds some character to the room by displaying his own water fountain next to the entrance.

As term paper deadlines come closer, article summaries fall behind and the stress of academics is increasing, we can't forget our library. We should all take the time to learn how to use its resources and get to know our librarian (or Dungeon Master, if you prefer). He is there to help!

Foiled assault brings greater awareness

RICHELLE SIELAND
Co-Editor

It was the summer of 1992. I had gone to Ann Arbor to visit my best friend.

Being of legal age we decided to go to a huge nightclub. While my friend was getting us a drink, I walked around and checked the place out. I remember for a brief second glancing at a man as I shifted through the shuffling crowd. I was not checking the man out. I simply noticed his height. At the time, I didn't think anything of it. People look at each other all of the time in drinking establishments.

My friend and I had only two drinks. We just enjoyed each other's company while we talked and shot pool. We did not interact with any people around us. We were not looking to meet anyone. I did not introduce myself to anyone as I have at other

Surviving college tests author's coping skills

RICHELLE SIELAND
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I have been attending ACC since 1994. People always ask me how long I have to go before I am whisked off to "Career Dreamland." I try to have an easy and socially acceptable answer, but I just blow it off.

I know that it is not simple or short. The learning process is life long and one is able to ponder the deepest mysteries of life only while living it. It is not like a drive-thru.

The purpose of this editorial is to strike a chord in you, not from the flute of fantasy, but from the fear-shaking sound of gunfire. Career dreamland, for me is the equivalent of "Never Never Land," the setting for the story of Peter Pan.

The sound of gunfire happens anywhere one must fight for one's life to survive. This involves the right skills, tactics and wit. One could think of an inner city where injustice and turmoil is recurring. But don't be chastened to think of a Northeastern Michigan college campus as a quaint little refuge for innocents. Don't be so naïve to think that you will be told all of the answers for your future with somebody to hold your frightened little hand.

Don't believe for a second that this is a cake walk and baked to the flavor of your choosing. If you're Donald Trump's kid there may be an exception. But for the rest of us don't bet on it. I am here to tell you: College is serious business; don't be caught dead on campus.

"Survivor" was not just an entertaining show about a bunch of naked people competing in silly games for a \$1 million. If one would look beneath the back-

times in socializing with others.

It was close to last call when my friend and I decided to avoid the rush of the exiting crowd and headed out to her car. The parking lot was huge and we were parked at the other end. About halfway to the car, a man came from between a row of cars and began approaching us. He was about 6 feet 2 inches and wearing white pants.

I couldn't hear what he was saying until he was headed straight for me. It was the man whom I had passed in the crowded walkway earlier in the evening. Another man appeared from under the lamplight and snuck through another row to double back around behind us.

It was at that moment I realized I had no idea what to do. It was as if a deep nightmare was about to catapult itself into reality and I was not prepared for it. The man approached and started to



HIGH VOLTAGE

drop, the show is an illustration of how one person had to know how to maneuver to fulfill their goals. College could be like "Survivor" in the challenge of choice making and the hunt for valuable information. As everyone may find out, some students will get caught up in the entertainment of it all; the roles that are played out in a semester drama while trying to learn Anthro-

pology and History of Western Civilization. I have seen it in full color since my first year of college. I have witnessed drugs, violence, and vandalism. Other real life accounts of date rape, abortion, eating disorders and death had an effect on me through those who experienced these circumstances. These are the subjects that I learned most about in my first years of college.

As anyone fighting for college survival, I am learning the jargon of an Academic Institution. And my battle scars run deep; From lost federal aid forms and advising misinformation. My early days of Indecision 101 are bittersweet as I wonder if I will ever gain my bachelor's degree.

walk circles around me. His voice was taunting but I could not understand what he was saying. I expected him to grab me or hit me.

Why me?
I didn't have an answer other than he could tell I was from out of town by my dress, my body language and he assumed I was alone when I was walking through the club. If he was a frequent visitor of this club he probably could recognize that he had not seen me before.

I have always gone places with no fear until that moment. I began to crumple like a rag doll. Everything was happening so fast. I couldn't understand what he was saying and was not aware of what was about to happen to me. I couldn't think, let alone react.

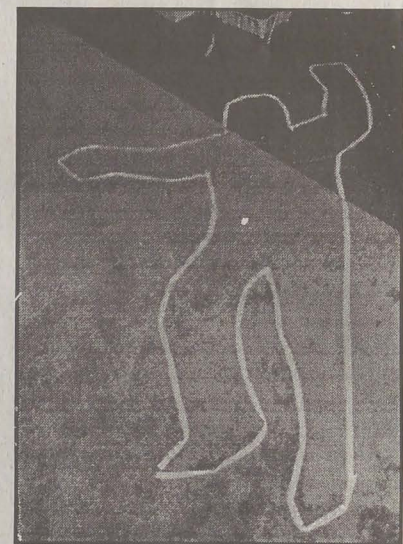
Seconds before the man approached me, my friend, a born and bred Detroiter took five huge steps backwards. With her keys

I have cringed with anxiety wondering if there is one more class that was overlooked on my requirements. And as a working adult, I have doubts about my career choice being just as unfulfilling and political as the one helping me through school. It is adapting to procedure, to "get it in writing", and matters of dates and deadlines. I bear the frustrations of waiting on financial aid and student loans wrapped in the red tape of forms. I am learning the etiquette of appointments and the transition from student thinker to proving how much I have learned.

