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Board reviews bids, course offerings

The awarding of bids for major renovation work headed the agenda when the Board of Trustees met in April. Other action-information items included the financial report, the awarding of emeritus status, a report of the humanities program, and a change in ACC's intercollegiate athletic program.

Van Lare Hall will undergo extensive renovation before classes begin in September, including asbestos containment and removal in the utility tunnels

under VLH, the installation of a new boiler, a complete remodeling of the interior reception and student services area and replacement of the existing large windows with smaller aluminum frames and insulating glass. Renovations are being paid from a \$75,000 state energy grant and from funds set aside for the capital improvement program.

Put on hold is the move involving the LSC to VLH, since bids exceeded the projected budget. Specifications will be revamped and resubmitted

for bids before the next meeting.

Highlighting the financial report was the audit of student financial aid programs by the accounting firm of Young, Nethercut, and Straley, which showed ACC "in conformity," and results of the investment program initiated by Tom Brindley, Controller, that has yielded \$40,000 more in fiscal year 1990, over the previous year.

Carol Hart, former nursing instructor, James Donajkowski, former concrete technology program

director, and former Dean of External Affairs, John McCormack, were awarded emeritus status by the board upon recommendation of the Faculty Council. They will be recognized at commencement.

Sonya Titus, representing the Humanities department, presented material on new course offerings in music, art, theatre, and dance. These offerings, according to Titus, should attract the non-degree seeking students who are interested in personal growth as well as the degree-transfer student.

Upon the recommendation of Frank McCourt, athletic director, women's cross country will be replaced by women's softball in the fall. This change will keep the required number of offerings for intercollegiate competition at five with the continuation of men's and women's basketball, men's golf, and cross country.

The board will meet in regular session on May 24 at 7:30 in NRC 450.

New fees to be assessed to students

Beginning with the summer session, a new fee will be assessed to students during registration.

Currently, a \$2 per contact hour fee, called the "student athletic fee," is charged to students. It helps pay for various athletic events, scholarships, etc.

This fee will soon be changed and referred to as the "student activities fee." It is part of a concept that will allow the fee to cover a broad range of activities, including athletics, Lumberjack and Student Senate events and needs. This includes speakers and workshops, as well as dances and intramurals.

In addition, another \$3 per contact hour fee will be charged. This new fee is called a "facility maintenance fee." It was initiated by Dr. Newport and approved by the Board of Trustees. According to Newport, the funds will provide an on-going way to pay for repairs to the institution. It will now be a designated source of money.

Normally, funds for maintenance would be taken

from the college's operating fund. This new fee gives ACC the opportunity for long-range planning to secure money to meet future needs such as parking, roofing, renovations, etc.

In previous years, fees were not assessed during the summer. However, beginning with the Summer session 1990, the total \$5 per contact hour fees will be assessed up to a maximum of 21 hours taken, (also changed from a previous maximum of 15 hours).

Dr. Newport stated that even though no summer activities are held now, there are hopes for a future year-round program for students with some activity in the summer, the best time to hold activities and gain interest.

A \$10 registration fee will remain in effect as well. It is a flat fee that is also paid at registration. It covers processing and paperwork of applications.

Also put into effect is a new tuition waiver for students in leadership roles. Through a commitment by the Board of Trustees, 600

contact hour of in-district tuition will be distributed to various organizations such as athletics, the student newspaper and the Student Senate.

The waiver is offered to

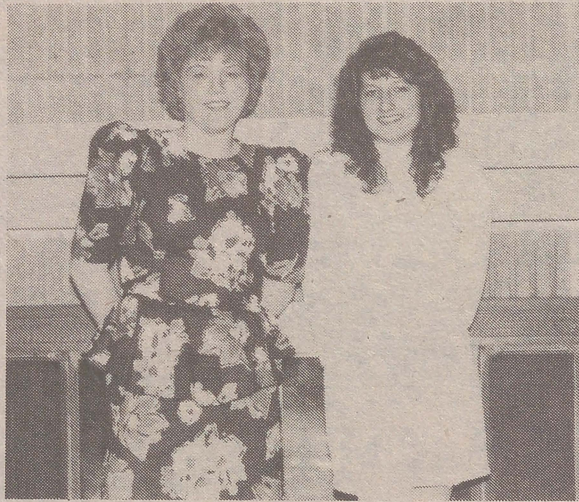
provide incentive and encouragement for students to become more involved in leadership positions, such as news editor, Senate President, and other offices. Dr. Newport stated,

"leadership (here at ACC) needs to be recognized and encouraged. The scholarships help promote student participation."



Student Senate officers for 1990-91 were announced at Awards Night held on May 3. Pictured officers for the upcoming year are: Co-advisor Frank McCourt, Vice-president Brendon MacNeill, President Tracey Schulke, Student Facilities Board Rob Arnold, Student Activities Coordinator Yvette Winterstein, Sophomore Representative Robin Sherwood, Secretary Jen Dubie, and Advisor Bob Fournier. Missing: Treasurer John Parris. (for more end-of-the-year activities, see pgs. 4-5).

