

ACC hosts first x-country championship run

by Lori Pahlkotler

ACC will host its first cross country conference championship meet, Oct. 27th beginning at 3 p.m. at the Alpena City Golf Course on Golf Course Road.

This year is a rebuilding year for the ACC team because there are no returning sophomore runners. Thomas Bennett, co-cross country coach, states, "These are all beginners. They

are very inexperienced."

Bennett continues, "We are trying to teach them about the sport and help them show improvement over the year."

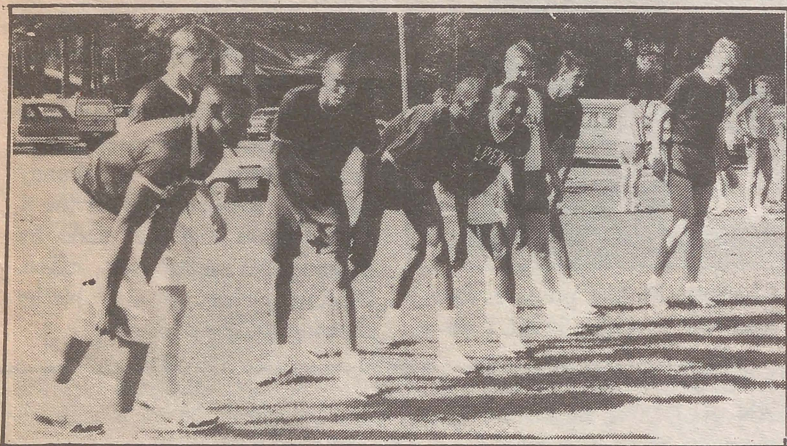
The team consists of eight members, seven freshmen: Bret Benvenuti, Omar Butler, Tom Kirschner, Ryan Marlatt, Tony Marshall, Scott McCulloch, Rahim Woodson, and sophomore Dan Bridges.

The difference between the college level and the high school level is that in college, the male runners have developed more maturity, and thus run five miles as compared to high school runners who run 3.1 miles.

Male teams from Highland Park, Macomb, Oakland, and Alpena will participate in the conference meet. Female teams will be representing Highland Park, Macomb, Oakland, and Schoolcraft.

Athletic director, Frank McCourt, expects six or seven runners on each team for the races, with the women running a 3.2 mile race scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m., and the men running five miles starting at 4 p.m.

Team trophies will be awarded to the top male and female team, and individual trophies will be awarded to the five top male and female runners. Presentation will take place immediately following the meet.



ACC lines up an all "fresh" cross country team with high hopes of a strong finish. The pace will be set at the sound of the gun, Oct. 27

Coach's corner - Harbson analyzes team's potential

by Tammy Wisniewski

This year's Lady Lumberjack basketball squad, under the supervision of Coach Terry Harbson, consists of two returning players, and seven new members.

Returning players include, Joyel Hyvarinen, a 5' 11" forward, who is this year's captain. Last year, she was chosen for first team All Conference and MVP Lady Lumberjack. "Joyel excels both academically and physically, is a 3-point shooter, and a dominant inside player," states Harbson.

Stephanie Tuori, a 5' 7" guard/forward, is the other returning player. Last year, she was given an Eastern Conference Honorable Mention. "Stephanie is an excellent 3-point shooter and has good ball handling skills," according to Harbson. Tuori's experience, dedication, and work ethic will serve as an asset to the team. Joyel and Stephanie like to be referred to as "yuppers" because they are both from areas in the Upper Peninsula," says Harbson.

The seven new members include a former Lady Lumberjack, a transfer student, and five freshmen.

Priscilla Cross, a 5' 7" guard, played at ACC during the 87-88 season. Harbson feels, "She is an excellent penetrator and a good defensive player and scorer."

Beth Connon is a 5' 10"

forward/guard, who played for Carthage College last year. Harbson feels she is a skilled inside player, an excellent rebounder, and will provide board strength as well as some scoring from the inside.

Kimberly Corey, a 5' 10" center/forward, is from Mancelona. "She will provide versatility, and will play both positions with confidence," according to Harbson.