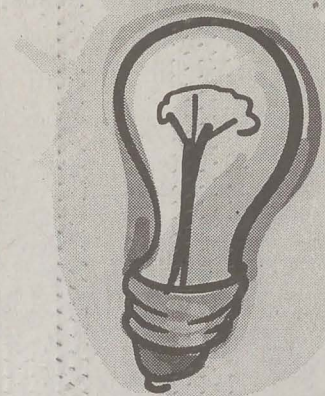
At times I have wondered if it will all be worth it. I share with other ACC students a newly cleared path of the "dually enrolled". We are holding a skeleton key of desire and a map of credit evaluation forms. There is an unsure feeling in the air. My new challenges revert back to the gunfire as I'm sailing away from Neverland. Peter Pan is dead. The cake walk is over I am not looking back.

This editorial is not only a reminder to those new to the college experience but to myself and those struggling to do the best they can at this institution who wonder how on earth they will do it. Don't be disillusioned. Watch and listen and read the fine print. After all, it's money I'm borrowing.

If you are a student, get on your camouflage and hang on.



If you have a newsworthy opinion, comic or story idea, The Polemic News would like to hear from you.



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Independent living means new challenges

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Have you ever lived on your own? If not, have you at least thought about what it would be like? Now here's an interesting question: What if you had a mental or physical handicap and decided to live on your own? Do you think it would be harder for you if you had a disability?

There are many people who deal with this same problem, but one I know locally is Dan Spaulding, 23. Dan was born with brain damage, but was never diagnosed with a definite handicap. This impairment affects Dan's speech, coordination and learning abilities. Dan lives by himself in the Allen Apartment housing complex. He moved out of his parents' home in Long Rapids Township in May and into an apartment with a roommate. Dan then decided to live on his own and moved into his own place in August.

"It was hard when I first moved in because I didn't know people around the apartments," Dan said. "I didn't know how to budget and in the first weekend the toilet overflowed three times. After the first couple of weeks, I got more comfortable and got used to it. I like the independence, you know, the freedom of doing what you want. I could take off with nothing to tie me down."

It may sound like Dan doesn't have life all too bad, but you need to know some of the things he can't do. For instance, Dan doesn't know how to drive. He's tried in the past, but because of his disability, he couldn't do a lot of the hard things, like parallel parking and following directions. So Dan is confined to riding his bike if he needs to get somewhere, or he has to wait for a ride from either my mother Jean Spaulding or myself.