Editors reflect on the year, express thanks, gratitude



by Staci Radke

Stress--if I didn't know the meaning of the word when I took this job, I certainly do now! Don't get me wrong, it has been a fun, and shall we say, interesting year. "Two ulcers, eight migraines (that's one per issue), and countless hours of tearing our hair out later," it is time to say goodbye.

It is hard to believe that it is our last issue. If you have never spent a weekend with us working in our office, you don't know what you are missing! If you can make your way through pizza boxes and donut crumbs to the light tables, you will see how we produce this thing we call a paper. Up until paste-up week, we are best of friends.

However, Tracey and I usually end up tearing each other's hair out and swearing we will resign. Of course it is all in fun, and when we see the finished product, it is worth all the efforts.

I call this a year of building. When I compare the first issue with the last, I cannot help but laugh (with pride). We have experimented with features, logos, and many other styles until we found something we were comfortable with. Call us unpredictable; you were always in for a surprise.

Now it is time to give credit where it is due to those people who helped pull this all together.

First and foremost, I must thank my partner in crime, the other half of the "dynamic duo," my assistant, Tracey. You picked up the slack when I felt like giving up; you were there to keep it going. I wish I could say more to let you know how much I appreciated your

determination and organization. No one will ever realize all that went on behind the scenes. I couldn't have done it without you.

John--although we were always at each other's throats, I do appreciate all your work with photos, layout, etc. I think you know that.

Ken and Vikki--thanks for all your layout expertise and help with making sure everything was in its proper place. Because of your skills, the paper improved greatly.

Ken Hubbard--for all the weekends you made sure the laser printer was in our office, all your knowledge whenever we needed it, and your smile when we were meeting a deadline. We needed more people like you! What a guy. Oh, one more thing, lunch anywhere is OK, as long as it's Chinese.

Mr. Miesen, my advisor and sympathizer--you were my "shoulder to cry on." How many times did I crash in your office with one problem or another? Maybe I should take lessons from the realists, not the romanticists? (see I remembered that much). You are one of the most understanding and compassionate instructors I know. I have learned so much from you in the past two years at ACC. To put it simply, you are the best!

M.K.--for your support, letting me believe in me, and an "I can do it" attitude. You were right, the paper got better and better. If you read this, I hope you realize all the positive things you have done, contrary to other beliefs. You taught me to follow my dreams.

Yvonne Swager (my ace reporter) and the rest of the staff--I am proud of the work you have done and what has

happened to this paper since the first issue. Thanks for all your extra efforts when we asked.

Carlene--thanks for all your newstips and facts all year long. You bring new meaning to the PR position.

Chuck Wiesen--one word comes to mind when I think of you--cooperation. Our reporters needed to have more sources like you, always willing to make sure stories were accurate and concise.

Dr. Newport and the publications board--thanks for giving me this opportunity to learn as much as I could about news in the past year. I appreciate the chance you gave me.

Mr. Witt--hey you! You are such a fun character. Thanks for your input all year. Your smile and occasional hugs were reassuring. You helped keep us going.

Karl--my lifesaver of a sports writer. You didn't miss too many deadlines. Thanks for your insight and humor. You enlightened our sports page and our office. Such a sweet person.

And, last but not least, Sonya Titus--what would we have done without you? Being a "new kid on the block," you helped us tremendously! We improved in so many areas; I hope you are proud. You have been a joy to work with. Good luck in the fall.

By now, you must see that this paper is about teamwork. No one could do it alone. All our skills together made this paper successful.

I wish my successor only the best of luck next year. May you enjoy it as much as we have and only improve on this foundation.

To close, I won't say goodbye, only til we meet again; or in this case, til I work with Mitch (Albom), whichever comes first.

by Tracey Barraco

Well readers, now that the end of the year has come, it is without any reservations that I can say "Thank God!"

There were many ups and downs, good times and bad, but through it all, I learned a lot about what I'm capable of doing and what it takes to put this "nightmare" called the Lumberjack together each month.

Through it all, there were many people who helped to make the bad times bearable.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank Staci, "my boss" for "getting it together". Thank you for trying your best not to fall apart when the paper needed you most. I'm amazed that we're still friends even though you type faster than I do.

Next I'd like to express my deepest admiration/appreciation for Ken Hubbard. Without you, this paper would never have gotten to the printer on time. All of the time and energy you put into helping us meet deadlines just goes to show what a great person/friend you are. Chinese anyone?

John, contrary to popular belief, thank God you came back! You're a lifesaver and without your expert layout and "technical advising" abilities, as well as your writing and photography skills, the paper wouldn't have progressed as far as it did.

Sonya, what can I say? You are a great advisor, that is, for a so-called "beginner". You gave us direction when we were wandering about without a "purpose". You were just what we needed to get on our feet again.

Mr. Miesen/ past advisor/ present sympathizer, "Thanks fer yer support!" You are the most caring instructor that I've met at this institution and I'd like to take this time to

thank you for all of your help, advice, and just for being there when Staci and I felt like tearing each other's hair out.

