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How do young people feel about the election and issues?

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Staff Writer

Based on an informal survey at ACC and participation in the mock election last month, it was found that the majority of students plan to vote in the general election.

Students questioned by the Polemic said Proposal 1 and gun control were among the topics attracting their

attention. Few, however, mentioned the presidential race.

More than 800 young people ages 18-24 were interviewed for a survey, sponsored by MTV, titled "Youth, Voting and the 2000 Election."

The following information was taken from the MTV-Kaiser Poll at choose or lose.com: At least three out of four 18-24 year-

olds say they support tougher gun control, giving patients the right to sue their health plans, funding comprehensive sex education in public schools, expanding health coverage for the uninsured, and expanding hate crimes protections for gays.

But only 50 percent of those surveyed say they are registered to vote and less than half (46 percent) say

registered and 64 percent say they are certain to vote in the November general election.

Those under 24 who are not certain they will vote cited three top reasons: a lack of information on the candidates, cited by 60 percent; the belief that they can make more of a difference getting involved in their community rather than voting 58 percent; and the sense that "politics is just

about money and lying and I don't want to involve myself in it" 39 percent.

Other possible reasons for lower participation among this age group include their general sense that things are already "going in the right direction" in this country 60 percent, and the fact that their positions on the issues don't put them neatly into either the Democratic or Republican camp. The survey

revealed a number of strongly-held and often surprising opinions on many of the issues in the current campaign. The results make it difficult to categorize these newly-eligible voters along traditional ideological lines.

For example:
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MEAP brings big bucks

VICTOR KAHN
Staff Writer

Money. It's one of the greatest concerns facing college students. But now, students in Michigan have found help in the form of the Michigan Merit Award.

The award gives \$2,500 to high school students who successfully complete the MEAP High School Tests. The first of these awards were given to graduating seniors from the Class of 2000.

"It's a really good idea," said ACC freshman Jesi



Hartman. "\$2,500 is a big chunk of change. It paid for my entire first year."

ACC freshman Ian McConnell said, "It's going to be a nice boost for me. It See MEAP, Page 6

Al Gore wins! -- in mock election at ACC

JOCELYN HASKE
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If ACC ruled the world, Al Gore would be our country's next president.

Students and staff chose Gore in the mock election conducted Oct. 11 and 12.

Gore won over Bush among staff, 58 percent to 35 percent.

Gore's margin of victory was closer among students, 46 percent to 41 percent.

Among those aged 31 and over, Gore won 56 percent to Bush's 35 percent. However, among those younger, 18 to 30 years old, there was nearly a tie: Gore 44 percent, Bush 43 percent.

Gore won among males, 45 percent 40 percent, and won among females by a larger margin, 53 to 38 percent.

This shows that a gender gap exists in Northeastern Michigan, a common electoral phenomenon whereby females vote Republican less often than men.

Of the 474 students and staff members who participated, about 80 percent indicated they were likely to

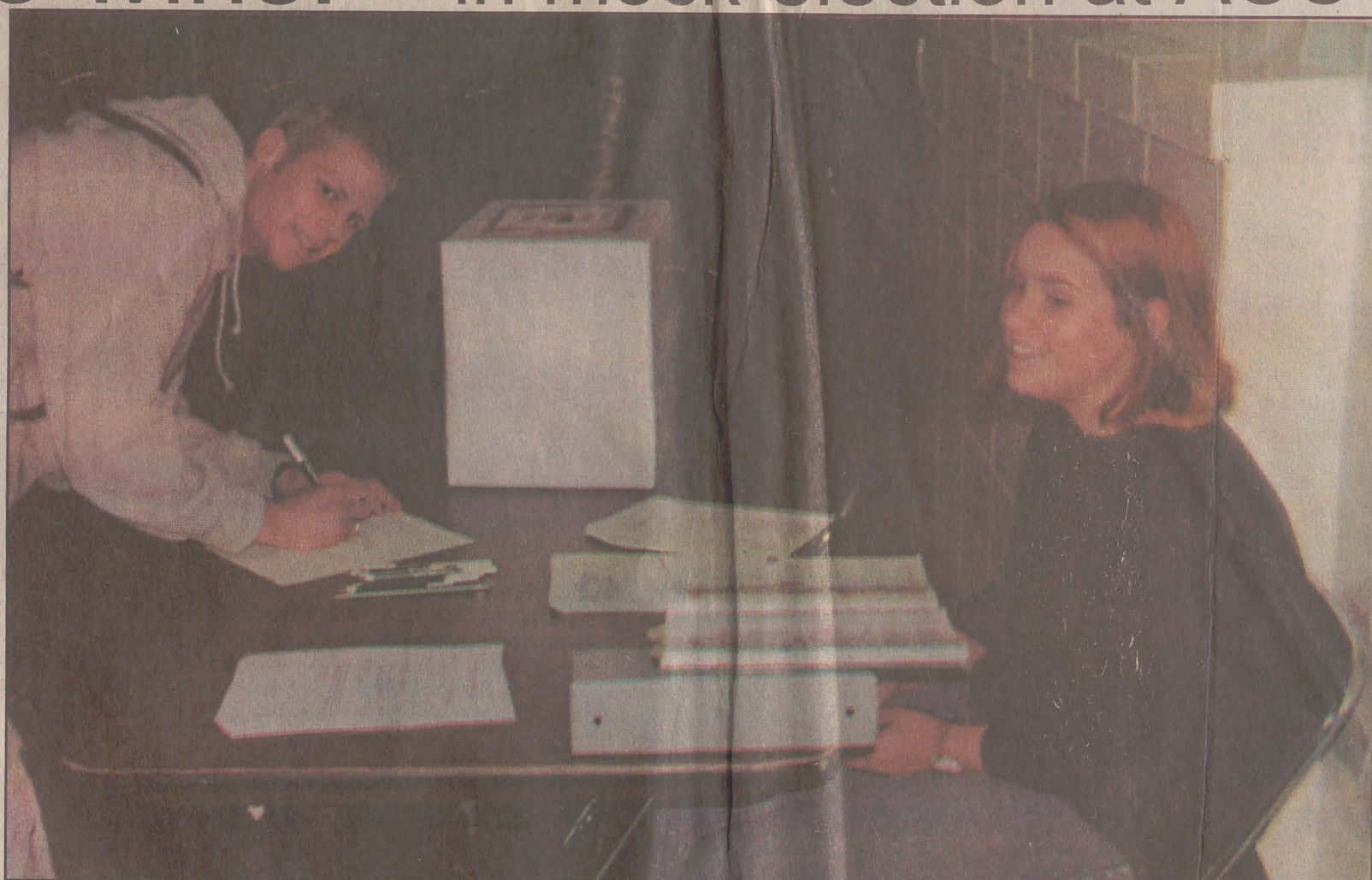


Photo by Jocelyn Haske

Student Joshua Brege votes in mock election. At right, volunteer Kathleen Borowski assists with voter questions.

vote on Nov 7.

"There's a lot of talk about students and the younger generation not voting," said Political Science instructor Aaron

Veselenak.

In several instances students told him they didn't participate not because they didn't care but because they weren't well informed on the

issues and the candidates.

"I respected that. I would like to see their voter count increase, but so long as they are educating themselves."

According to Veselenak, uneducated, ignorant votes can do harm.

"Educate yourself first and then go out and make an See Mock Election Page 3

AGH Cancer Center scheduled for completion in spring 2001

ALICIA WELLS
Staff Writer

Alpena General Hospital is building a cancer center. The center will provide many services in a partnership with the University of Michigan Health System.

Currently Alpena General Hospital offers chemotherapy, but with the cancer center, radiation therapy also will be

provided. Along with radiation therapy, a community resource center will be available to inform the public on many diseases and general health care.

Program Administrator Chuck Sherwin said the center will be very helpful for many cancer patients because of the many services provided in one area. An average cancer patient makes 100 trips for

treatment each year. The patient will be able to walk into the center at one time, receive multiple services, and see the same staff, which makes treatment much easier and more comfortable.

"The center expects to treat 600 patients per year, with about half in radiation therapy," said Sherwin. That also means about 30 patients per day in radiation therapy,

and 20-30 in chemotherapy.

Plans call for the cancer center to open in the spring of 2001. Sherwin said patients are expected to travel from the Upper Peninsula, from as far south as Oscoda, and as far west as Traverse City.

"It will be a much shorter distance for someone in the Upper Peninsula to travel to Alpena than all the way to Ann Arbor for treatment at the

University of Michigan," said Sherwin.

AGH is in the process of hiring a radiation oncologist from the University of Michigan and hopes to recruit other staff for the facility also.

The facility will allow staff to research in areas of prevention, quality of life, treatment and therapy.

"The cancer center will benefit the community because

more and more citizens are being diagnosed with cancer who want to be treated close to home," said Bud Wegmeyer. "I had to make 33 trips to Petoskey for my treatment. The center will allow patients to go for treatment and be back for lunch with the family if they like."

Vote today, Nov. 7

Generation of kissing rears

CHANDA WEKWERT
Contributing Writer

Politics is a dying religion. Corrupt politicians stand at the pulpit, preaching to empty pews. The era of kissing babies is over; ours is the generation of kissing rears.

I think some of the best entertainment this time of year, every four years, is the presidential debates. Candidates talk circles around themselves and their opponents, minutes upon hours on end without really saying anything at all.

Mediator: "Why would you make a better president?"

Candidate: "I totally agree."

The whole scene reminds me of a Miss America Pageant. All that's missing is

the swimsuit competition. Personally, I'm glad that part of the contest is left out.

There are a number of reasons people don't vote anymore. The primary reason: they don't care. And, if it doesn't directly concern them, why should they take time out to vote?