Dan also doesn't know how to cook. He can nuke things in

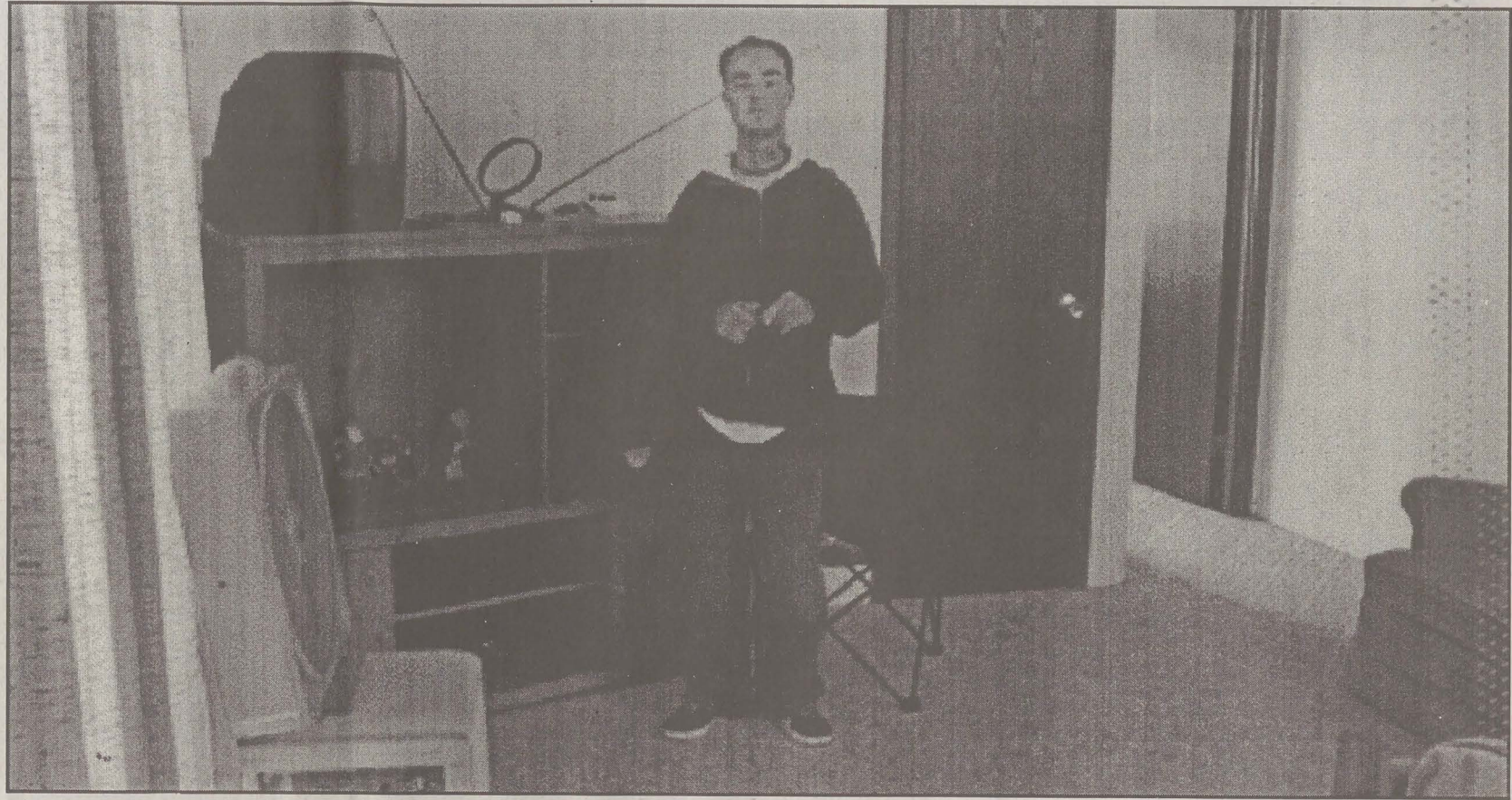


Photo by Ryan Spaulding

Dan Spaulding stands in the living room of his apartment. Living on his own has been challenging for Dan.

the microwave, but as far as that, he's very limited. A lot of the time, he eats at fast food restaurants, which costs lots of money. His mother is trying to show him how to prepare meals, but he'll never fully be able to fix himself a nice steak dinner or spaghetti, which

is one of his favorite meals.

Another thing that Dan has trouble with is that he's in constant fear of what people think of him. He has been made fun on his whole life because of the way he spoke or the fact that he can't read well. Before he had his family always there to help him deal with his problems, but since he's moved, he has to deal with them on his own most of the time. This probably has been harder on his mother because she has always worried about Dan.

"It was hard to see him move out," Jean Spaulding said. "I worry about him all the time, like if he's eating right or people taking advantage of him. I still help Dan out as much as possible; like

I cook him meals sometimes, and if he needs a ride anywhere or needs to go shopping, but I can't be there for him all the time like I used to."

Another problem Dan faces is finding a job he can do. He has tried working at a fast food restaurant, but it didn't work out. This has given Dan a tight budget. Other than what he gets from the government, which he uses to pay for rent and food, Dan barely has enough for himself.

Dan is a senior at Alpena High School where he maintains a 3.5 GPA. Dan also belongs to Peers United in Friendship, his church group. He volunteers at the Alpena nursing home as well as being in the Boy Scouts. Dan also

belonged to the Youth Volunteer Corps over the summer, where they cleaned parks, put food in boxes and went to a science camp. In his free time, Dan enjoys rollerblading, bike riding and spending time with friends.

After Dan gets out of high school, he would like to become a counselor for younger kids who have trouble with school or whatever may be bothering them. Dan also had his advice for anyone who wants to live on his or her own for the first time.

"Think about it very hard," Dan said. "Get to know who your neighbors are so it's be easier in case you need something. It's a different story when you're actually on your own."

Changing Faces



Photo by Jocelyn Haske

Sue Grulke, left, is assuming the duties of teaching journalism classes and advising The Polemic replacing Colleen Steinman, who is leaving Alpena.

SOAP,
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and accounting needed in a business.

"It's a federally-funded program designed to counsel and train new businesses as well as existing businesses," said Carl Bourdelais, head of the center. "The program has been in existence for 15 years and has been active on the ACC campus since 1995. The annual numbers of the people involved in the program are incredible."

All together, Pike estimates that she invested about \$10,000 on materials and equipment including a dehumidifier for the damp basement she has turned

into her work area.

Besides the ACC Bookstore, which happens to be the most profitable store, Pike has displays in Alpena, Cheboygan, Rogers City, Traverse City and Flint.

Pike offers a wide variety of scents ranging from "peaches 'n cream" to a scent called "Lumberjack," form-ulated exclusively for ACC.

Also available is what she likes to call "Fisherman's Soap," made from a plant called anise. The aroma, she claims, attracts fish and covers up human scent.

Nature's Echo has had exposure through the Alpena News, WNEM Channel 5 in Saginaw

and the Muskegon Chronicle.

Pike is striving for enough customers to increase her output of 30 lbs. of soap per week to 100 lbs.

"Then," she said, "it could be a very profitable business."

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ASSAULT,
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with fear. My potential assailant realized that there was a fearless female prepared to run, yell and fight and I was not going to be the easy target. Those few precious seconds of smart thinking stalled the men long enough.

At that moment, the floodgates opened and club goes were spilling out into the parking lot. He began to casually retreat to his car but followed us in the direction where we were parked.

My girlfriend took my arm and we calmly walked. I still was

in shock over what was happening. She had just enough time to get the right keys ready and tell me what to do.

She unlocked my side first. I got in and hit the lock down. A split second later the man was at my passenger side door and grabbed the door handle. He stood there for a few moments banging on the window and her car roof. My friend was smart enough to let me in first. I don't think he planned for that either. By the time he had gone to my side of the car, she was already in and both of us were safe.

I was lucky. If it wasn't for my friend and her knowledge of how to handle the situation, I could have been seriously beaten, raped or even murdered. According to experts who study kidnapping, rape and assault, there are two scenes for each potential crime. The first one is where the victim is abducted and the second is where the perpetrator commits the crime. If I had been taken from that parking lot, my chances of surviving were less than zero. My friend emerged the hero and I learned one of the most valuable lessons of my life.

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GEAR faces scheduling conflicts with youngsters

VICTOR KAHN
Staff Writer

With the Riverside Skate Park finished, some think GEAR has accomplished all its goals. This is not true. Immediately there were clashes between younger, less experienced skaters and their older peers.

This prompted the city to set aside time for the younger skaters to practice. The older skaters were outraged.

"It's crap because the little kids get to come skate on our time and they get their own time slot," local skater Chris Soback said.