Don Witt- Hey Dude! What's shakin? I just want to tell you that I really appreciate all of your help with our "weekend work" and to let you know how much I appreciate your smile and occasional whistle. It's nice to know that there is always someone here who can brighten my day with just one smile.

Max- thanks for taking the time to approve our many requisitions ASAP, not to mention those from our petty cash fund, whatever they were for.

Yvonne- You're the best darn news reporter at ACC! All of your hard work on the paper is really appreciated and thank you for being there to take on "just one more story".

Jay McDonald- thank you for all of your hard work on "last minute stories". Of all of the "filler" ever produced, yours is the best!

Dean Davis- I'd like to thank you for helping to create as many journalism classes as is humanly possible. I really have learned a lot.

BTC Snack Bar Staff- Thank you for feeding me in my dark times of starvation. Oh, one more thing, "Can I cash a check?"

I'd also like to thank the Lumberjack staff writers from both this semester and last. Without you, we'd have no copy to print.

Last but not least, I'd like to thank ACC for giving us new and interesting stories to cover. Without that I would not have a job (or my ulcers!).

As I embark on bigger and better things at Ferris State, I would just like to wish next year's Lumberjack staff the best of luck. We're outta here!!!!!!

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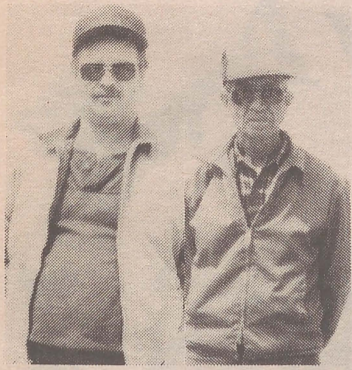
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Lumberjack of the Month honors awarded



Duby, Grochowski share recognition for April

by Kim McClure

Larry Duby and Richard Grochowski shared the Lumberjack of the Month award for April.

With this honor, Duby and Grochowski each received an ACC coffee mug, privileged parking, and a Holiday Inn gift certificate.

Both were pleased to receive the honor, "it was nice. I haven't had a chance to use my Holiday Inn gift certificate, but it will be a

nice little break," stated Grochowski. Duby simply stated, "it was good, good, good."

Duby and Grochowski are custodians at ACC. Their job includes maintenance of the entire campus, which includes everything from repairing boilers to snow plowing and cutting grass. When asked what their favorite part of the job is, Grochowski replied, "well, there is something new everyday, always a change,"

and Duby stated, "the whole thing, all the maintenance and just getting out in the yard."

Neither Grochowski nor Duby could think of anything that is the worst about their job. However, Duby demonstrated how difficult the job can be--"It's hard getting up on the roof to work on furnaces in 20-degree weather with a 30 or 40mph wind in a storm."

Both men were born and live in Alpena. Grochowski has worked at ACC for

approximately 10 years, Duby has been at ACC for approximately 16 years.

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by Staci Radke

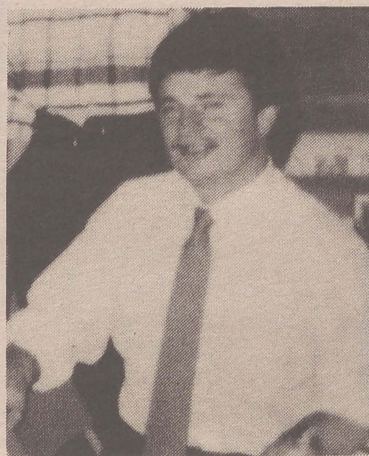
Ken Hubbard, Data Processing Technician, is the recipient of the Lumberjack of the Month award for May.

Hubbard says that he has always had an interest in computers, ever since being drafted into the army in 1965. He received extensive training in computer programming during his service.

After leaving the army, he began working for a computer consulting firm. While working, he also attended a community college for two years.

Later, Hubbard was employed with All-State Insurance Company in their Data Processing Department in Chicago and received extensive company training there as well.

Originally from the Chicago area, Hubbard moved to the area in 1978. He has been teaching DPR classes part time at ACC since 1982. In addition to teaching, he provides computer seminars for local businesses. He says that he "likes the variety of solving computer problems and also enjoys working with all types of students."



Hubbard receives honor for May

Uniquely, Hubbard does not own a computer himself. "I am around computers all day, why should I have one at home?"

He is amazed to see all the changes that have been made in the computer industry since he began. He stated that the hardware in microcomputers today has been around for the 25 years he has been in the business, but hardware has gotten smaller and smaller in size over the years.

"When I began, computers filled the room; now everything has advanced to desk-top

models. Software has become far more sophisticated. Computers are much faster than they were years ago."

Hubbard lives in Alcona County, is married, and has one daughter, Wendy, who is a junior in college. His wife, MaryAnn, is a music teacher at Alcona High School.

Co-worker and former Lumberjack of the Month winner, Owen Lamb, says Hubbard is "well deserving of the award; without him, I'd be lost."

Justice Boyle highlights commencement ceremonies

Justice Patricia J. Boyle of the Michigan Supreme Court will be commencement speaker when ACC conducts its 37th annual commencement exercises May 17 at East Campus.