Which leads directly to another reason: they're too busy. And many people don't vote because they don't think they can make a difference with one vote. Despite all the "well, in this case, one vote really did make a difference" scenarios you paint, what are the odds? How can one vote make a difference if we really don't vote for the president ourselves?

I mean, a whole other group of nameless individuals vote for the seat, and

whichever clone has the better smile and prettiest eyes gets the vote.

Politicians are a breed apart, destined forever to be cast as older, pot-bellied, balding or graying, sniveling, shrewd, lying, empty-eyed givers of faith; planting the seed in a different spot maybe, but if and after he/she is re-elected, sitting back and watching it fade away again.

And who, by any stretch of the imagination, is allowed to choose the candidates? I mean, anyone with any common sense would choose people with likewise abilities. Somewhere out there, a group of hopelessly bored individuals, or terminally insane inmates, make a long list of everyone they've ever heard of on television or read about in any magazines,

including Charles Manson, Dick VanDyke, Kathy Lee Gifford, and the Marlboro Man.

Then they flip a coin to see who should run and for what office.

And what if an ordinary person wanted such a coveted seat as the presidency? Is there some small-print rule that states one must be related to a former president, or have worked under one?

If so, watch out, I can see a certain former intern on the horizon. And after that rule, is there another one, in two-point type, that states all candidates must sell their soul to a pre-approved advisory board on lease from a personality-challenged Hell?

Interesting fact from a fun political history: in almost every case, the taller candidate gets the vote. Pre-approved points of view aside, the taller one is simply

less weak and feeble than his/her vertically challenged opponent.

In this case, size does matter.

From my experience, candidates say more by keeping their mouths shut than when they do finally open them to utter a few useless monosyllables. Example from the presidential debates:

Mediator: "What is your foreign policy for military action?"

Candidate: "Uh huh, that's right."

In truth, he has no plan for action. If the time comes for him to act his part, he speed dials his old weed or war buddies from college to roll the die on who to head up his new foreign actions advisory council.

On any real issues such as abortion or the unsure future

of Social Security, the candidate is brainwashed for days on end to evade the question and talk circles around it until time is called.

Penalty for those who show any form of emotion or mental preference is watching the same episode of Gilligan's Island for three days straight. Which, I am sure, would drive just about anyone crazy.

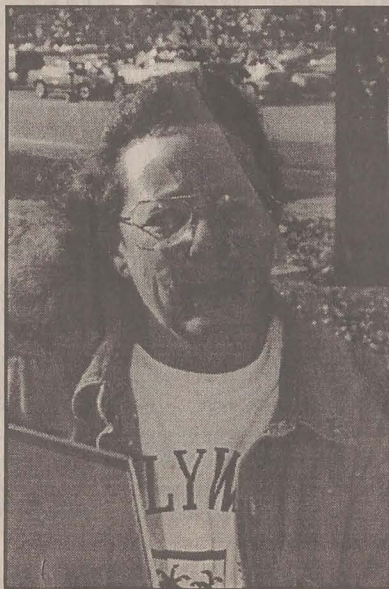
For his/her next job, that candidate can be a dice roller for the next election. Or he/she can always put in an application to the Personality-Challenged Advisory Board.

Politics in America is in a downward spiral. A dirty taboo with no clean-slate relief in sight, politicians strive for election in a non-voting society. As for myself, I'll trip over to the voting booths and utilize the write-in ballot.

Lumberjack voices: Who do you hope wins the election?



Chris Kline
"Some girl in my science class"



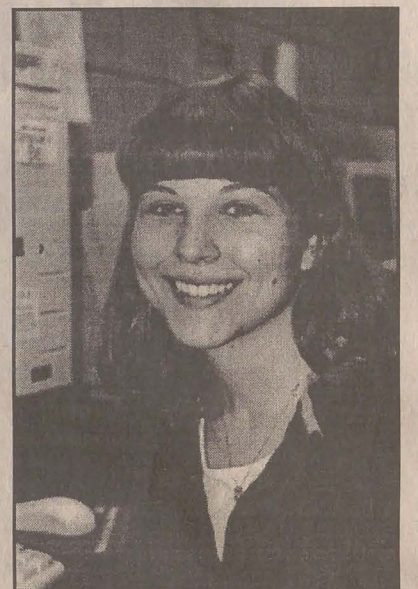
Kate Splitt
"I'd just as soon it be Ralph Nader. But a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush so I'm going to have to vote for Gore."



Josh Brage
"I think Bush will win... next time Hilary Clinton will be running for the Democrats."



Heather Cotter
"I'm voting for George Bush. I just think he would do the job better. I don't really like Al Gore that much."



Lisa Budnik
"I think Al Gore. I don't watch TV so I don't really follow political stands right now."

Financial aid needs reform

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First of a two-part column

"If a nation seeks to be ignorant and free it expects

what never was and never will be. Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government."

--Thomas Jefferson to

Dr. Price, 1789.

I remember standing in the cashier line at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. As I glanced at my receipt an unnerving shrill of anxiety raced through me. I didn't have enough money for my classes. My dad assumed most of my college would be



paid for through financial aid. He wrote out a check for \$6,000 to cover the rest of my bill.

Due to lack of communication and information, I was forced to

Perspective

accept a hard lesson in my life. Money is one of the most important reasons that I have not finished college yet. I am still learning to understand the system and how it works.

This could be an important political issue for financial aid reform. The present system is backwards. Dr. Michael T. Nettles, is a higher education professor at U of M. His article 'Pursuing Broader Participation and Greater Benefit from Federal College Student Financial Aid' looks at the history of the system' and some interesting statistics.

The rising cost of post secondary education has increased more than student income and the packages of federal and state assistance. School costs 90% more than

it did in 1980. Financial aid pays for less. Financial grant in aid awards will pay less than 23% of college costs. More college students are dependent on the government to pay for schooling and are constrained by an unequal balance of grants and loans.

The amount of debt that students have accumulated is confounding. But if you desire the life that an education may bring, that is just the way it is -like it or not. Debt has become a necessity in our consumer economy.

Federal aid programs are possible through the Title IV higher education act of 1965. The idea behind Title 4 is to help every student in America have the opportunity to attend college. But as most of us know this opportunity

and the criteria to afford it are two different things.

Another area of concern is student withdrawal from college for the financial aid system and for the taxpayer. An amazing point is that a figure for college drop out rates is not known but estimated high. This raises questions about the system of how the money is distributed and why student withdrawal is not easily calculated.

Loans must be repaid after the grace period. But if financial aid is in the form of a grant it may not have to be repaid. This depends on the policies set between federal, state and the local school. New laws are changing the policies for financial aid and students who withdraw.

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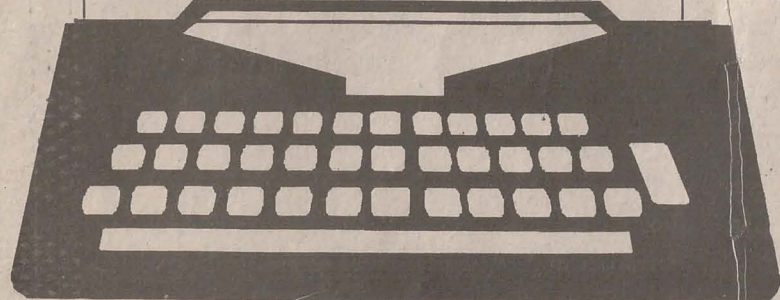
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ACC women nominated for Athena Award

NEWSWIRE

Two women who work at ACC have been nominated to receive the Athena Award sponsored by the Alpena Zonta Club.

Lorraine Reuther, an adjunct professor at Spring Arbor College, and Bonnie Urlaub, director of the Women's Resource Center, are among five people nominated for the prestigious award.

The award annually recognizes an individual for professional excellence, commitment to the

community, and, most importantly, his/her work in assisting women in attaining their full potential.

This year's Athena winner will be announced Friday, Nov. 10 at a luncheon at Alpena Civic Center.

Reuther is a former high school instructor of English, drama, speech and journalism.

She served as foundation and resource development director at ACC for three years. During that time, the foundation's assets grew

from \$1 million to \$2.8 million.

Reuther also worked with ACC as a business partner in the National Workplace Literacy Program. As a management consultant, she is involved in training and individual consulting for businesses, nonprofit organizations and academic institutions.

She is the recipient of many awards for her outstanding teaching and for her regional and national work with scholastic journalism.

A need for diversity programs is

questioned

BECKY SCHMIDT

Staff Writer

Imagine that you are a student attending ACC from another country.

Imagine that you are an Asian-American student who just moved to town. Imagine that you are a Native American student or an African American student. Perhaps you are a lesbian, bisexual or gay student.

What if you encountered prejudice? What if you wanted to share your experiences with someone like yourself who might understand? Where would you turn? Does ACC have any services or programs to assist you?

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The on-line student guide to financial aid states "The law now specifies how your school must determine the amount of financial aid assistance that you earn if you withdraw". Schools have not been required to apply this part of the law until October 7th of this year. If a student with-

draws from college during a payment period of enrollment, the financial aid earned is determined by formula. This is complicated system because it depends on if the school is even required to return any funds. Most of the time, grant funds do not have to be returned in full. This is where the whole problem festers in ethical and financial dilemmas.

ACC Dean of Student Affairs Max Lindsay said the college considers minority students anyone who checks the boxes on the application, which refer to different racial and ethnic categories.

That information is used as a means of obtaining statistics sent to the State of Michigan.

When asked whether ACC had any programs in place to attract more minority students, Lindsay's response was: "Athletics."

Lindsay said there are classes on campus that address race relations, such as some of the student development classes.

He also said that he just received information on a Federal

program for race relations in which the college could participate.

Athletic Director Frank McCourt, who is also a counselor and an instructor, said race relations were discussed in many of the career development and counseling courses that he participates in.