GEAR President Mike Hamilton said he thinks the time

set aside for younger skaters is "unnecessary because there are plenty of hours for youth to skate."

GEAR, which stands for Get Excited And Rally, is a non-profit organization whose main goal is to help kids find safe after-school activities.

Without a place to skate, some of the older skaters are once again breaking local ordinances by skating in parking lots and on sidewalks.

To solve this problem, GEAR is considering the need for another skate park. The proposed "mini park" would be built onto the existing facility and would cost \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Jon Visger, a member of GEAR, said he thinks the mini park would be a good idea because it would, "solve problems of discontent among the skaters."

Overall, the skate park has had a positive effect on the community, Visger said.

"It's a very good thing," he said. "There have been no complaints from businesses. It solved problems on both sides and improved the quality of skaters in Alpena."

Rob Bruce, a local musician, said: "It helps kids get together and have a good time. I don't skateboard but it seems like it is really working."

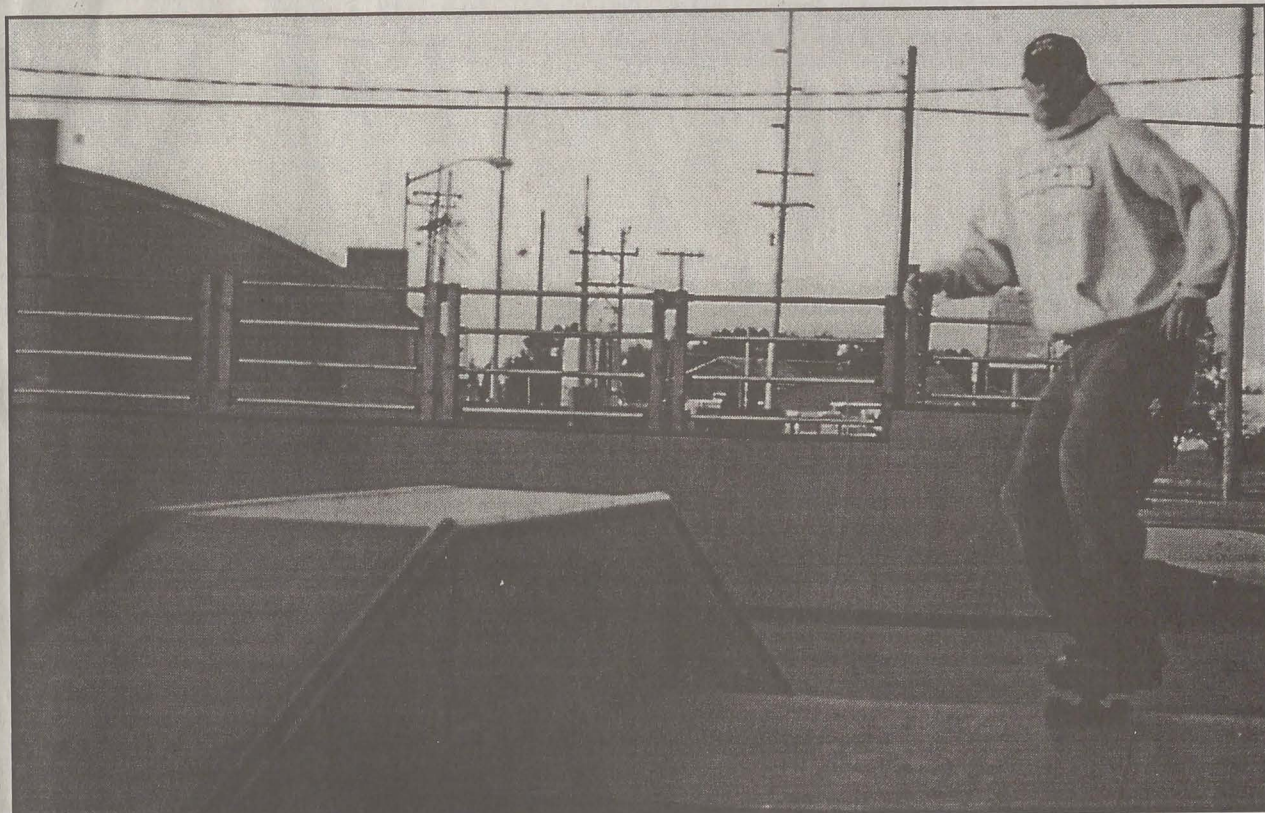


Photo by Victor Kahn

Tom Eddy cruises up the pyramid at the Riverside Skate Park. GEAR is considering adding a mini-park to accommodate younger skaters.

Backpacking can make Europe affordable

DANA HEITZ
Staff Writer

So, you want to travel, see the world and be a part of something bigger than yourself? Fabulous, if

you have money, right?

Forget about European Hiltons and first-class travel accommodations and look to something more down-to-earth and with more character: back-

packing.

This cost-effective means of seeing the sights of Europe has allowed thousands of college students an opportunity they could never otherwise have had. It's not ideal for someone high-maintenance, the person who requires mineral baths, continental breakfasts and an absolute itinerary. But if you're an easy-going sort of traveler who doesn't need every day's plan set in stone, backpacking might be the way you want to go.

"It gives you more options," said Andrea Toliber, who toured Europe as a college student in 1994. "It's a lot of work, but it brings you more in touch with the culture than a hotel or resort ever could."

The preliminary expenses for a trip of any length to any destination all include the same items. A passport is imperative,

no matter what else you decide to bring. This costs around \$60.