The event is the third in a series of graduation activities scheduled over a two-day period. Pinning ceremonies for 26 associate degree registered nurse candidates are set for May 16, and an honors breakfast to recognize students who have earned a 3.5 or higher grade point averages and those who are Phi Theta Kappa members will be held on May 17.

Ceremonies have been changed from a previous morning activity to an evening one. According to Dean Davis, the purpose of changing the ceremony was to "increase student participation in commencement and see more of the families, faculty, etc., in attendance." The decision conforms with results of a student graduation survey distributed on campus.

There are 199 candidates for graduation from the spring semester. Also, 124 graduates from the 1989 fall and summer semesters are also eligible to participate in the once-a-year commencement exercises.

Justice Boyle has had an outstanding legal career, and gave up a lifetime tenured federal judgeship in 1983 to accept appointment to the high court. She was subsequently elected in November 1984. As a member of the Supreme Court in 1986, Boyle was named Supervising Justice of the Citizens' Commission to Improve Michigan Courts, the first such commission in state history.

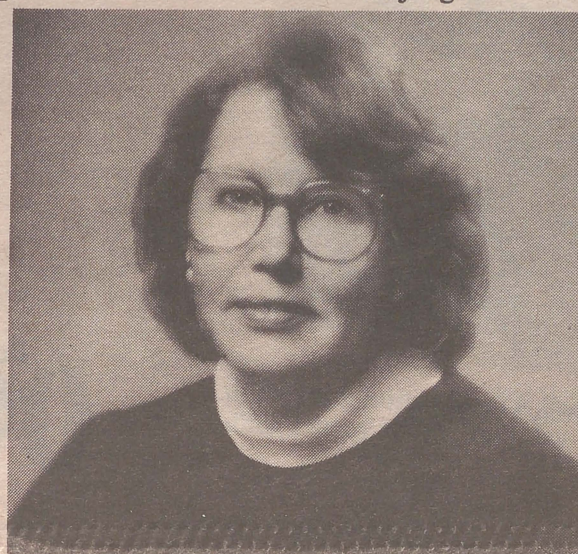
A Detroit native, she attended Detroit public schools and received her undergraduate education at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. While attending Wayne State Law School, she earned several academic excellence awards, served as junior and senior editor of the Law Review, and gave birth to

three of her four children. She graduated first in her class in 1963.

Her career began with a job as a legal research assistant, followed by an Assistant United States Attorney position from 1964 until she joined the Wayne County Prosecutor's office in 1968. She became director of research and training for that office in 1971, and was named chief appellate attorney in 1974, when she also was involved with the Michigan Women's Task

Force on Rape, assisting in drafting and working for the comprehensive laws on criminal sexual conduct.

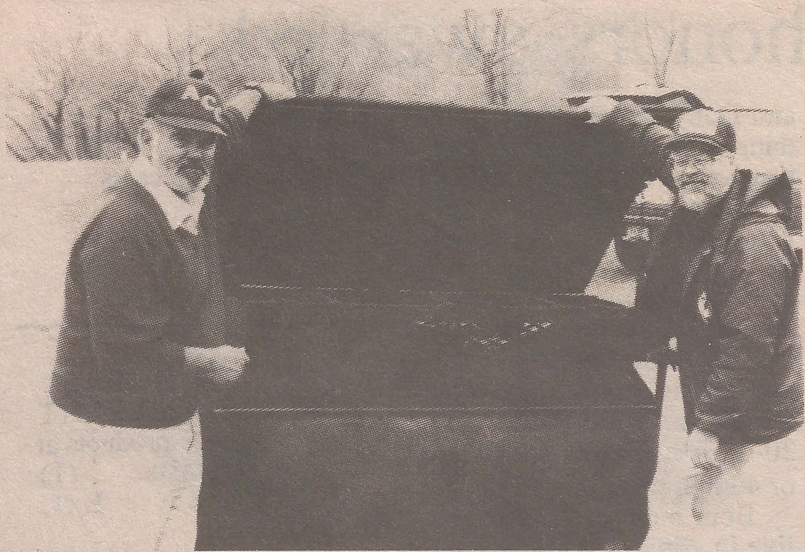
Boyle's work on the bench began in 1976 with an appointment to Detroit Recorder's court, which, at that time, handled all criminal cases within the city. A Detroit Free Press Practitioner's Poll two years later revealed she was rated by all defense and prosecuting attorneys as the best of the 20 Recorder's Court judges.



The justice has received strong bi-partisan support, having first been appointed to judicial office by William Milliken, a Republican governor, and in 1978 being recommended for appointment to the federal bench by Donald Riegle, a Democratic senator.

She has also been highly honored, receiving distinguished alumni awards from both Wayne Law School and Wayne State University, being named the 1983 Police Officers Association of Michigan Woman of the Year, and receiving the Michigan Jaycees Presidential Award of Excellence. In 1986 she became the youngest woman ever inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

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Hats off to Dr. Dunckel and Mr. Miesen, our resident chefs.