In order to prepare incoming students from different backgrounds, McCourt tells them that ACC is in a predominately Caucasian area.

Bobby Allen, ACC's assistant athletic director, said that the majority of minority students on campus are athletes.

He also stated that he sees "a need" for some type of programs for minorities.

The students who withdraw from school deny themselves the opportunity that is their constitutional right, according to the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Other students who differ in financial need on paper may be denied adequate funding to complete their education. They will secure high debt in order to better their quality of life.

The government is wasting money that it is obligated by law to pay. But if a student withdraws from college, they are not held accountable for grant funds in the same way as they are as loans.

Tax dollars supply the government with these funds and also pay the interest on defaulted student loans. The taxpayer may not be aware of how there money is spent in these areas.

The federal government may be losing funding education because of the present system. It will ultimately fail to provide stewards for our future. Government cannot continue to contribute in this way while keeping students dependent on its funding and driving us further in debt.

Our local communities lose when a student drops out.

The most disappointing of all this is only half of the nations students graduate in six years. *Other minor issues contribute to problems for the students themselves in the present system. This will be continued in part two of this article in the next Polemic issue.*

A chance to see your name in print!

ACC students and staff are encouraged to submit items for publication in the new literary magazine (see story on Page 4).

Poetry, short stories, fiction, non-fiction, artwork, and photography are being solicited.

Anyone interested in

In the community, she has been active in the Alpena Rotary Club, a board member for Child and Family Services and Alpena Civic Theater, and has been a fundraising consultant, among many other pursuits.

Urlaub established and now directs the Women's Resource Center at ACC with services and activities to help women increase self-esteem, improve communications skills, develop their full potential and have control and direction in their lives.

As an ACC counselor, Urlaub has worked tirelessly with a focus on women's issues. She personally counsels more than 300 women per year.

In the community, she has served on the Senior Citizens Board, Area Agency on Aging Council, Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, 4-C Child Care Council, and the board of Shelter, Inc.

She also was appointed to the Michigan Legislature Blue Ribbon Panel on Gender Equity in School Athletics.

Young people share all voters' priority for education in the election, but unlike older voters, they are more interested in civil rights.

The top five issues cited by 18-24 year-olds as "very important" in determining their vote for

Mock election

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informed vote. Take the time to read the papers, watch the news, go on the computer; the Internet is a great source of information."

Studies show that students are prone to vote Democrat because they generally believe Democrats are going to do more on behalf of college students.

Faculty, staff, and administrators at colleges and universities are naturally more liberal, viewing Democrat candidates to be more sympathetic to education.

nine out of ten 88 percent support efforts to expand health insurance coverage. Fifty-one percent support a limited effort that wouldn't involve a tax increase, while 37 percent favor a major effort that would require a tax increase.

More than three out of four 76 percent favor giving patients the right to sue their health plans. On other health issues, a majority of young people consider it "very important" to provide prescription drug coverage for seniors 64 percent, make

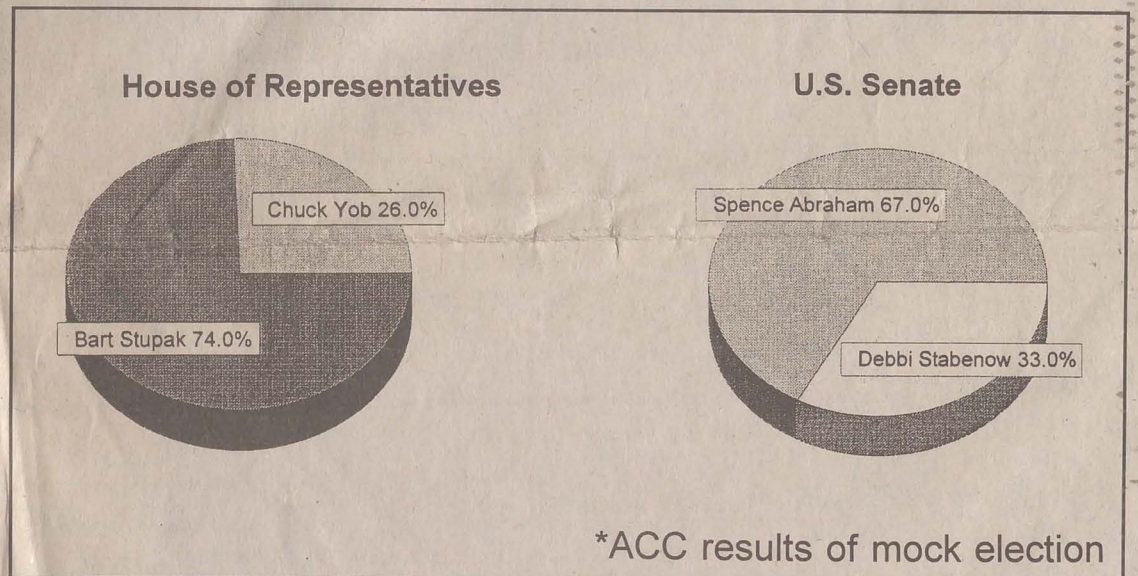
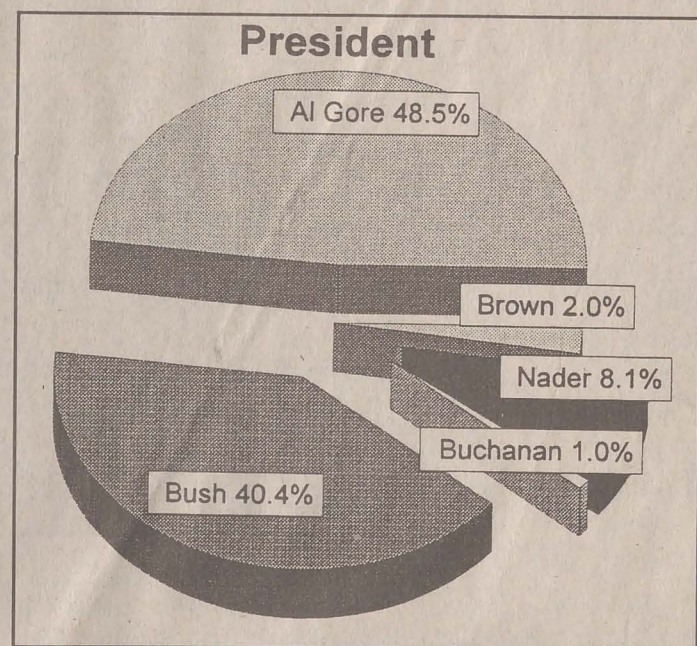
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The most important influences are the following: family, educational environment and achievement of the individual, peers, religion, economic status and occupation, majority (54 percent) opposes legalization of marijuana for personal use.

Eighty percent support comprehensive sex education in schools, but they are split on abortion rights.

Fifty-one percent say government shouldn't interfere with a woman's right



to choose, while 44 percent say abortion should be prohibited except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

There was virtually no difference in how young men and young women responded on the abortion issue.

Seventy-three percent of young adults favor giving parents more options through school vouchers, but more than half 53 percent oppose giving workers the option of putting a portion of their Social Security benefits in the stock market.

president are education 86 percent, jobs and the economy 79 percent, crime and violence 74 percent, health care 68 percent and civil rights 67 percent.

On the topic of how to spend the federal budget, the largest proportion 44 percent of 18-24 year-olds want to see it used to provide funds to improve education.

Only 13 percent favor using the surplus to protect Medicare and Social Security and 10 percent want it used for tax cuts.

On health care, nearly

Medicare financially sound 58 percent, and provide long term health care 56 percent.

"Despite their youth, this generation clearly cares about issues like health care that we traditionally think of as appealing primarily to older voters," noted Vicky Rideout of the Kaiser Foundation.

"They have enough perspective to see the importance of issues like Medicare, long term care, and prescription drug coverage for seniors."

Baiting ban important for deer population

RYAN RUBY
Staff Writer

With the fall 2000 firearm deer season approaching, there are many questions and speculations about the new feeding regulations due to bovine tuberculosis.

As of last June 8, regulations were set by the Michigan Natu-

ral Resources Commission reducing the amount of allowable bait from five gallons to two gallons in the lower peninsula and maintaining the limit of five gallons in the upper peninsula.

Additionally, baiting and recreational feeding will be prohibited in a county when one or more bovine TB-positive deer are confirmed. The ban goes into effect immediately when bovine TB deer are confirmed.

Hunters may place bait for deer any day during the permitted deer hunting season, but must not exceed the daily limit. It can be spread by mechanical or spin-cast feeders.

A healthy habitat is very important in maintaining a good deer population. Due to man, deer habitat has changed dramatically throughout the last 200 years.

And, depending on the severity of the winter, the population of the deer fluctuates.

The DNR's goal is to maintain a lower deer population than in recent years. DNR officials are depending on the hunting community to do this.

In a study, the DNR stated that in recent years, incidences of bovine tuberculosis have declined significantly in yearlings. That means that fewer adults are getting sick and won't be infected later on.

The DNR hopes that the deer herd will be back to normal in the next 10-15 years.

Baiting laws may be a nuisance to hunters, but were designed to maintain the deer herd and allow many more years of recreation for generations to come.

Remember to vote November 7th

Alpena County Democratic Party endorsements

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Experiencing Michigan's unique beauty

MATT FRANKLIN
Staff Writer

Have you ever looked at something so beautiful it took your breath away? That's the feeling I got over and over a couple of weekends ago.

A couple of friends and I traveled about four hours to the Upper Peninsula to a place called Pictured Rocks, located between Grand Marais and Munising. It stretches about 28 miles along the shoreline of Lake Superior, consisting of beaches, cliffs, waterfalls and rivers.