Other items to get before you go include a backpack (\$100-150), travel guide (\$20), language phrase book (\$15), travel accessories (\$75-125), hostel membership (\$25), student identification card (\$20) and the all-important plane ticket (\$500-800). In total, pre-trip expenses generally run \$800 to \$1,500.

Once you get there, your greatest expenses will be food and accommodations.

Hostels are the cheapest means short of a park bench, and these cost \$15 to \$25 per night, depending on things like location and whether sheets and breakfast are provided. Expect to pay anywhere from \$5 to \$15 per day in food. Grocery stores are most economical. If you're going to a restaurant, it'll probably cost you around \$25.

Transportation expenses are another evil necessity. These include the costs of the actual transportation and paying for tickets or admission charges. Depending on your destination and how

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--Andrea Toliber

you decide to get there (bus or train), the daily costs will be from \$10 to \$20 and the cost of travel between cities, anywhere from around \$700 for three months of bus travel to over \$1,000 by train.

Total expenses, while you're there, will probably add up to around \$2,000 per month, not including the preliminary costs.

It's a small sum, considering that a typical middle-class American tourist could easily spend twice that in a week.

But Toliber cautioned would-be travelers.

"Be careful with your money," she said. "There are people [in Europe] who make their living robbing tourists."

She recommended a money belt to keep your cash safe, as well as always having your backpack close to you.

"If you're careful, though," she said, "you'll be okay."

There are many web sites on backpacking in Europe, including backpackeurope.com, artoftavel.com and airhitch.org. These are some of the more helpful ones, offering advice on what and how to pack, where to stay, where to travel, what to avoid and available student discounts. Airfare for next spring and summer is at its cheapest right now. And if all that didn't sell you on it, remember this: They have good beer.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 6 — Career Day for high school students at ACC
Oct. 6 and 8 — Last nights of Thunder Bay Theatre's 1960's, "Suds." Call the TBT box Office for more information or reservations @ 354-2267

Oct. 12 — College Board meets 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 13 — Staff Development Day — NO CLASSES!

Oct. 14 — A College Day for Women from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 18-21 — ACCT Convention in Nashville, Tennessee

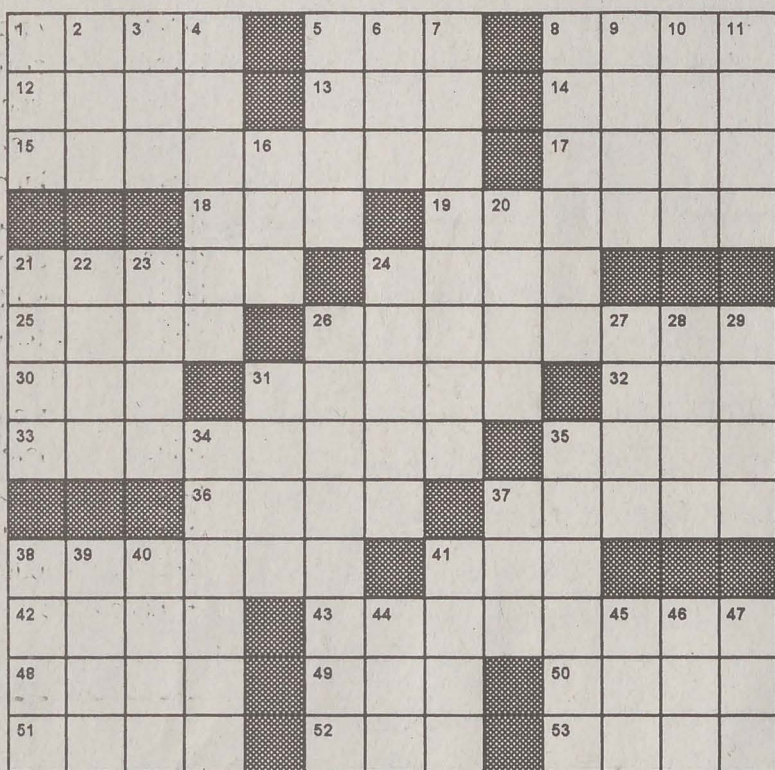
Oct. 21 — Northeast Michigan Early Childhood Conference brochures are available at ACC switchboard

Oct. 24 — Human Side of Cancer seminar at St. John the Baptist Parish Center 6-9 p.m.

Oct. 26 — Spotlight Series presentation of The Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Alpena Civic Center. Tickets are \$15 and table reservations are available at ext. 373

Nov. 3 — Final day to drop classes

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Fair
- 5 Ballet step
- 8 Fears
- 12 Beers
- 13 Era
- 14 Tardy
- 15 Horse
- 17 Small hawk
- 18 Over (Poetic)
- 19 Said
- 21 Probe
- 24 Rotatable disc
- 25 Anger
- 26 Openly
- 30 ___ Baba
- 31 Husk
- 32 Fish eggs

- 33 Vent for release of gas
- 35 ___ Turner
- 36 Atilla was their king
- 37 Illiad author
- 38 Chasm
- 41 Heat source
- 42 Ireland
- 43 Wire
- 48 Snow at head of glacier
- 49 Frost
- 50 Tides
- 51 Former Russian emperor
- 52 Food chewed a second time

53 Edges

DOWN

- 1 Fuel
- 2 Altitude (abbr.)
- 3 Meadow
- 4 On an incline
- 5 Two
- 6 Past
- 7 Sane
- 8 Caustic substance
- 9 Stay
- 10 Female (suf.)
- 11 Sow
- 16 Shelter
- 20 Lofty
- 21 Snatch
- 22 Small stream
- 23 Stew
- 24 Disputes
- 26 Speech sound
- 27 Crowd
- 28 Sole
- 29 Leap
- 31 Avoid
- 34 Complainer
- 35 Extended time
- 37 Color
- 38 Lease
- 39 Greek God of War
- 40 Long live (It.)
- 41 Winter vehicle
- 44 Old coin
- 45 Hitter's average (abbr.)
- 46 Type of weapon (abbr.)
- 47 Manuscripts (abbr.)