Diana Standen, Mary Skiba, and Betty Sytek
ham it up for the camera

Spring Fling 1990



Spring Fling turns into a family affair for Keith and Ginny Titus.



Horseshoe tournaments highlighted the day's activities.



Burgers anyone??? Chuck Wiesen and Nancy Seguin serve burgers
at Spring Fling barbecue

Awards

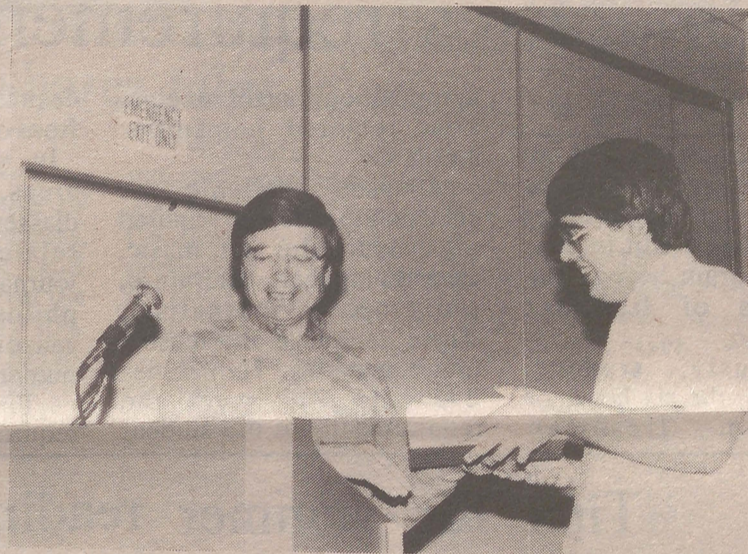


Dr. Newport presents Kyle Dell with Dow Leadership Award



Owen Lamb, the night's most "eloquent" speaker

Night



Berj Parshegian receives Chemistry award from Dr. Moreau



Max Lindsay, Master of Ceremonies



Lumberjack Editor Staci J. Radke, Advisor Sonya Titus, and Assistant Editor Tracey Barraco display awards.

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Ginny Titus instructs beginning dance class

by Kim McClure

Beginning in the fall semester, a new dance class, entitled "Introduction to Dance" will be offered. The class will be taught on Thursday evenings from 6pm-8:45pm by Ginny Titus.

The class introduces the student to beginning dance principles in creative and contemporary movement, ballet basics, and jazz techniques.

Titus has been a dancer for 37 years. Her experience includes tap, ballet, jazz,

creative movement, liturgical dance, radio and television, and drama.

Titus performed professionally for six years under the stage name "Ginny Lee," throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.

She has been a dance instructor for 20 years in Pittsburgh and Alpena. Titus was one of the producer/directors of Thunder Bay Theatre from 1979-1988.

She was the choreographer for 49



musicals from 1978-present at Thunder Bay Theatre, Alpena Civic Theatre, and Alpena High School. She

also directed and performed in TBT's school tours for Alpena, Alcona, Rogers City, and Posen Public Schools for 3 years, covering 25 schools per year.

Titus is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she received her training. She has lived in Alpena for 14 years, is married, a mother of four, and a grandmother of one.

"I am looking forward to working with the students at ACC. For beginning dancers, the course will provide an introduction to

dance basics and a freedom of body movement. For a student with some experience, the class will provide technique and contemporary training. I would encourage athletes and law enforcement students, in addition to drama students, to consider the course, as dance provides a non-violent release of stress and tension as well as development of coordination, strength, and stamina."

Humanities requirement increased for freshmen

by Jay McDonald

Beginning in the fall, all incoming freshmen will be required to take eight hours of humanities credit in their degree program beyond the six hours of freshman composition.

Previously, students could count the six hours of credit in freshman

composition toward an eight hour required humanities credit.

Classes available for selection to meet the required eight hours are: art, music, theatre, speech, literature, philosophy, journalism, dance, language and reason, and humanities. Humanities 242 and 243 meet the requirement, but if a student

desires, he may select classes from other areas.

In selecting from other areas, the student needs classes in a minimum of two related areas such as journalism-speech, philosophy-language and reason, music-theatre in numerous combinations.

This change in requirements brings ACC in

line with requirements at other community colleges in the state. ACC was ranked near the bottom when compared to humanities requirements at various community colleges.

Terry Hall, Humanities department chair, feels that with the development of many new courses in the humanities area, meeting this

requirement should present no major problem for students.

With all the available courses, "it should be a smorgasboard. There are many courses to choose from that may introduce students to areas of learning and enjoyment that they can pursue throughout their lives."

Tips for summer reading

by Patricia Homola, guest writer

I'll never forget the time I was asked during a job interview what works I would choose for an ideal English course. (The guy had just taken a course in interviewing and was being 'creative'). I did what any red-blooded English teacher would do: blanked out completely.

But here at last I'd like to try to answer his question.

I used to say my favorite novel was the nineteenth-century novel, George Eliot's MIDDLEMARCH. I reread it every few years and even own a vellum, two-volume edition. It expresses what it is like to live in a small provincial, backwater town--to gradually lose all your unrealistic, youthful ideals.