The drive up there was amazing in its own sense with the fall colors providing quite a show, but what I saw when I got there I just couldn't believe.

The sandstone cliffs that give Pictured Rocks its name reach up to 300 feet in height, and consist of all kinds of colors making a spectacular view from any perspective.

The water is so crystal clear you can see bottom at 30 or 40 feet. The monster waves that crash into the cliff's walls create some of the most amazing sights I have ever seen.

There are cracks, crevices, caves, arches, rock pillars, and so many more things to see you just wouldn't believe it unless you were there.

I've seen mountains in the east and west, but when



Miner's Castle is just one of the breathtaking rock formations along the Lake Superior shoreline at Pictured Rocks.

you look over the edge of a 300-foot cliff it's a feeling like no other.

Don't get me wrong, mountains are beautiful and I don't take anything away

from them, but if you get the chance at any time, experience Michigan's unique beauty and take a trip to Pictured Rocks.

It's not an easy hike,

especially with a 60-pound pack on, but believe me, it is well worth it. It's an experience I will never forget.

Are you ready to face the Ol' Man?

SHAWNA THOMPSON
Staff Writer

With blustering snowstorms and frigid temperatures just around the corner, Michiganders will be hustling about preparing for the cold winter months ahead.

Owners of summer cottages and homes are going through the winterizing process that is so common in northern Michigan.

The most important chore will be draining all water pipes, toilets, dishwashers and hot water heaters to avoid breakage.

"It is much wiser to consult a licensed master plumber to do the job," said Ron Paul of Paul Bunyan Plumbing in Gaylord, "than to wait too late or avoid the situation altogether and have disaster."

An inexpensive \$70 to \$100 to have a professional winterize your home or cottage can save a whole lot of headache and hard-earned money.

A neglected water system can cost thousands of dollars including the replacement of ruined carpets, ceilings, and drywall.

Traveling does not stop for the old man either, and safety precautions should be taken to keep vehicles in tip-top shape. New all-season tires are crucial when driving

on snow-covered, slippery roads. Lloyd Creager of Pal Enterprises in Gaylord advised.

"It's a good idea to have your oil changed to a lightweight oil such as 5W30 and use a battery tester to make sure your cold cranking amps will hold up."

Those who normally mix a 50/50 mixture of windshield washer fluid and water should replace it with 100 percent fluid.

And of course, never forget what your wise elders have told you. ALWAYS carry a winter emergency kit in your vehicle consisting of a warm blanket, extra winter apparel, flashlight and kitty litter for traction.

Snowmobiling is a popular recreational activity for Northerners and the difference between an exhilarating ride and a foot-numbing walk all has to do with proper maintenance of the sled.

Before the first ride of the year, a simple but thorough inspection should be done, including checking all fluids and replacing any worn parts.

The wear rods on the bottoms of the skis should be replaced every year to prevent any difficulty in steering and controlling the snowmobile. Check the track and make necessary adjustments if it is loose.

Always carry with you an extra drive belt, replacement spark plugs and plug, wrench, a trail map and extra gloves.

Last but not least, avoid thin ice, do not drink and ride and NEVER go alone!

Keeping all this in mind, we should all welcome Old Man Winter with open arms because we know we will be prepared, ready and waiting for yet another fun-filled, snowy season.

Have fun, and most important of all, BE SAFE!!

Event raises awareness about homelessness

DANA HEITZ
Staff Writer

Dozens of people, boxes, and burning barrels filled the parking lot of the Michigan Works office, located on Chisholm Street, on the night of Saturday, Oct. 21.

The group consisted of high school and college students from chaperoned youth groups, as well as families. They camped there all night, in a joint effort by the Alpena Homeless Coalition and the Catholic Youth Commission to promote homeless awareness in Alpena.

Sally Lindsey, of the Homeless Coalition, said the purpose of the event was not only to raise awareness, but to generate donations, which were received in the form of canned goods or pledges the young people brought in.

The canned food was

given to Shelter, Inc. and the Sunrise Mission, who, along with Call Us for Help, also received money.

This is the third year that students have slept "on the streets," but the first year they've done it at the Michigan Works office. The event was moved from the Farmer's Market near the Harborside Mall, Lindsey said, in an effort to make the project more visible to the public.

The evening consisted of a prayer service, followed by a meal of soup and bread. Then the students were divided into groups and given a scenario dealing with homelessness. They created a skit based upon this scenario, which they performed for the entire group.

After the skits came a group-wide discussion of the

trials of being homeless. Several representatives of local homeless agencies and shelters participated in the discussion.

John LaCross, 14, said he heard about the program through his older brother, and registered through St. Bernard Church's youth group. He thought the worst parts about being homeless would be the social stigma, as well as the uncertainty from day to day.

Kaylyn Lauer, 14, agreed. "I think the worst part would be not having any certain place to go. This campout is a great thing to try to bring awareness of that."

While the event did bring homelessness to the forefront of daily Alpena life, its purpose was to do only that, not to be an authentic representation of homelessness in this area. The boxes

were mostly for "purposes of dramatization," said Lindsey. "Most (of the homeless) don't choose to sleep in boxes."

She explained that people are more likely to stay with a friend or relative, sometimes to the point where "15-20 are living in a two- or three-

bedroom apartment."

Then, when the landlord finds out, all the inhabitants are evicted, resulting in even more people with no place to go.

LaCross offered this advice to the general public, regarding the homeless: "Pray for them."

Literary magazine to debut

BECKY SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

ACC is officially getting on the map in the literature and art communities.

A literary arts magazine will be published, with plans calling for publication of the first issue in April 2001. The magazine will be student-run and will consist of students' work in the arts and literature.

This won't be the first of its kind, though. There was another literary arts magazine at ACC.

"I've seen copies of it. It was called Earth magazine.

It was here in the Seventies and Terry Hall, (an instructor), was a part of that," said Thomas Ray, English instructor.

The new publication will be free and available to students and staff similar to the Polemic with copies placed in main student gathering areas.


Three student editors have been chosen for the magazine: Kathy Ann Ellsworth, Dan Lewandowski, and Christy Golder.

Three faculty members also have been working on the project, with support from the English department and

the department head, Roger Phillips: Lori Wade from the art department, Denise Bazzett from the English department and Thomas Ray, also from the English department.

The first student editors will have a path to cut because the format and name has not yet been chosen. According to both Bazzett and Ray, the editors will be choosing the name and will be instrumental in formatting the size and structure of the magazine.

The English department will fund the project.



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Love Cyber Style: reflections on internet relationships

CHANDA WEKWERT
Contributing Writer

Ahh, love is in the air. In this day and age, it is also in gigabytes and hard drives as well. How could two people, or maybe three, meet in a room that doesn't exist in real time, fall in love, make love, plan to meet and maybe run away with each other?

This baffles me. Perhaps I'm old-fashioned, but that notion does not answer questions about the person's real identity, sex, race, prison record, previous pornographic inclinations, or age.

Chat rooms bring to life many friendships that would not have been born otherwise. I am aware that many of those do not go beyond the 'hi, what's up?' stage, but several do. And from what I gather, those go in two categories.

"Cyber" relationships, are, well, based on that. Enough said, though I still can't figure out how anyone actually gets enjoyment out of that sort of thing.

The second category happens very rarely but the results can be rather frightening.

Now I know the many urban legends surrounding long-distance love. Let's say a middle-aged female with a husband and kids finds

a man online and runs away to meet him. He reportedly is a serial killer who, upon luring the trusting woman into his house, kills her and hides her body in a barrel in the barn at the edge of his property.

Apparently, for this legend, someone had to find out, or smell out, or we still wouldn't know what happened to her.

This circumstance, real or otherwise based in folklore, is becoming more abundant because of the relationships formed in the shadowy depths of the internet.

Then there's the talk show factor. Out of sheer boredom I've turned on some random act of lunacy and found people exclaiming "I met my true love online and now we're going to meet face to face."

I can just see it read more aptly as "A quick way to gain fame by meeting this person I've only talked to a few times and have never seen them. But I will act overjoyed and exhilarated to meet, then never talk to that person again."

Or maybe something of the sort, "I met my one true love online, but I'm too cheap to fly out to meet him/her and I'm afraid

he/she is a serial killer."

There is also the rumor of a "happily-ever-after" online. That two people will meet, swear their undying devotion, meet in real life, in real time, and actually live happily-ever-after for the rest of their lives.

Well, in my book, the odds against this rare occurrence rate right alongside getting abducted by a sub-religious cult that worships bread mold whose motto is "right door." Okay, in this day and age, anything can happen.

As for myself, I am romantic to the core. But as you can tell, I am skeptical about trying to define something as indefinable anyways as love, especially when the slippery web of an internet courtship is in the way.

In this technological world in which we live, I suppose anything can happen, including a true love born between the filaments of cyberspace.

But until the "right door" representatives come knocking on my door with pamphlets on the benefits of bread mold to everyday life, I'll stay a skeptic.