Student Support Services

"Where are you going" field trip schedule:

- Central Michigan University: **Tuesday, Oct. 10**
- Saginaw Valley: **Saturday Oct. 14**
- Michigan Tech: **Sunday and Monday Nov. 12-13**
- Lake Superior State: **Dec. 1**

Nov. 15-17 Art Humanities Extravaganza in Chicago

Contact Dana LaBar, ext. 255, or Monica Bushey at ext. 350 for more details.

Reading Rhythm 2000 with Lynda Reidash! "Beat those text time blues" Tuesdays from 11:30 to noon in VLH 101D. Call ext. 270 or see Jewel Lancaster to set up an appointment.

Student Support Services is located in the Learning Center in Van Lare Hall room 101. It is a federally-funded program to serve 150 college students with academic advising, transfer workshops, field trips, career counseling, academic assistance and application fee waivers for income-eligible students.

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Any questions regarding graduation, please contact Lori Dzieszinski in 110 Van Lare Hall or call 356-9021, ext. 353.

Volleyball team begins year of firsts

MEGAN FLETCHER
Staff Writer

This is a year of firsts for ACC's new women's volleyball team and their coach Dana LaBar, whose first year of coaching is this year.

For some of the Lady Lumberjacks this is also their first year in college. For some of the Lady Lumberjacks this is also their first year in college.

LaBar, who was hired in June and expected to have a team ready by August, felt that the beginning of this season was very "rushed."

The team consists of eight players, and there have been many illnesses and injuries to deal with. This makes play difficult since the team does not have any substitutions.

These are the members of the 2000 Lady Lumberjacks volleyball team: Sarah Stafford and Lisa Mertz of Alpena, Olivia Shields of Hillman, Erika Romel of Posen, Laura Grainger of Onaway, Susan Hechlik of Auburn Hills and Sarah Ellis of Drummond Island.

The team is halfway through its season. So far, the team has been pretty competitive against



Photo by Megan Fletcher

Members of the ACC Women's Volleyball team include, clockwise from the top, Sarah Ellis, Laura Grainger, Sarah Stafford, Lisa Mertz, Susan Hechlik, Emily Blankhorn, Olivia Shields and Erika Romel.

other experienced teams. They have only won one game and that was at a St. Clair tournament on Sept. 23.

The team, however, has faced the Number One team in the nation, St. Clair Community College, and did fairly well. In one game, the Lady Jacks scored eight points, which the team felt

pretty good about. They have also played Schoolcraft, who is the second toughest team in the league, Macomb and Mott community colleges.

Stafford, the team's setter, said she feels the team is doing really well. The players are coming together as a team, talking more and putting all their skills

together, she said. With the toughest teams out of the way, the rest of the season should go pretty well, Stafford added.

Other coaches have told LaBar that the team is doing exceptionally well for their first season, LaBar said.

The Lady Lumberjacks travel to Oakland Community

College Oct. 7 and to Henry Ford Community College on Oct. 14. They are home for their last game of the season on Oct. 21.

LaBar said the team is excited about the home game because they play the same team they beat in the tournament earlier this season.

Athlete finds college life challenging

LAURA PARKS
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What do you expect when you are a college freshman? Hard classes more work, right? What about if you play a college sport? How difficult is that? Katie Claeys is a 2000 high school graduate from Johannesburg, and she tells how different being a college student and athlete really is.

"You have hours in between classes," she said. "I have a lot more work to do and the teachers expect more. In high school the teachers expected you to just do your homework, now you



Katie Claeys

have to study at least two hours for every hour class. It is a big adjustment."

She says that being an athlete is fun and hard. Besides going to class, studying and basketball practice, she does not have a lot of time for anything else.

The conditioning for basketball is harder. She went from running sprints to running three miles in one practice. Practice is at 6 a.m., and that doesn't mean get up at 6 a.m., it means be there and be ready to run. She also says that she is a morning person, so getting up isn't all that bad, it is making herself go to bed and staying on top of things is the hard part. The athletes run three times a week, Tuesday and Thursday morning and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Claeys knew her college roommates from high school. She played with one and against the other in basketball. But now, they are part of the same team.

"Everyone around here is so friendly," she said. "I wasn't expecting it to be this easy to meet people."

She said that her new coach and the returning sophomores on the team are nice. All in all it seems that being a student athlete isn't just harder, it can be fun, but you have to make that choice.

Fishing provides opportunity for residents to take advantage of the beauty of Northeast Michigan

WENDY WILLIAMS
Staff writer

It seems people who live in Northeast Michigan take for granted the outdoor life surrounding us. It also seems that tourists are the ones to take advantage of it.

Everyone who lives here seems to have the excuse of not having time because of work, school and their children. I think everyone should make play time outdoors whenever possible, even if there is only an hour to do

it. I always feel so refreshed afterward. So to me, it's worth every minute.

I just started fishing this year for brook trout and found it has so much more to offer than just reeling in the big one.

Brook trout are found in rivers, lakes and streams. I prefer the stream adventure. You put your waders or hip boots on, bring your pole and night crawlers, and move quietly through the woods following the stream.

