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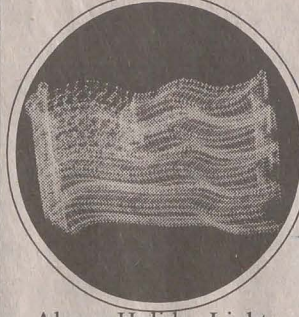
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## After 14 Years of Service Fancher Says Farewell

JENNIFER WEBB  
Managing Editor

The Lumberjack staff and the ACC Faculty say farewell and good luck to Dorothy Fancher. Mrs. Fancher will be leaving ACC after 14 years of dedication.

Since her husband has taken a job in Kalamazoo, Fancher decided to leave both the Alpena community and ACC family. She will be leaving at the end of this semester.

During her 14 year career, Fancher has put her personal touch throughout The Learning Center and ACC as a whole.

As ACC's Reading Instructor, Mrs. Fancher helps to provide strategies

and techniques for students who are not prepared for college level reading. In doing so, she teaches them to get the most out of reading and their overall education. The goal of the program is to "get students prepared to handle college level studies," Fancher stated.

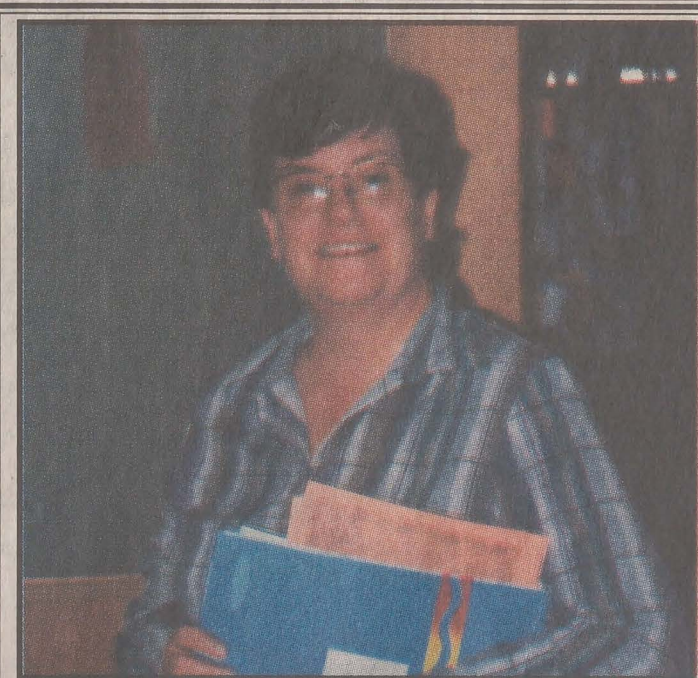
Fancher was also the founder of the Student Outcomes Assessment Committee. This committee tracks the reading level of the students involved to further benefit the reading program.

Although a lot of her time is devoted to TLC, SOAC and ACC, she does enjoy other activities. She's an avid reader and enjoys

needlepoint. She has also toured Europe, been an exchange student to Brazil, and lent her hand to the Girl Scouts as well as the Cub Scouts. She is an active church member and Alpena Civic Theatre participant. She also sang in the choir.

When asked what her experience in Alpena was like, she said "I loved working here and will miss the great staff; the staff tries to stay abreast of trends and the real world."

When asked what her main focus was at this point in time she told us "Starting over and cleaning out her office." Good Luck Dorothy! You will be missed.



Goodbye Mrs. Fancher  
Photo by Josh M. Brege

## Final Exams Approaching How Prepared Are You?

KELLY POTTER  
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Final exams are approaching right before our very eyes. Exams for this fall semester are scheduled for December 10-13.

A final exam can determine if you will receive credit for the course or not. If that is the case, I'm sure everyone is wondering how to go about preparing for these exams.

There is no one way to study. The way that you study will differ from the way others study and may change from subject to subject.

Jane Speer, who works in the Learning Center located in Van Lare Hall, offered a few tips that students should keep in mind. First of all, she stated that students should keep all information active. Students should have short, frequent reviews in all subjects.

Secondly, Speer stated to make sure you know what kind of test you are studying for. There are many different strategies for objective and essay type exams.

For objective exams, you should always read and follow directions. Always answer the easy questions first, and mark difficult questions and return to them later.

For true and false questions, pick out key words on which the truth or falseness of a statement hinges. For essay exams, make sure you plan your time wisely. In

addition, answer the question directly and concisely.

Some other hints for taking essay exams include taking the time to organize your thoughts before answering and sketching out a rough outline of your thoughts. In addition, it is helpful to write a thesis driven essay that is well organized with strong transitions and topic sentences.

Speer added that a great way to study is to get together with people in your classes. A small group review session helps out tremendously when trying to prepare for many exams.

Pamaram Publishing, which is found on the internet, offers a few study tips that can be quite useful if you apply them. If during your exam you feel uptight or nervous, close your eyes, slower your breathing, and think of something else other than the test. Most importantly, before any major exam, you should always get a good nights rest before the big day.

Time is running out to study for finals. Make the best of your spare time and crack open your textbooks. That doesn't mean cram everything in the night before. Use the remaining time you have wisely; your grade may depend on it.

To comfort the families who lost loved ones in the terrorist activities of September 11, 2001, staff members of Alpena Community College decided to make and distribute "Angels of Hope."

Angels of Hope are copper wire figurines with pearl beads used to make the head and halos. The Angels started as an idea for Christmas decorations, but seemed perfect as something to grieving families. A planning committee was formed at ACC and the project then spread throughout the Alpena community. Eventually church groups, school children, seniors and other volunteers would help make the Angels.

By November 26, about 6,300 Angels of Hope, each with an accompanying inscription, will have been sent to the victims' families, rescue workers and others directly affected. Distribution of the Angels is being handled by a variety of relief agencies including the New York City Family Assistance Center, the Salvation Army, New York City Police Department, Catholic Charities, and the Cantor-Fitzgerald Fund.



A Little Help from the Elves



Santa Visits ACC

The Annual Christmas Caper was held Tuesday, Nov. 27. The event was a huge success with activities ranging from decorating, arts and crafts for kids, and "Christmas Treats" served by the Lumberjack Shack.

Santa even showed up with a few elvesto get an early start on seeing what kids want for Christmas. The kids made all sorts of crafts and had a great time. The event was a terrific way to kick off the holiday season.

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