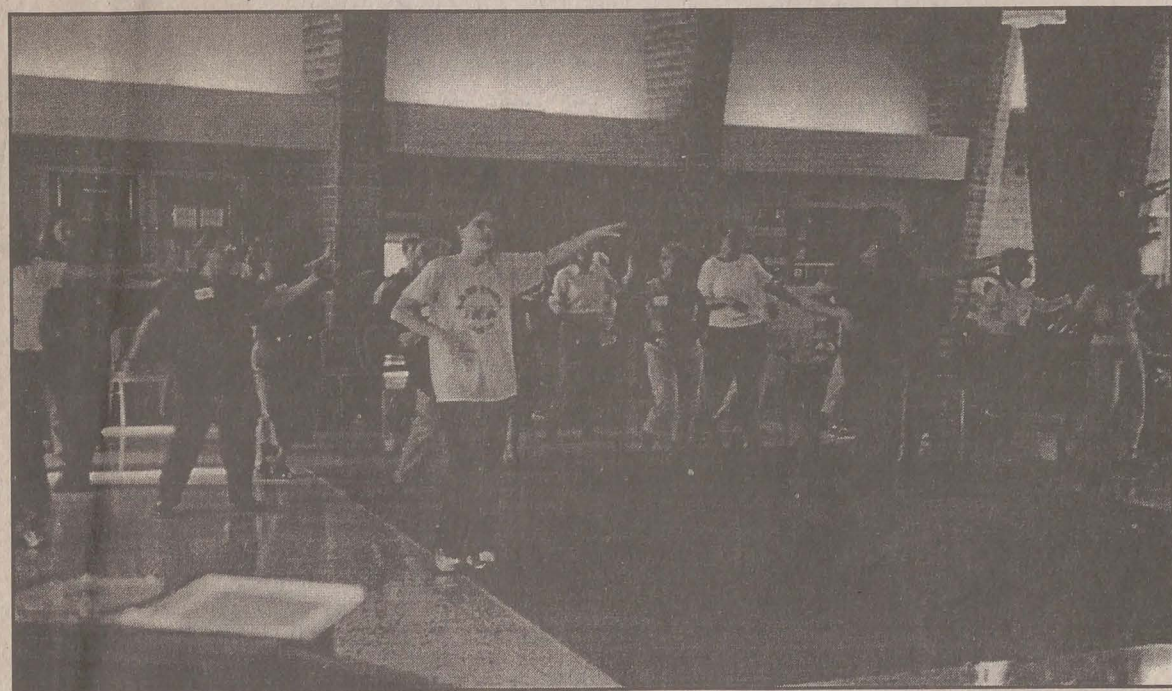


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Women attend a Latin-Swing class during the annual College Day for Women. The program featured 29 sessions on a variety of topics. The event once again received high marks from participants.

Tired? Take a nap!

ROXANE SNYDER
LAURA PARKS
Staff Writers

Everyone should take a nap during the day, according to sleep expert Gregg Jacobs, Ph.D., author of "Say Good Night to Insomnia."

"The benefits of napping are widely researched and scientifically validated," he says. He reports that people are more sleep-deprived than ever and that's causing big trouble.

The author notes "sleepiness is right behind drunkenness as the primary cause of automobile accidents."

He also points out the frequency of industrial accidents increases at the traditional napping time, between 1 and 4 p.m.

A nap can be the most rejuvenating thing you can do in the middle of the day, and it may even increase productivity. You can learn to nap sitting straight up or in a mediation posture on the floor. Sleep experts agree

that naps can help people become more creative.

Napping requires discipline, and that takes time to develop. Here are some tips from Jacobs to getting started.

-Pinpoint the moments when need to relax your mind. If you pay attention, you'll see there are times when you just don't feel like you are all there.

-Go to a spot where you can sit comfortably; you don't have to lie down to relax.

-Set your alarm for 10 minutes at first; you can take more time if you have it. Sometimes napping for much longer than 30 minutes makes you feel unmotivated.

-Close your eyes, scan your body for tension and begin to let go. If your mind races, gently begin to focus your attention to the center of your heart and try to follow your breathing as it passes there. RELAX. Hold your attention very loosely. You

may drift off or you may not, but after about 10 minutes you should feel a little more refreshed.

Other reasons to nap, according to Jacobs, are:

-The recuperative affects of an afternoon nap can make up for the loss of an hour of nighttime sleep.

-Multiple naps can lessen the impact of subsequent sleep deprivation.

-Even a 15-minute rest can approve your alertness, performance and mood for hours.

-Naps, not caffeine, can help you prevent motor vehicle accidents caused by sleep deprivation.

-You'll be able to do your homework longer!

NOTICE
The November scholarship reception has been rescheduled for March. Details will follow in February.

Student Senate surveys solicit ideas

JOCELYN HASKE
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"Let your Student Activities Fee work for you!" read the surveys recently distributed on campus.

About 55 survey-filled envelopes were given to instructors to pass out in class. Of those, 555 individual surveys were returned, one fourth of the student population.

The ACC Student Senate has a budget of about \$13,000, a portion of which comes from each student's activities fee.

According to Student Senate President Kati

Wiegand, the survey was conducted to get an idea of what students are really interested in.

Will the suggestions and comments be taken into consideration?

"Definitely," said Wiegand. "A big majority of voters thought there should be a better crosswalk sign. We will work on that and will do everything to enhance the pedestrian safety and awareness."

Topics addressed on the survey included student activity options, sports, safety of the Johnson Street crosswalk, and campus accommodations.

Student suggestions included: a healthier vending machine selection such as sandwiches, fruit, and soup.

Those who take night classes would like a coffee machine, particularly in the Nursing Building. Those who spend time in the Van Lare Commons area suggested a microwave and a TV with captions.

About 134 survey participants want a baseball team, 142 a soccer team.

Other interests included a pool table, music program, pep rally for ACC's sports teams, and additional lighting between Van Lare and the parking lot.

HOROSCOPE

TINA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Scorpio
(October 23- November 21)
Jog, roller blade, jump rope... your sign is pointing to vigorous exercise this month. It also warns you to watch your step; a pile of doggy poop may be in your path.

Capricorn
(December 21- January 19)
You will meet a bearded man wearing a bright orange hat and green make-up. Don't be alarmed, just duck!

Pisces
(February 18- March 19)
Visit the ACC library November 20. Go to the furthest table from the door and you will meet somebody just like you!

Taurus
(April 20-May 19)
Watch out for falling stars... if the next one doesn't hit you in the head and make you go crazy, it will make your Craziest wish come true.

Cancer
(June 21-July 21)
Be advised: Don't kill any spiders. They could be an incarnated ancestor.

Virgo
(August 23- September 21)
Buy a can of "fresh breath", a tube of Chapstick, and new underwear. You will meet an intriguing member of the opposite sex this month.

Sagittarius
(November 22- December 20)
You are going to have a few down days this month. Visit www.rotten.com to realize life could be a lot worse!

Aquarius
(January 20- February 17)
Remember what you dressed as for Halloween? This may cause you to suffer a temporary identity crisis. Take an hour every day to get back to the real you.

Aries
(March 20- April 19)
Money runs through your fingers like sand... start licking your hands.

Gemini
(May 20-June 20)
That special family member will be at your Thanksgiving table this year. Be polite, take some of the dish they bring to pass, but whatever you do, DON'T EAT IT!

Leo (July 22- August 22)
Red and blue flashing lights bombard your sign this month. You have two choices. Go to the party on Saturday or be sure to have your driver's license and registration.

Libra (September 22- October 22)
Make sure you make it to all your classes this month. Your stars predict that if you don't... a warm feeling will come over you. If this occurs, walk into the light and fear not.



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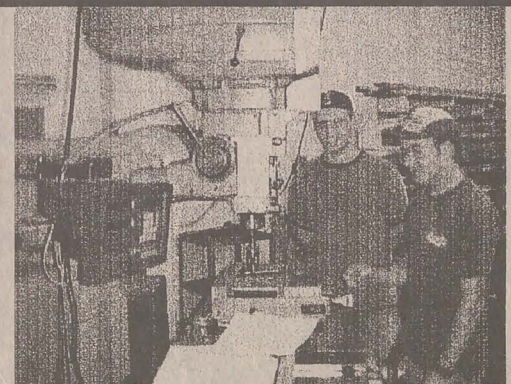
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Five students star in 'Mrs. Warren's Profession'

RYAN SPAULDING
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in seeing a play? ACC's production of "Mrs. Warren's Profession," written by Bernard Shaw and directed by English instructor Tom Ray, will be performed Nov. 16-19.

Ray has also directed the play, "Dracula," as well as several Shakespearean-related plays.

"I enjoy directing very much," Ray said. "It's challenging and creative."

"Mrs. Warren's Profession" is a drama, with comedic elements, about a young woman who discovers her mother is co-owner of a chain of brothels, and their conflict of values.

"It deals with the hypocrisy of society, which is a very meaningful topic even after 100 years since it was

written," said Ray, who acted in last spring's ACC production of "Look Homeward Angel."

The cast consists of five ACC students and one instructor. Jennifer Alsup, a student at ACC, plays the title role of Mrs. Warren. She has also acted in other ACC productions such as "Taming of the Shrew," and "Look Homeward Angel."

"You get to be someone else for a while, and I just have fun with it," Alsup said. "I wouldn't stick with it if I didn't. The hardest part is getting past your boundaries, and realize that it's not you on the stage, but a character you're playing."

Other cast members are Rachel Baumgardner, a dually-enrolled student at Alcona High School and ACC, who plays the daughter, Vivie Warren. She was also in "Taming of the

Shrew," as well as an intern for the Thunder Bay Theater.

Patrick Walchak, a student at ACC, who plays Praed, was cast in the Alpena High School productions, "Diary of Anne Frank," and "Matchmaker."

Mark Breckenridge, an instructor at ACC, who plays Sir George Crofts, was also in "Look Homeward Angel" and "Wait Until Dark."

Marc Gauze, a student at ACC, who plays the Rev. Samuel Gardner, said this is his first play.

"I wanted something different and fun to try. I've always thought it would be a good challenge," he said.

Finally Chip Redker, a student at ACC who plays Frank Gardner, recited a little poem to express his appreciation for being in "Mrs. Warren's Profession."