Fishing for brook trout is an art. These fish hide under weeds,

dead logs or overhanging trees. They are easily spooked by any sudden movement or noise. A simple cast is used toward the bank of the stream. By the time the worm floats to the middle of the stream you should have a bite.

It is tranquil out in the woods waiting for a bite on the line. I love it. If you are lucky enough to catch one, I think you'll have to catch your breath from looking at one of Michigan's most intelligent and beautiful fish.

In August I was fortunate enough to ride out on a charter



The Great Outdoors

boat in Lake Huron for some salmon and trout fishing. When asked to fish from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., I didn't think it would be worth getting up so early, especially when I knew I wouldn't get to bed until 3 a.m. because of my job. After much deliberation I ended up meeting the captain, first mate, and some friends.

We started out the mouth of the AuSable River into Lake Huron. The lake was calm and the sky was clear. The sun was just starting to come up. The sunrise alone was worth getting out of bed so early! We went out seven miles and dropped the lines in 130 feet.

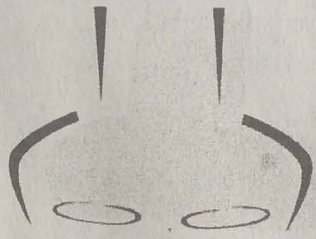
I was the first to catch one.

It took about 15 minutes of reeling until I brought up my first fish, an 11-pound king salmon. It was such an awesome feeling! One of the men caught a 20-pounder, which made my fish look like a baby.

When we got to shore the first mate cleaned and bagged our fish for us. To me the experience was too cool and I would love to do it again sometime.

I think everyone should take the time to enjoy our land and waters here in Northeast Michigan. Whether I've inspired someone to go fishing or just take time to hang outside, the serene feeling one gets from the outdoors is remarkable to me.

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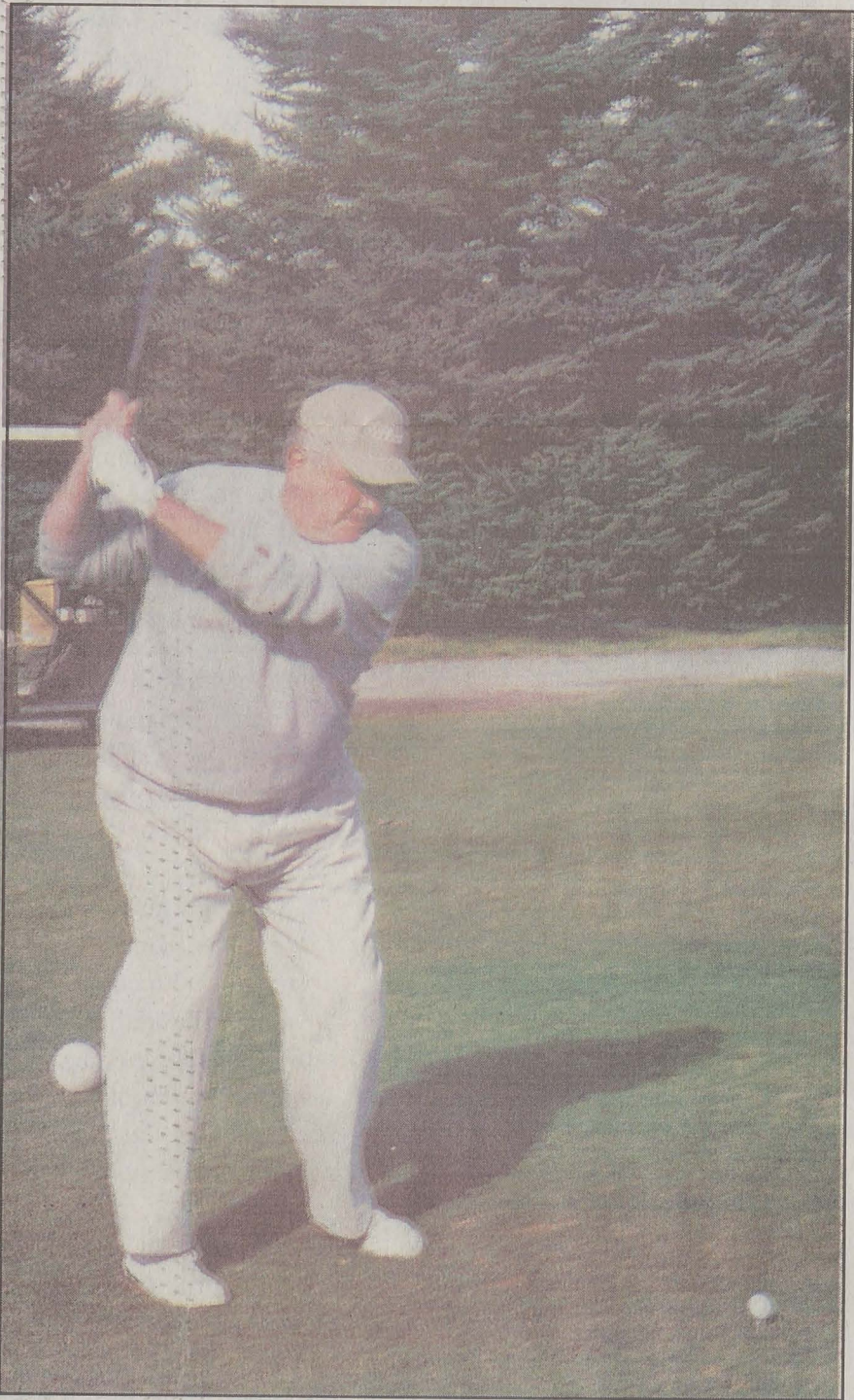
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Max Lindsay and Mike Madden head happily off to the next hole.

