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Not many students or even faculty seem to know what the word "polemic" means. After much contemplation, our staff decided a change was needed and we boldly splashed "Name this Paper" across the masthead of last month's issue. Wanting ACC's input, we included a \$50 cash prize for best submitted idea.

It was unexpected and many were caught by surprise. Those who liked the Polemic name, mostly staff, were upset. It has been long standing, one that is recognizable. Students, for the most part, thought it was a good

In defense of name change

idea. They didn't like the abstractness of "Polemic". About 30 names were submitted.

The name history of the ACC newspaper began in the 60's with the Timber Cruiser. It became the Polemic for several years in the 70's, then the Campus Update, briefly the Lumberjack, and lastly returning and remaining the Polemic.

Spring semester 2001 has been challenging for the Journalism program. With brand new equipment, staff writers, editors, and a advisor, we basically started from scratch. First thing on the agenda was a critique of previous semester editions. What improvements or changes needed to be made? #1) The name didn't match with the content.

Polemic: 1. of or involving dispute; controversial 2. argumentative. The publication may have at one time contained controversial articles, but it has since changed. It's more about what the college is accom-

plishing, what events are taking place, and what student interests are. The entertainment section is often easier to fill than the news.

Another reason we felt the Polemic wasn't fitting was because it didn't associate directly with the college. Unique, yes. But appropriate? Other community college publications include their mascot or abbreviation so that when readers pick up a copy, the title identifies with the college. Polemic does not relate to ACC.

The contest was a way to let ACC share their ideas. Thank you for all those who took an interest and participated. We are confident the new name and masthead will persevere. Change is inevitable. It makes the history of the paper all the more interesting.



JENNIFER CORDES
Staff Writer



Kristine Rosinski
from Alpena says,
"Definitely, I work at a police department and when schools do not close down because of the weather there are a lot of accidents."

Sara Ashford

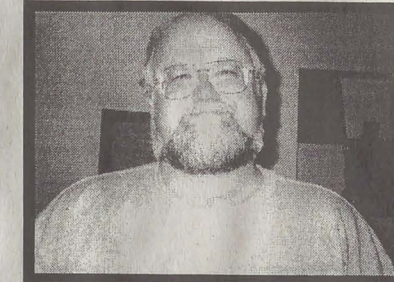
from Harrisville says,
"Definitely, the majority of people that attend here live in surrounding areas, and not on campus like other major colleges. The main roads may be fine, but other roads that are taken by students to get to ACC are terrible."



Nina Lis

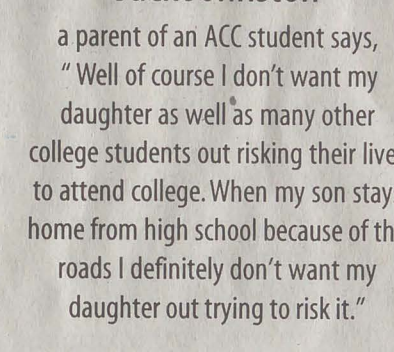
From Hillman says,
"Definitely yes, I travel 25 miles to come to ACC on a daily basis. When my hometown school and functions as well as surrounding schools are closed I don't feel that I should risk my life as well as others to come to college in spite of the weather."

Should the school take the fact that students live out of town into consideration when bad weather hits?



Lisa Radzibon

from Rogers City says,
"Yes, Not all students that attend ACC are from Alpena. I have to come from Rogers City and being on the lake the weather can be a lot worse, it tends to very a great amount from town to town."



Jack Johnston

a parent of an ACC student says,
"Well of course I don't want my daughter as well as many other college students out risking their lives to attend college. When my son stays home from high school because of the roads I definitely don't want my daughter out trying to risk it."



Attendance policies undermine student freedom



WENDY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Why do college students have attendance policies? Are we not old enough to decide if we could skip class or not? If we don't go, then that's our problem, right? It seems that students at ACC aren't capable of making their own decisions. Can't a student look at the syllabus and generally know what they might miss that particular day?

I have personally had a couple of classes that the syllabus outlined the class in so much detail that I could've been absent half the semester and still passed. Of course that wouldn't be a class with a participation grade. Participation grade means that you can't participate unless you're there. There are those

tough classes that don't have an attendance policy, but if you miss one day you are behind forever and it seems you will never catch up.

Maybe we have attendance policies just for our own good, to keep from falling behind, but why is it mandatory? Certainly, when some of us are told we must do something, we might not want to, just because we're told to.

I can see the instructors getting sick of digging for last weeks handouts, homework, and notes. Putting together make-up tests and quizzes would be annoying too.

If I could make up the perfect attendance policy, there wouldn't be one. If we missed class then we would take full responsibility for what we missed; make friends in the class and get copies of notes or handouts from them.

What can we do about this? I suppose, for now, we can just choose our classes appropriately and hope for the best.

The Lumberjack greatly appreciates input. If you have an opinion about any student related topic, please submit them to us in editorial form.

Is there a Parking problem on campus?



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Are you aware that as students of ACC you are not allowed to park near the entrance to your library?

I have issues with this parking policy and wondered what I could do about it, so I bring it to you—fellow students.

When I brought this up to someone who could help make a difference in this policy, I was told that the lot in front of the library is not considered the library parking lot, never has been. I was stunned.

This seems to be classic "in the box" thinking. The only thing I can deduce is this idea stems back to when the library was located upstairs at the NRC. Back then, I suppose, the NRC lot is where one would have parked when visiting the ACC library.

Things have changed a great deal from that time. The library is now located in front of a sprawling parking lot. When one walks out of the library entrance, one is staring directly at a large area of parking. None of which is to be used by students.

ACC students are not allowed to park in front of or near the entrance to their own library. Does this make sense to the rest of you? Maybe I am missing something.

I have started asking students on campus and of the 25 responses so far, twenty-one of them said yes, there is a problem. Several of them commented that they received tickets, don't have enough time between classes and wondered whom the lot is reserved for. Only four have said there wasn't a problem.

One of the 'no' responders, too afraid to fill out their name, said "take a walk, it is not that

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