"Tom Ray, made my day, when he cast me in his play,

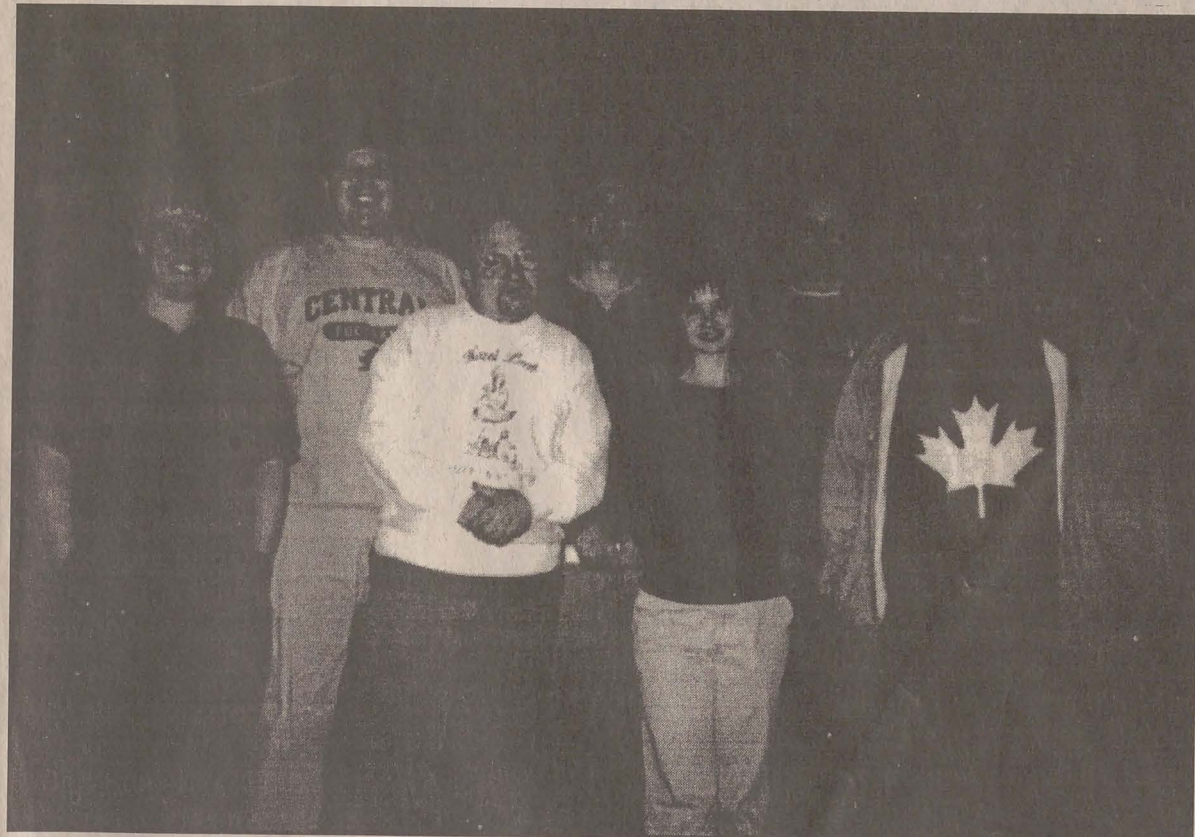


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Cast members from "Mrs. Warren's Profession" pause during rehearsals. Back row, from left, are Chip Redker, Mark Breckenridge, and Tom Ray; front row, from left, are Patrick Walchak, Marc Gauze, Rachel Baumgardner, and Jennifer Alsup. The play opens Nov. 16.

and that's all I have to say," Redker said.

"Mrs. Warren's Profession" will run Nov. 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Robert &

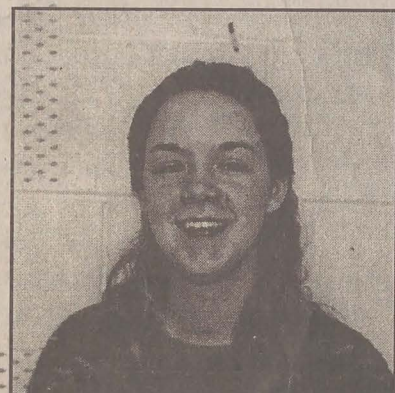
Jacquelynn Granum Theater in the ACC Center.

Admission is free for ACC students, \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for non-ACC students.

"It's a wonderful cast and crew, and we wish you will attend and enjoy the fascinating story of "Mrs. Warren's Profession," Ray said.

What are you watching/listening to/reading?

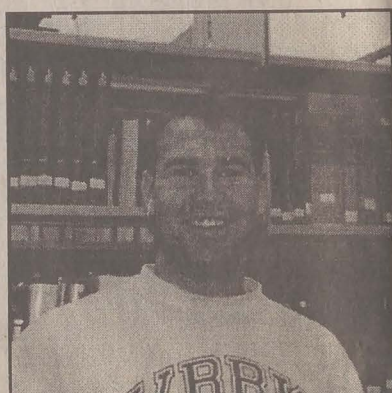
By **ROXANE SNYDER** & **LAURA PARKS**
Staff Writers



Movie

"Very Bad Things." Crystal Troxell

"'Very Bad Things' is a good movie. It's hilarious and shocking. I would recommend this movie to people with a sense of humor."



CD

"Ja Rule" self-titled: Dave Manchester

"I would recommend this CD because he is a good rapper, all the lyrics are good and he can flow really well."



Book

"No One Here Gets Out Alive"-Biography of Jim Morrison: Melisa Woolmer

"I like this book because it is very interesting and had a lot of unknown facts about (Morrison's) life."

How healthy are ACC students' eating habits?

TINA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

ACC students eat less fast food than big university students do. An informal poll revealed the average ACC student stops for fast food

twice a week.

According to the article written by Nanci Hallmich in the Oct. 10 issue of The Detroit News, "eating on the run" is a bigger problem for students at large colleges.

She reports that now students are gaining the "freshman 20" or the "freshman 25," instead of the mystic "freshman 15."

The reason: students often have numerous fast food choices right in their student unions. In MSU's Food Court, for example, there are four: Panda Express, Wendy's, Taco Bell,

and Subway.

Although you can squeeze a couple decent meals from them, eating fast foods regularly will bring on the weight in no time!

A common assumption among ACC students is we eat more fast food than other college students because many of us commute. Surprise: students at four-year schools still beat us!

Lorrie Ballor, 22, commutes to Alpena four days a week, driving approximately two hours each day from Oscoda and rarely eats fast food.

"I think community college students eat better," she said, "because many of us live at home or have more stable eating patterns. We don't live in a dorm on campus."

It's a good thing, too! Did you know a

McDonald's Big Mac Value Meal costs approximately 1,220 calories of our daily allowance? Not to mention the 54 grams of fat.

If you think you've got the system licked by ordering a Filet-O-Fish, think again. A single sandwich has 450

calories and 29 grams of fat!

So transfer students beware. As you move on to bigger colleges and universities, get a handle on the tempting fast food craze. Or you could be gaining the "junior 30"!

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Humor, seriousness reflected in quotes

Following is a sampling of anonymous quotes from the mock election ballots:

-Less government, more of our money back

-I am very pro-choice and Al Gore is for the new RU-406 drug.

-It will be a "Gore"ry victory for the Democratic Party. Yeah.

-Bart Stupak is God.

-So many kids my age are Democratic just because they think they should be. Out of default really. It's a shame.

-Stupak is da bomb.

-Personally, I think that

both of them have double standards and are untrustworthy.

-Why would anyone vote for Stabenow if she wants to take our Pell-Grants away? Not all Democrats are that dumb. Besides, Democrats are for the working class.

-Go Libertarians! WHOO-HOO!

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will pay for my classes while I'm working."

The money doesn't have to be used for just tuition. The award may be used for "eligible costs" as determined by the Michigan Merit Award Board.

These costs include tuition and fees, books, supplies, purchase of a personal computer, room and board, transportation, and even childcare.

Also, the Michigan Merit Award is given regardless of a student's existing scholarships or family income. Because students have up to seven years to use the award, the money also can be applied toward graduate studies.

Some students plan to take advantage of the different options.

"I'll use it for books, tuition, and any fees," said

"Our country's future depends on this election. A woman's right to her own body, her right to choose what to do with her body, with her life will be hanging in the balance if George Bush is elected. We must make the right choice. We must choose Al Gore.

-Viva Nader

high school senior Mael Fritz. "But if I go to an out-of-state university, I'll use it for traveling expenses to and from college."

Overall, students think the Merit Award will benefit them greatly.

"It's a terrific idea," said McConnell. "Students could use the extra cash, it's a nice incentive."

Fritz said, "It's a really good idea. They're dispersing the money in a positive way."

There has been concern over the longevity of the program. With so many students qualifying for the award, the question is, how much longer will the money last?

"I don't think it was well thought-out," said Fritz. "Too many people have passed the test and the money can't last forever."

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Men's hoops ready for season opener

MEGAN FLETCHER
Staff Writer

Tip-off for the 2000-01, Lumberjacks' season is just a week and a half away, but Frank McCourt's men should be ready. The team started running and weight lifting around the second week of school and started practices the first of October.

This year's team is very young; there are only three sophomores on the team. There are 14 players in all.

The three sophomores are Justin Chapman from Toledo, David Manchester from Kalkaska,

and Nick Greenwood from Newberry.

The 11 freshmen are Ronnie Cooper from Ypsilanti, Matt Wachterhauser from Alpena, Shaun Hines from Toledo, Reggie Green from Toledo, Shaun Betts from Toledo, LaGrant Rankin from Ann Arbor, Josh Walker from Toledo, Tyler Eison from Marion, Deverin White from Detroit, Matt Gleason from Alpena, and Jason Teboe from Kalkaska.

Although the team is very young, Coach McCourt feels that if the big men get tough on rebounding, they should do well. This year's team

does have the "best player in the league" and he is sophomore Justin Chapman, said McCourt.