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Frank McCourt takes a strong swing.

Scholarship Scramble

JOCELYN HASKE
Co-editor

One of ACC's major fund-raisers, Scramble for Scholarships, recently raised more than \$15,600 for non-traditional students and recruitment. The fifth annual tournament took place on Sept. 16 at the Alpena Country Club.

Most of the money came from 60 businesses that purchased \$125 and \$250 signs (set up at the holes). Another 60 provided door prizes. Exactly 112 golfers (28 teams) participated, a portion of their entry fee also going towards scholarships. Corporate sponsor, Alpena Power Company, made their annual contribution of \$2,000.

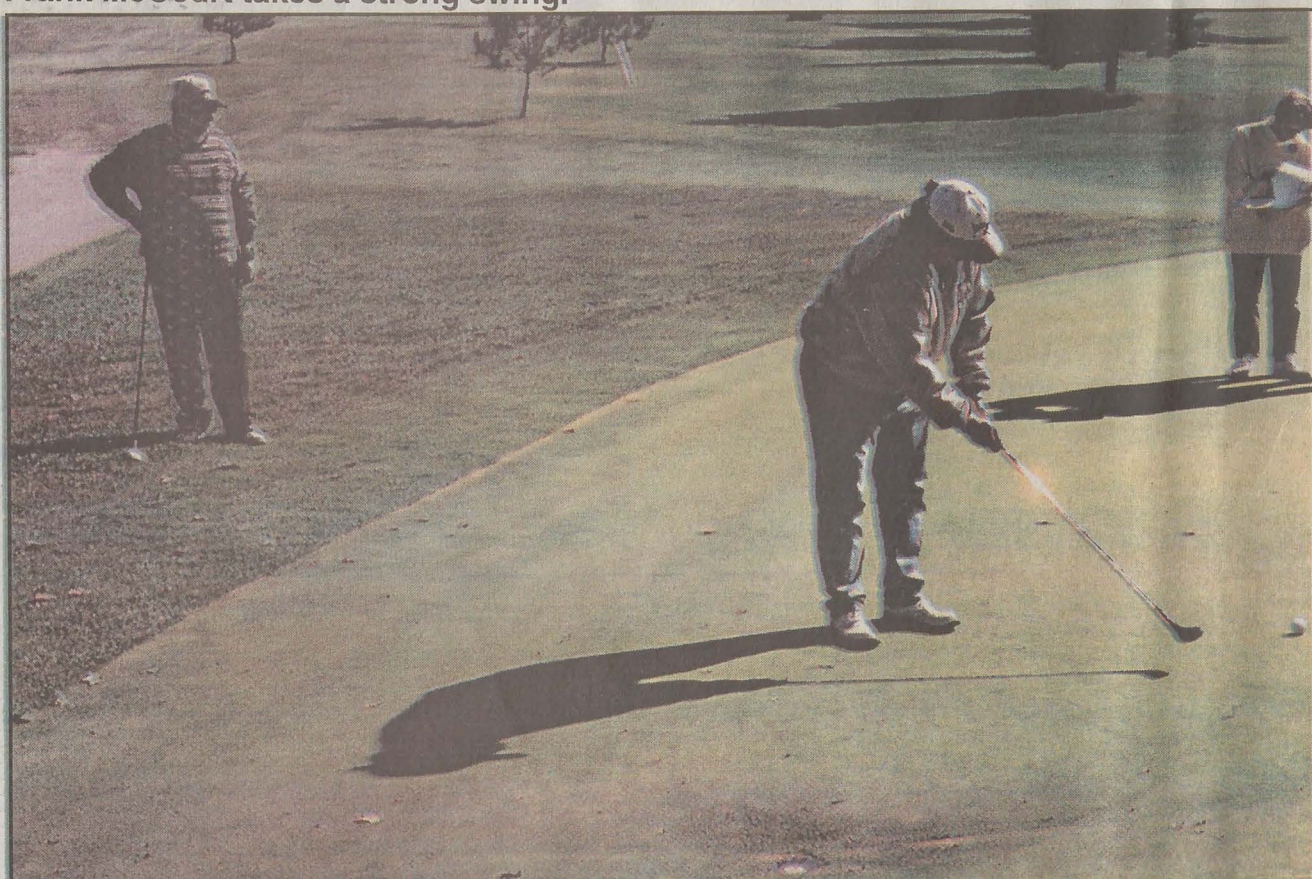
The ACC Foundation Board of Trustees sponsors the event. A committee made up of college staff and five foundation members began organizing in January and worked until September.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's worth it," said Foundation Executive Director Cathie Rogg. "We really have this wonderful outpouring of community support and it's pretty exciting."

The four-person scramble started at 9 a.m. and finished at 3:30 p.m. It was a crisp, sunny day. The trimmed grass sparkled with drops of rain from the night before and an occasional early autumn leaf fell. Wearing khakis, visors, sunglasses, and sweaters the golfers played seriously, but smiled often.

Volunteers, identified with green pins, were scattered about. The older adults helped with registration while students carried golf bags and worked the beverage cart.

Winning the event with a score of 60 were Steve Lewis, Charley Rosebush, Paul Sabourin, and Chuck Attwell.



Ken Smith watches Jerry Morey putt while Coordinator of event, Karen Eller keeps score.



Student volunteers Ryan Mast and James Juhartz help by carrying golf bags.