Jacqueline Kennard a 5' 2" guard is from Hillman. Harbson assessed her abilities as "an extreme desire with court awareness. Handling the ball and serving as a point guard will be her main duties."

Amy Neuman, a 5' 4" guard, is from Inland Lakes. Harbson said, "She has a positive attitude, a refreshing work ethic, and is determined to play well at ACC."

Renee Needham, a 5' 8" guard/forward, is from Detroit. "She is an intense player with basic athletic rudiments, and will give the Lady Lumberjacks flexibility with her two positions,"

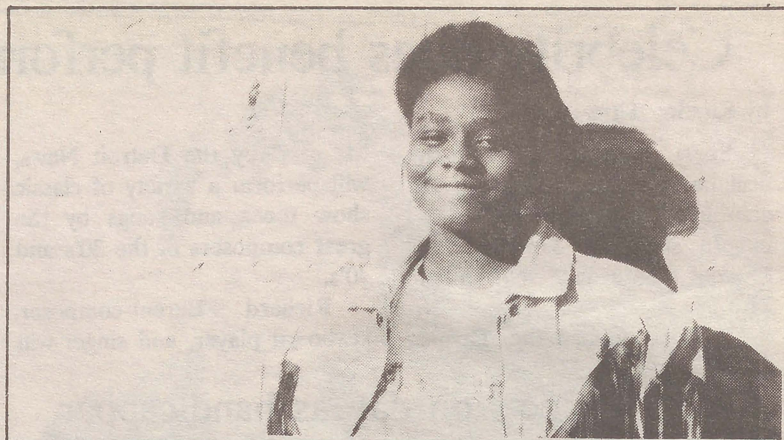
says Harbson.

Lastly, is Carmen Ham, a 6' center from Detroit. Harbson feels she has the physical stature to become a dominant inside player. "Carmen will provide good board strength as well as some scoring from the inside."

Commenting on the upcoming season, Harbson feels that the team will do well. "You should just always have a positive attitude towards any difficult situations."

"If we are to be competitive, we have to be in excellent condition, both mentally and physically. We have to be intelligent and industrious. Most importantly, we have to be unselfish. We need to be all of these to be competitive in the Eastern Conference," said Harbson.

The teams to beat this year, according to Harbson, will be Oakland, Delta, and Highland Park. "The players will be looking for a lot of support from the student body, faculty and the administration," concluded Harbson.



Priscilla Cross returns to ACC and the Lumberjack squad with a new determination to succeed at more than just basketball.

She's got - a new attitude!

by Yvonne LaFave

Priscilla Cross, a former Grand Rapids resident and one of 17 children, credits her eight brothers with sparking her interest in basketball.

Cross states, "My brothers took me over. They got me to play basketball and I just stuck with it. I followed my brothers around and I just became a tomboy."

Cross attended ACC in 1988, but she was not prepared. "I only focused on ball. I wasn't really ready for college," explains Cross.

"Before his death, my dad encouraged me to go back to college, so I decided to give myself another chance at ACC in 1990."

Cross played basketball for three years at Union High School in Grand Rapids and averaged 30 points per game. Her game average with the Lady Lumberjacks in 1988 was 25.

Says Cross, "I have a different attitude this year. Since there isn't a women's professional league in the U. S., I have to hit the books, too. When I first came to ACC, I only concentrated on basketball, now I'm trying to balance both."

Cross is enrolled in ACC's

law enforcement program, and plans to seek employment as a corrections officer in a women's prison. When asked about her career choice, Cross says, "I guess I'm normal. I'm confused. One day I know what I want to do, then I don't know what I want!"

Cross likes ACC because it's small, and she receives individual attention. Cross also has a positive attitude about the team and claims, "We can do well if we work together and keep level-headed. We're really not lacking much, we just have to work with what we do have. I think we'll get better and we'll be unstoppable."

The Lady Lumberjacks recently began practice for the season, so Cross is busy adjusting to the new team and working on her left hand on defense.

Cross provides her overall opinion of ACC in disclosing, "Junior college is a good start. ACC has helped me to get it together, and now I know what college is like. I've learned that I have to get with the program. This year I'm trying to give my best on the floor and at the books."

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