Now I tend more toward poetry, and my favorite book must be Rainer Maria Rilke's THE BOOK OF HOURS. Must be getting old, because I also read fairy tales and last summer purchased three beautiful books of Russian fairytales.

which I have read in German and Norwegian versions, and one of Jane Austen's novels (probably PERSUASION) for its wit and economy.

I would try to choose works wherein the characters rise up from the pages and live--more real and poignant than our own parents and grandparents. Ideally, we'd start with Homer's ILIAD, marvelling at Achilles' wonderful shield, smiling when Hector throws back his head and laughs at his infant son, who shrinks from his father's war helmet, crying at Hector's and Patroklos' death.

We'd end with a contemporary American novel, LOVE MEDICINE, which reads like the stories you hear around your mother's kitchen table, and which expresses what it's like to lose your heritage without replacing it with another--our universal 20th century dilemma.

But on to the ideal English class. Six must-reads would be Hemingway's THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA, Faulkner's "The Bear," Fitzgerald's THE GREAT

GATSBY, Chopin's THE AWAKENING, Wharton's ETHAN FROME, D.H. Lawrence's THE VIRGIN AND THE GYPSY--all nearly perfect novels and very good reads.

But if I wanted to have students gain an epic experience, I'd have them read Knut Hamsun's GROWTH OF THE SOIL or Tolstoy's WAR AND PEACE or Hugo's LES MISERABLES or Mann's THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN. They'd probably have to read one Dickens or Gaskell novel, my favorite being OUR MUTUAL FRIEND and I'd like to share with them Bronte's JANE EYRE,

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Summer schedule:

As finals are fast approaching, I encourage you to take a break and turn your thoughts toward summer. Look ahead to all the activities our area has to offer. Let this serve as your unofficial guide to activities within the area for the upcoming months:

HUBBARD LAKE: Manjidiwin Days, to be held June 28-July 1. Manjidiwin means "a gathering of the people for a celebration." Activities are set at the Lions Park in Hubbard Lake. A teen dance opens the festival on Thursday evening with music by the RH Factor band, which will also provide dancing and entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. The event consists of arts and crafts, softball tournaments, a dunk tank, a BBQ, concessions, a sunset run, bike races, and much more. The triathlon will be held on Saturday morning.

ALPENA: 4th of July celebration. Highlights will include the annual parade, pony rides offered by the 4-H group, a Strawberry Ice Cream Social, a chicken BBQ, a Sand Castle Contest by the Downtown Merchants Association, a volleyball tournament and music in the Fine Arts Shell.

ALPENA: Brown Trout Festival, July 14-22. This popular nine-day festival is centered around what is considered to be the oldest fishing tournament in Michigan. This year, the Sunrise Side will offer "Song of the Lakes" in the Fine Arts Shell on July 16, Jazz in the Park on July 17. Music will be provided by Larson Brothers, and American Grease will perform for the closing weekend. Other events include a casino night, minnow and turtle races, picnic on the green, 50's night by WHSB, a kid's fishing tournament, and much more.

OSSINEKE: Old Fashioned Days, August 3-4. Events include an old-fashioned parade, a BBQ, arts and crafts displays, along with various games and contests. Street dancing will be held both nights.

ALPENA: Ramblin' Rods Car Show, August 10-12. The agenda includes Cruise and Dance at the Ripley Big Boy on Friday night with jitterbug and the twist dance contests. The car show opens on Saturday at Mich-E-Kewis with games and prizes awarded. Judging for the model car contest will take place on Sunday along with a poker run. Thousands of dollars in prizes will be given away including a cruise to the Bahamas.

HARRISVILLE: Harmony Days, Sept. 1-2. The annual arts & crafts show is held every Labor Day weekend on the courthouse lawn. It offers a wide variety of displays and music by the Barbershop Quartet, Sweet Adelines, and much more for your enjoyment.

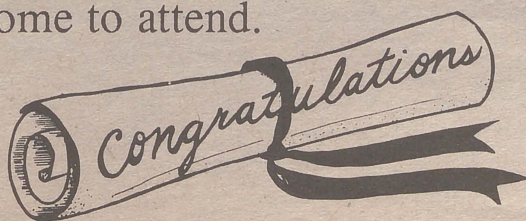
Other area events include:

Hubbard Lake Walleye Challenge (May 9-10); Thunder Bay Canoe Races (June 30-July 1); Sidewalk Sales in Alpena (July 19-21); Royston Fest (July 28); Picnic on the Green (every Thursday during the Summer, beginning in July); V-J Day in Hillman (August 11); Rogers City Salmon Tournaments (August 11-12); Alpena County Fair (August 19-25); Posen Potato Festival (Sept. 7-9).

--Graduation Ceremonies--

Thursday, May 17, 7pm at EAC.

A reception will be held following commencement from 8:30pm-10:00pm at Jesse Besser Museum. All graduates, relatives, and friends are welcome to attend.