Because of the young team, this year's Lumberjacks could have an interesting season; it all depends on how the team progresses. Right now, the team is "working as good as they can," according to McCourt.

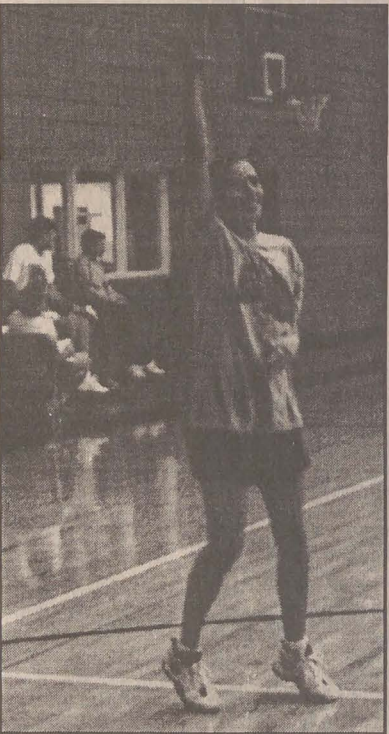
By the time their first game gets here the Jacks will already have scrimmaged Delta, St. Clair, Rochester College, Kirtland, and Soo College.

The first game is at home against Kalamazoo Valley Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.

Lady Jacks feature six returning players

MEGAN FLETCHER
Staff Writer

Nov. 17 officially starts the Lady Lumberjacks' basketball season, however, these



Freshman Katie Claeys calls for the ball in a shooting drill.

athletes have been getting ready for it since the second day of school.

The Lady Lumberjacks started running and weight lifting Aug. 29, and official practices began Oct. 8.

Before their first game the women will have played two scrimmages, one against Kirtland Community College and one against Lake Superior State University.

The scrimmages are "glorified practices," according to head coach Mike Kollien; they are a way to see where the team is and how much further they still need to go.

The Lady Lumberjacks consist of 13 players, seven of whom are freshmen.

The returning players are Rachel Bischoff from Onaway, Katie Rapoza from Kalkaska, Sharlene Neumann from Alpena, Sarah Ellis from DeTour, and Holly Benac from Hillman.

This year's new-

comers are: Holly Newell from DeTour, Roxanne Ewing from Johannesburg-Lewiston, Katie Claeys also from Johannesburg-Lewiston, Laura Grainger from Onaway, Jennifer Tapio from Republic, Erin McDonald from Hillman, Kim Strange from Ellsworth, and Marisa Fenner from Tawas City.

The team is pretty even as far as freshmen and sophomores are concerned.

The sophomores really helped the freshmen adjust so far, Kollien said. Team members seem to be getting along off the court as well as on the court.

The team should be pretty competitive in their conference this year, Kollien said.

"Mott, St. Clair, and Schoolcraft will be the leaders in the conference." He expects his team to finish not too far behind the leaders.

Their first game is at home against Kalamazoo Valley Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

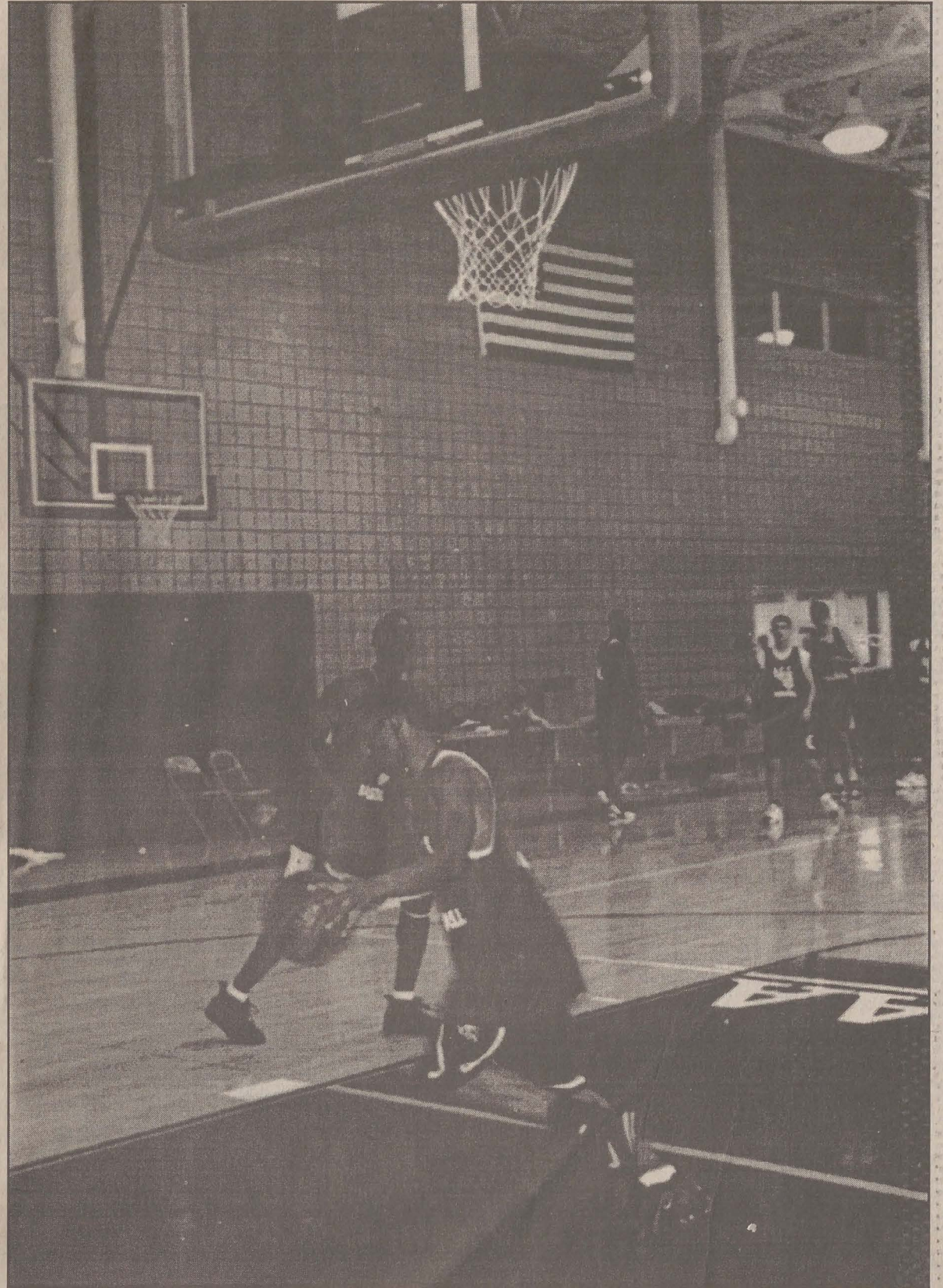
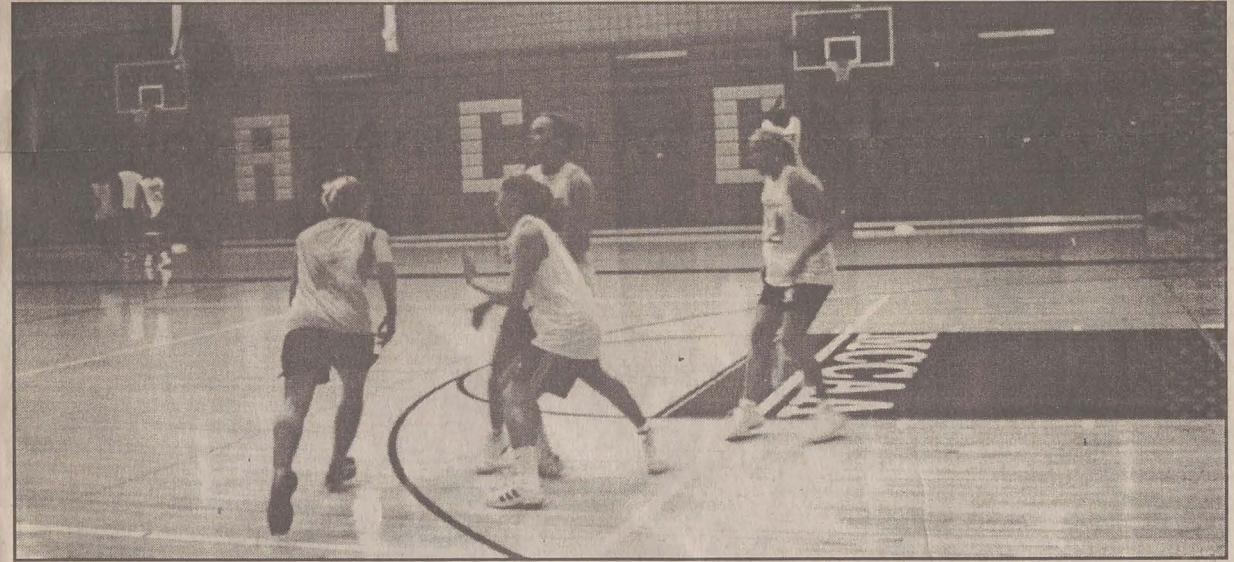


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Ron Cooper (foreground) and Josh Walker run through a drill, preparing for the season opener Nov. 17.



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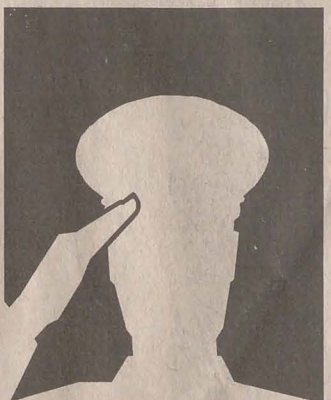
Lady Lumberjacks playing two-on-two are, from left: Roxanne Ewing, Jennifer Tapio, Holly Newell, and Kim Strange.

