

## Celebrity does benefit performance for TBT

by Kirstine Titus

Sheri Nichols, a critically acclaimed cabaret singer, is coming to Alpena to perform a benefit show for Thunder Bay Theater Saturday, November 24th.

Nichols, dubbed the "Divine

Ms. N" by the Detroit News, will perform a variety of classic show tunes and songs by the great composers of the 30's and 40's.

Richard Berent-composer, keyboard player, and singer-will

accompany Nichols. Some of the satirical songs he's written for the act are "Dear Mr. Khomeni" and "I'm Killing Myself for Christmas This Year".

Nichols and Berent, who have performed throughout the U.S., as well as in Hong Kong, are currently touring the Midwest.

Nichols has received critical praise from The Detroit News, The Detroit Free Press, The South China Morning Post, and The Hong Kong Standard. She also received The Detroit Free Press Best Actress award in 1985 and she won the Michiganian of the Year award from The Detroit News in 1987. Nichols recently recorded her first album, "Sheri Nichols Sings".

When David Drobot, artistic director, was asked why someone of this stature was coming to Alpena, he replied, "She's coming up because people in theatre help each other. She said, 'If it will help you, I'm coming up'".

There will be a reception before and after, so people will have a chance to meet Nichols. The theater is going "all out" with decorating the lobby, hiring a doorman, and catering the food. "We want people (in Alpena) to have a chance to dress up and have a nice evening out," comments Drobot.

The tentative ticket price is \$30 a person, \$50 a couple. The house capacity is 169. Reservations should be made in advance by phoning TBT.

Nichols will be moving to California sometime in January or February, so this will be one of the last times Michiganders will get to see Nichols in a live performance.



Charlotte Mohler prepares for her lead role as Annie in ACT show.

## Civic opens season 'Annie Get Your Gun'

by Jay McDonald

Special student discount tickets will be provided by Alpena Civic Theatre and the Student Senate for the upcoming ACT production of "Annie Get Your Gun".

Scheduled for production Oct. 24-28, "Annie" is directed by Doris Lance and stars local residents Charlotte Mohler and David Usher.

Director Lance recommends that students make reservations since Friday night is already sold out. Reservations for the 8 p.m. curtain may be made by phoning the theatre box office. Discount tickets are available by showing college i.d.

## Hite reflects on day as handicapper

by Darin Hite

On Oct. 5, in accordance with Handicap Awareness Week, I spent my afternoon in a wheelchair. At first, I felt like Mario Andretti with speed racing through my veins, but as the day evolved, so did my knowledge of the difficulties a handicapper faces each day.

Many things I normally take for granted such as drinking fountains, doorways, desks, and the great distance between campus buildings were felt in my arms; even a slight difference in cement grade can make or break your ease in wheeling to class and believe me on my 3rd trip across campus, I didn't feel much like pushing myself-ol' jello arms-across any "unique brick roadway".

Being in the chair also helped me to think about the many people in the world less fortunate.

A feeling of guilt began to

well up inside. Guilt because I hadn't thought about the person who needed to go to the other side of the building to get where he was going because there wasn't a ramp in place - that ramp just might save on a 15 minute cold ride.

As the day progressed, I found myself getting frustrated when people asked to help me. I wanted to do things for myself. I don't mean to say it wasn't nice being pampered, but I felt bad because I couldn't return the favor. It also upset me when I couldn't get my papers without creating a big disturbance in the room. Being in the chair stunk!

For me, having to ride in a chair was difficult, frustrating and thought changing.

But I could get out of my chair.

For the people who ride in a wheelchair every day, my hat is off to you. As one trucker says to another, "Keep on truckin'".

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### ACC IN BRIEF

AN ALUMNI basketball game will take place Nov. 3, with the women's game scheduled for 6 p.m. and the men's game at 8 p.m. in the east campus gym. The women's alumni team will be coached by Cindy Derocher, former ACC player and currently the women's basketball coach at Tri-City college in Angola, Indiana. The men will be coached by Wayne Vandyke, former ACC men's basketball coach and currently athletic director and basketball coach at Alcona High School. ACC varsity teams will be coached by Terry Harbison and Frank McCourt.

An alumni dance is tentatively scheduled following the games hosted by the student senate.

THE LUMBERJACKS will scrimmage the Lake Superior State basketball teams, Nov. 1, at Indian River with the women's game scheduled for 6p.m. and the men's game at 8p.m.. Bobby Allen, a Lumberjack last season, has transferred to Lake Superior State and will be competing in the men's contest.

THE ACC PLAYERS club will hold open auditions for all students next Monday and Tuesday for their fall production, "Ten on a String", scheduled for showing Dec. 10th and 11th. The production is a series of ten minute plays produced by the Actors Theatre of Louisville. Auditions are from 7 to 10p.m. in room 108 East Campus. No experience necessary.

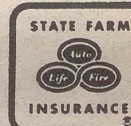
ALL STUDENTS completing degree requirements this semester must complete a graduation request form before Oct. 31. Forms are available in Campus Services, room 107 VLH.

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