Storyteller shares tales in weekend performance

by Jay McDonald

Jackie Torrence, one of the best-known storytellers, will be performing and conducting a workshop at the Alpena County Library this week as the Library hosts its 10th storytelling festival, sponsored in part by the Cheboygan Arts Council.

Torrence feels her family heritage contributed greatly to her storytelling abilities since her uncles, aunts, grandparents, etc. all enjoy getting together and telling stories. Torrence listened and learned.

Torrence, overcoming a childhood speech impediment, began telling stories in 1972 when she had to substitute for the volunteer storyteller at the High Point Library. The children responded well and Torrence found out, "I could tell stories."

Torrence achieved national prominence after a 1977 festival held in Charlotte, N.C. where she performed. This prompted an article about her in the Wall Street Journal.

She now travels most of the time giving public and school performances, telling her more than 200 stories that feature characters like Soldier Jack and Brer Possum. She also has two award-winning TV shows to her credit, and co-hosted with Sally Struthers the prime-time TV program, "The Teller and the Tale."

While in Alpena, Torrence will visit area schools telling stories to all grade levels. On Thursday she will do a free public performance from 7pm-8pm at the county library, and on Friday she will conduct a storytelling workshop. Space is limited for the workshop, so

interested students should contact the library for reservations.

Sonya Titus, instructor for children's literature, (a required course for perspective elementary education students), highly recommended attendance at this workshop and public performance.

Titus stated, "I'm very excited that someone of Torrence's stature is coming to Alpena. It is a great opportunity for students, especially future elementary teachers, to see a 'master' storyteller at work. It should be profitable, but also great fun!"

TBT closes out winter-spring season

by Jay McDonald

Thunder Bay Theatre will close its winter-spring season with the comedy-mystery "I'll Be Back Before Midnight" running May 11-13 and May 17-20. Special discount tickets are available for students.

One of the people starring in the production is Aurora Hubbard, local actress who has appeared most recently in the Alpena Civic Theatre production of "Vanities" and last weekend's ACC Foundation dinner/theatre. Hubbard considers theatre "my

outlet...just a hobby," but her credits are extensive with appearances in other professional enterprises such as "Die Hard II" and the currently-running Keno commercial.

Alan LaCross is another newcomer to TBT in this production, returning to his native town after 20 years on the west coast. LaCross' credits are in film, including "Die Hard II" in Alpena and "Ted" and "Home Sweet Homeless" in Los Angeles.

Laura Berry, a graduate of the theatre program at the University of Michigan, joined the TBT company this spring and has appeared on

stage in the children's show, "Magic II" and the children's touring company production of Aesop's Fables.

Completing the cast is Gary Sturm, associate director at TBT, who has, over the years, appeared in many TBT productions, such as "Applause" and "1776."

"I'll Be Back Before Midnight" has received rave reviews from critics in the United States and England. One reviewer said, "a mystery thriller that really chills. I watched the second act through the fingers of my right hand...see it, if you dare!"

Try a new sport this summer

by Karl Hardesty

What will you do this summer? Probably the same old thing--play some ball, lie in the sun, swim a little, and perhaps play a little frisbee. Oh, yes, let's not forget work. Well, if the same old summer activities are becoming a little boring, how about trying something new?

One of the fastest-growing water sports today is windsurfing or sailboarding (as it is also known). Imagine skimming across the bay or a small lake on your 'private yacht.' Even if you don't know anyone who owns the equipment needed to learn this exciting hobby, it is still possible to get involved.

Summit Sports, located on the corner of State and Chisholm Streets, provides rental of windsurfing equipment for all levels of experience. If you are interested in trying windsurfing, stop by and check out their rental program.

If you are a beginner, you can rent a 12-foot board which is highly stable and can support up to 500 or 600 pounds. According to Brian

Bailey of Summit Sports, this is the ideal learning platform. "It's as stable as a canoe," he said. In an afternoon you can become quite competent and if you have doubts about your ability to teach yourself through trial and error, lessons can be arranged for a modest fee.

Bailey also provided information on other equipment for the more advanced sailor. 'Basic boards' are somewhat smaller in length, only 1-foot, and are considerably lighter in weight with a corresponding decrease in buoyancy. They average in the mid 20's in weight and have about 400 pounds of flotation.

For the truly adventurous, once you have been competent on larger boards, the 'performance' board is only 9 feet in length, 20 pounds in weight and can float only about 170 pounds. "A board like this needs high winds," said Bailey. "You won't get a ride until it planes." 'Planing' is the action of the board developing enough velocity to rise on top of the water, much like an airplane wing

gains lift through the air.

All rentals include a car rack for transportation of the board and sail. Rates will probably change for the summer, so stop in and check out their plans. Over the course of the summer, you can grow in proficiency and they have the equipment to suit your needs as you progress. Then you can leave the larger, more cumbersome beginner boards behind and take one of their performance boards out for a spin (or spill).

Another summer activity you can take up is scuba diving. It is not as difficult as many people think. The excitement of exploring the underwater world is a thrill not be missed. From experience, I can tell you that little compares to looking a fish in the eye in his own world and feeling completely safe and relaxed while doing it.