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LUMBERJACK BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2000 - 2001

Fri.	Nov. 17	East/West Classic Kalamazoo Valley vs. ACC	6 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 18	East/West Classic Muskegon vs. ACC	5 p.m.
Tues.	Nov. 21	at Owens CC (men only)	7 p.m.
Wed.	Nov. 29	Oakland CC	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 1	CAN/AM Classic (men only) Cambrian vs. ACC	8 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 2	CAN/AM Classic Soo Canada vs. ACC	3 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 8	at Muskegon Tournament	5:15 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 9	at Muskegon Tournament	1 or 5:15 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 16	Rochester College J.V. (men only)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 18	at Oakland Tournament (women only)	
Tues.	Dec. 19	at Oakland Tournament	
Wed.	Dec. 20	at Oakland Tournament	
Wed.	Dec. 27	Holiday Inn Christmas Classic ACC vs. Finlandia (w)	6 p.m.
		ACC vs. Delta (m)	8 p.m.
Thurs.	Dec. 28	Women's Consolation	1 p.m.
		Women's Championship	5 p.m.
Thurs.	Dec. 28	Men's Consolation	3 p.m.
		Men's Championship	7 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 3	at Schoolcraft	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 6	at St. Clair	2 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 13	at Wayne	1 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 17	Mott	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 20	Delta	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 22	at Henry Ford	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 24	at Oakland	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 27	Macomb	5:30 p.m.
Sun.	Jan. 28	Macomb	1 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 31	Schoolcraft	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 3	St. Clair (HOMECOMING)	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 5	at Kirtland	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 7	Wayne	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 10	at Mott	1 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 14	at Delta	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 17	Henry Ford	5:30 p.m.

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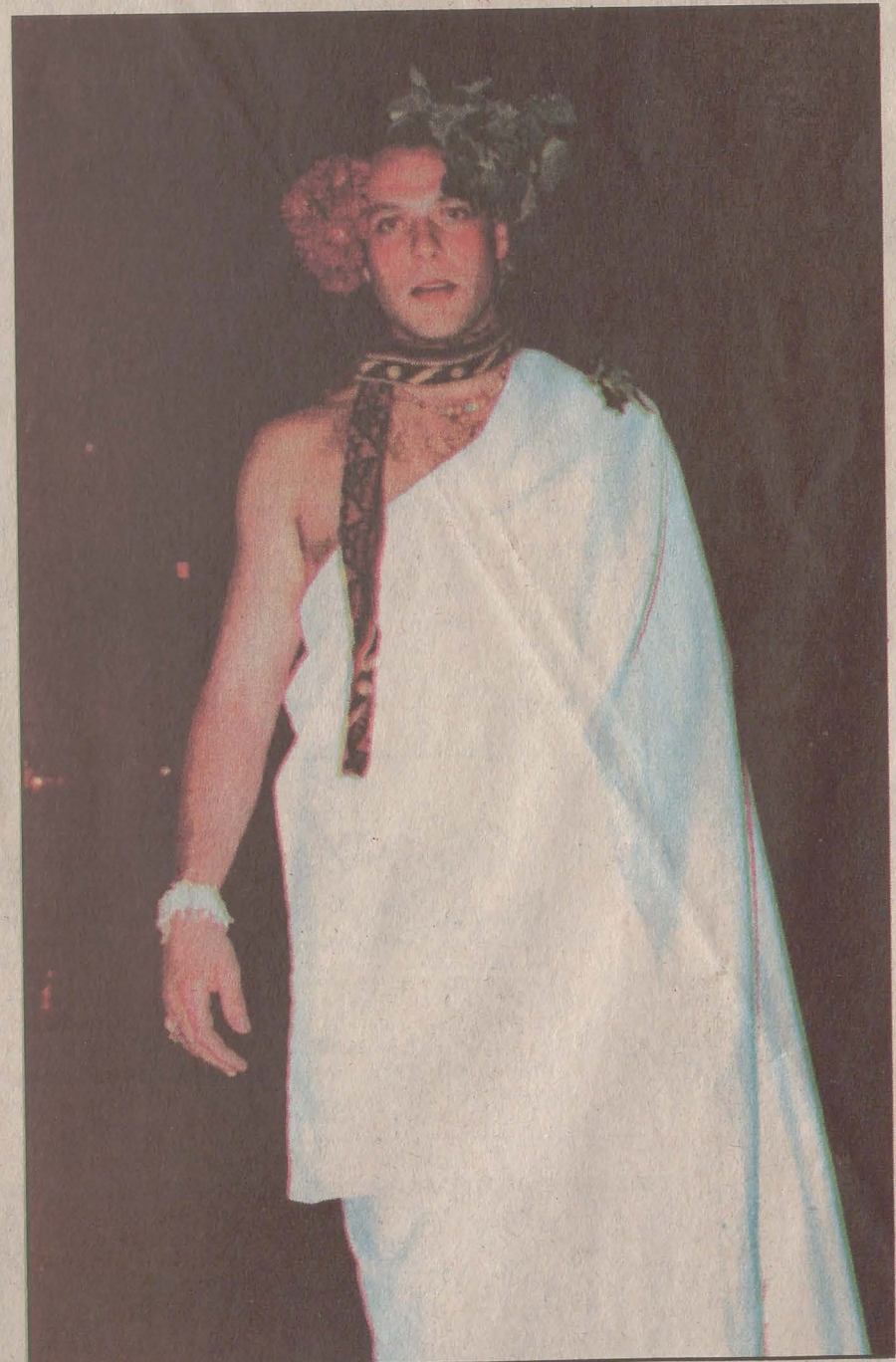
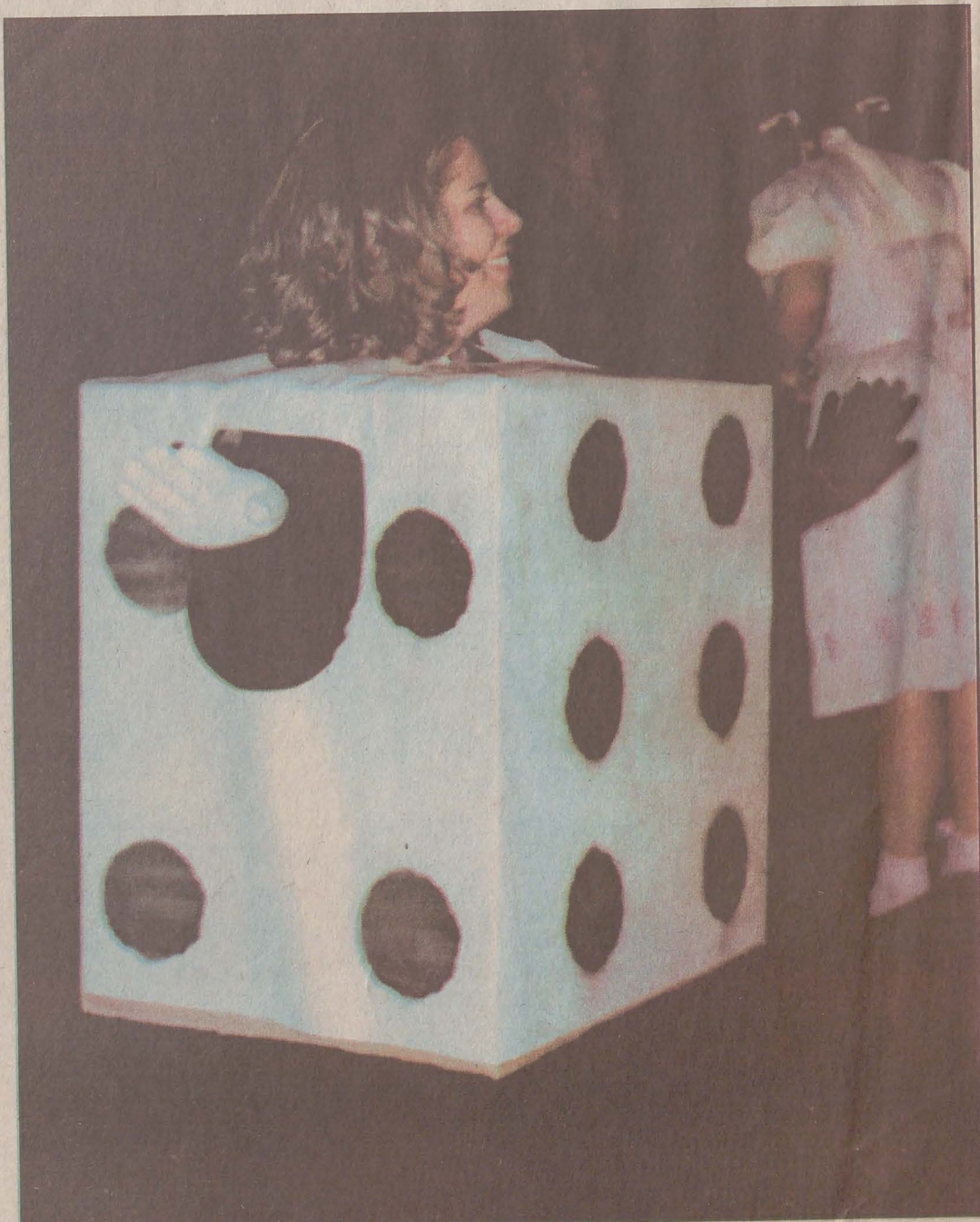
Holly Benac and Adam Garant dance the night away.

ACC Students "Boo" gie Down at Halloween Dance

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Above: Cristie Neubert, Scott Wozniak, and John Oeltjen
Below: 2nd place costume winner Gina Cordes.



James Juhartz holds a regal pose.