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Leadership class traveling to Haiti

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This May eleven students and one instructor from Alpena Community College will be heading to the city of Montrouis, Haiti. They will be staying for eleven days to re-construct a school.

The leadership class has been busy singing, baking, collecting bottles, working concession stands, filing out grants and scholarships, and speaking at organizations and businesses all over the area. They need to raise \$17,000 to make this trip possible.

"This money would cover the plane tickets over, housing for the entire trip (May 4-15), supplies for the building, items for the children of Haiti, food, and medical precautions," stated Erin Fleming a member of the Leadership Class.

There are eleven members of the class: Erin Fleming, Cristie Newbert, Melissa Pettit, Aubry Dziesinski, Jesi Hartman, Heidi Williams, Thane Domrase, Joshua Kumrits, Jocelyn Haske, Trisha Tanner, and Remi Charoth. These students along with their advisor, Matthew Dunkel, are planning on leaving May 4, 2001.

The genesis of this Haiti trip begins with a very special lady named, Ann Hume, a nurse at Alcona Health Center. Hume began going to Haiti in 1994, because she felt that is where she was led to be. Hume committed to this type of service when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.



Back: Erin Flemming, Remi Charoth, Aubrey Dziesinski, Josh Kumrits, Heidi Williams, Jesi Hartman, advisor Matt Dunckel. Front: Trisha Tanner, Melissa Pettit, Christie Newbert, Jocelyn Haske, and Thane Domrase.

Just five days before she was scheduled for surgery, Hume told God that if he let her live she would do His work. She is now a cancer survivor and highly involved in mission work.

The leadership class first heard about Ann Hume after reading an article in the *Bay City Times* talking about what motivates Hume to do mission work. Hume has introduced several people to Haiti, including a family, John and Dawn Ashford and their son Michael, which are currently living there for nine months of the year.

Hume has also brought back to the United States a young Haitian boy who had his arms amputated (after having a seizure and falling into the fire his family was cooking on). Hume helped

him to be fitted with a hook to make use of his arm. The boy, Kesmy, has now returned to Haiti, and is attending a school sponsored by a Christian organization called YWAM (Youth With A Mission).

Hume will be taking two groups over to Haiti prior to the arrival of the Leadership Class. Those groups are going to be tearing down the old schoolhouse so that the building site will be ready to start construction in May. The leadership group will be the seventh group that Ann Hume has taken to Haiti, and she is very excited both for the people of Haiti and for the leadership students.

The students will be getting a real feel for the county. After getting off at the airport they will

load all of their belonging (which will be carried in large totes), into the back of a pick-up truck, piling in themselves and off they will go. The roads are rough, and Montrouis is a very remote village. The students will then carry their belongings across a

river and up a hill before actually reaching the village. They will be staying together at a mission called Bon Samaritan, here they will be eating, living, and going to the market just like all the Haitian people.

When asked about apprehension due to the political atmosphere in Haiti Hume said, "Haiti has always been at political unrest. I have not encountered any problems in all the times that I have gone."

The Leadership Class is holding a Spaghetti Dinner on March 10, 2001 from 5-9 p.m. at the conference room in the Center building. Tickets are needed to attend, and donations will be accepted. For more information of how you can help the leadership class and Haiti contact a member of the Leadership Class or Mr. Dunkel. The class will be announcing drop off spots where you can donate supplies for the children of Haiti in the very near future.

Dead Latin language brought to life at ACC

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Pop Quiz: Which nation is Latin spoke in? If you said Latin America, you're wrong. If you said Rome, you're still wrong. The answer is: Latin is spoke nowhere, it's a dead language. And has been since the fall of ancient Rome. Yet ACC is opening up a new Latin class next semester. Why?

"Latin is an important source of much of our vocabulary. Half on the languages in the world, have derived from Latin," continued Phillips. "In fact, English is Latin based. Learning Latin can help us learn more about our language."

According to Roger Phillips, an English professor at ACC there has been an "increase in the interest of Latin", lately. The teacher of the class will be Michael Brinckman, a part time instructor. His interest in Latin was slow to develop. "I took Latin in high school," he said, "I hated it."

But when he took it in college, he had a revelation. "I wanted to simplify the teaching of the language, so that many people could learn it."

But how hard is the language to learn? According to Phillips, and Brinckman, the structure of Latin is not difficult to grasp at all. "It's mathematical," said Phillips, "in that the placement of

the words doesn't specify the meaning of the sentence. It can be confusing to somebody taught English as a first language.

"Twenty years ago, most people believed it was difficult. But it was mainly the teaching methods," replied Brinckman.

Are there any prerequisites? According to Phillips and Brinckman, anybody can take it, as long as they're interested.

But, what if I'm not interested in languages? What if I'm a biology major? Why would I need to know Latin?

"Most of our knowledge culture is based in Latin. Scientific terms are Latin," was Phillips reply. "It basically expands our capacity of thought. We believe that thought comes from language and that knowing more language increases your thinking abilities," said Phillips.

The class will be offered fall semester of 2001, M-TH, 1:45-2:10. Latin II will be offered spring semester 2002, at the same time. When asked what he thought the size of the class would be, Brinckman stated,

"Maximum capacity is expected. First come, first serve basis. Several dual enrolled students are also expected."

Neither Phillips nor Brinckman knew of no scholarships in the Latin field of study.

Financially stable school year predicted

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Despite recent attention given to the proposed smaller State aid for colleges and universities across Michigan, Alpena Community College President, Dr. Newport, projects a

financially stable 2001-2002 school year.

According to Newport, "funding for community colleges sits on a three-legged stool," which consists of property taxes (18 percent), tuition (28-29 percent) and state aid (52 percent). All three "legs" will see

changes in the upcoming year but will roughly equal to an estimated 2-3 percent increase in the school's overall budget.

Newport said, "a little bit of the unknown is the property tax."

The closing of local businesses such as Fletcher Paper and Stage take money away from the assessed valuation of the college's district but ACC is still projecting an increase in funding from taxes alone.

Tuition costs are also expected to modestly increase. The increase is expected to be approximately 2 1/2 to 3 percent. As it is compared to the other 27 community colleges in Michigan, ACC stays within a 5 percent radius of the average costs. Newport assures we will never see a huge jump in tuition at any one time.

The largest percentage of funding is what the school is always most concerned about. The economy is slowing which, as indicated by Gov. John

Engler's recent proposal, will result in less state appropriated money to most state funded organizations including colleges, universities, and healthcare providers.

According to the president, over the past several years ACC state aid increases have ranged from about 3 percent to as much as 7 percent. Engler's proposed a 2-3.5 percent increase for 2001-2002. This is a considerably lower increase than ACC received this year, but the college has practiced estimating future finances by using the low end of the spectrum.

No figures are final to this date. President Newport will be visiting Lansing many times this spring to testify before various committees about why we deserve more money. Newport said it is realistic to expect as much as a 4 percent increase when the proposal is finalized by the state legislature.

Contest Winners

The staff of *The Lumberjack* would like to thank the entire ACC Community. The response to the "Name This Paper" contest was tremendous. Due to the number of entries, choosing one winning name was difficult. However,

the vast majority of entries included "Lumberjack" in the title, so the choice became clear. Our goals for finding a new name were simple: find a name that would last, and more importantly, find a name that everyone involved with ACC, past and present, could associate with. From administrators to maintenance to faculty to students, we are all "Lumberjacks" and, in part, we always will be. For more information on our new name, please see Jocelyn Haske's editorial on page 6.



Editors Haske and Williams (top).
Winners Weigand, Bregge, Kirschner.