Summit Sports also has a full line of scuba gear for sale and rental as well as certified instructors. Classes will be running all summer long so this is something else to look into when you check out their windsurfing gear.

Across the Thunder Bay

River from the Federal Building is a white-block building proudly bearing the sign "Thunder Bay Divers." This dive shop on Ford Avenue, owned and operated by Bill and Ruthann Beck, offers a full line of diving equipment and services including rental, tank filling, repair, and certified instructors.

The Becks offer classes and advise anyone interested to "...stop in and sign up; we run them all summer whenever we can get six or more people registered." Starting May 1, their hours are 9am-7pm. For the summer, they will be open from 9am-9pm.

Once you are certified, you can take advantage of their charter service. They operate three charter boats for trips to the numerous wrecks in Thunder Bay, which, by the way, is a Federal Underwater Preserve known across the country for the abundance of shipwrecks on its bottom. Their boats range in length from 25-54 feet and are equipped with the latest equipment to make your trip as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Additionally, if the cold

weather of a Michigan winter gets you down, they can book you on a trip to warmer climates through connections with Blue Chip Travel Company. "We're a brokerage to the south," stated Bill, "the Florida Keys, Cayman Islands, or even Truck Lagoon." (author's note: this was the scene of an American naval air strike against the Japanese Navy late in WWII, which resulted in almost 100 ships being sunk in a protected South Pacific harbor; it is now an outstanding diving attraction).

There is no excuse for having a boring summer. Try something different; I'm sure you will enjoy it.

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5pm-7pm

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Sports program faces changes

by Karl Hardesty

Changes are in line for the Lumberjack sports program in 1990-91. Sports Information Director Frank McCourt highlighted the upcoming changes in a recent interview.

During the 90-91 school year, the following additional intercollegiate sports will be offered: women's softball and co-ed golf. The decision to drop women's cross-country in favor of softball was explained by the difficulty of fielding a full women's cross-country squad versus the popularity of softball and the availability of local talent.

The job descriptions for head and assistant coach for softball have been posted, and McCourt stated that he anticipates a June hiring date. While faculty members will be given first consideration for the position, McCourt said, "we're looking to hire a coach with some 'continuity.' We want someone who will put time in

and not leave after one or two years."

Whoever is hired will indeed have a big job ahead. Due to the summer, athletes will need to be contacted and recruiting will have to start soon after a coach is hired. A local coach, familiar with nearby high schools and their programs becomes even more important when this fact is considered. The development of a program is a big task, but with abundant local talent, the Lady Jacks softball squad could be very competitive in the first year.

Prospective basketball recruits were on campus the first weekend of May for tours and an introduction to ACC players, coaches, and faculty. They had an opportunity to tour the campus and ask questions of students and staff.

The upcoming school year will indeed be an exciting one for Lumberjack athletics.

The weather is improving, the days are longer, and it's getting harder to drag yourself to class; spring is here.

How does one go about taking advantage of the season? Simple. Take a walk.

Norway Ridge is only a short drive west on Werth Road. It offers varying terrain, nothing too drastic in terms of steepness, though. The trail has a total length of seven miles, not a bad walk if you have the time. Of course, if you get lost, you'll have lots more time than you need. Not to worry, though, the trail is well-marked with 'distance traveled' and 'distance to go' signs located along the trail.

At an average pace of 2-3 miles per hour, you could spend an afternoon and still have time to get cleaned up for dinner.

A wide variety of wildlife, including squirrel, deer, turkey, and an occasional porcupine can be seen. Especially now, song birds abound in thickets and trees to add some background music.

Spring is here...

by Karl Hardesty

While Norway Ridge offers gentle rolling hills and is relatively long, the Besser Nature Area, north of Alpena, on County Road 405, is flat and short. Only a mile in length, it follows the Lake Huron shoreline and also passes through an old homestead. A well-marked pathway also has descriptive signs explaining points of interest along the trail.

The last path within easy driving is Chippewa Hills. Eleven miles west of US-23 on Nicholson Hill Road, this trail has four separate loops totalling 7-1/2 miles, not a bad afternoon walk. The land is similar to that at Norway Ridge, but with many more hills. The two shortest loops, at 1/2 and 1-1/3 miles, are rated "difficult" during ski season.

All of these trails have ample parking, and maps are available to guide the hiker new to the trail. While you may decide to leave the car in a warm sun, don't go on a walk without a warm jacket

r pullover that can also withstand water. The weather can change quickly, and you should always plan ahead for such an occasion. A chamois or flannel shirt with a sweater is probably sufficient for most days, with a jacket and hat carried in a fanny pack tied around your waist.

Comfortable shoes which offer good support are a requirement no matter where you go. If you opt for one of the longer paths, why not take a day pack and bring along lunch? A thermos of coffee or tea, some well-made sandwiches and cookies, fruit, or any one of the various trailmixes would taste great at your turn-around point. If you are into the photography "thing," lunch would be a great chance to try and catch some critters on film. They often get curious and wander close to your picnic. No matter what, just remember the adage, "take nothing with you but memories and photos; leave nothing but footprints."