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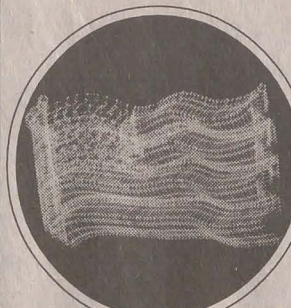
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After 14 Years of Service Fancher Says Farewell

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.

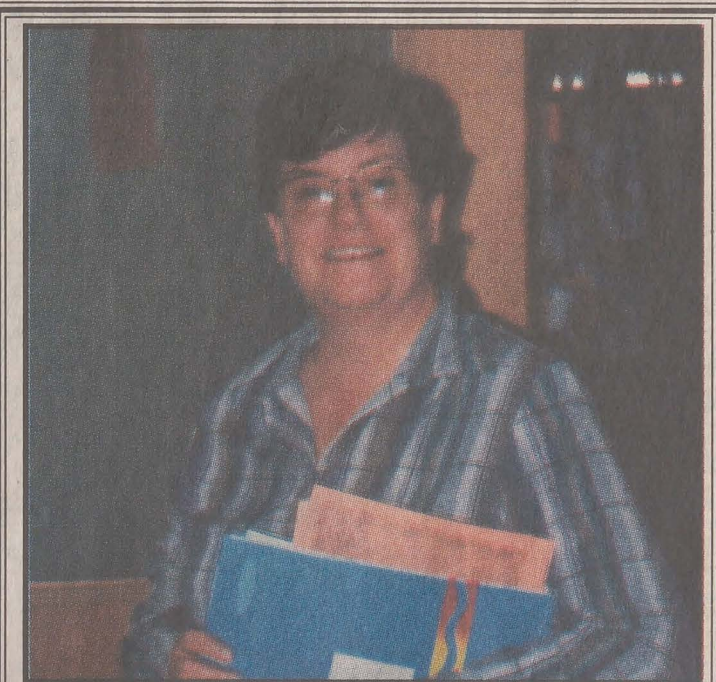
Fancher was also the founder of the Student Outcomes Assessment Committee. This committee tracks the reading level of the students involved to further benefit the reading program.

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
Staff Writer

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.

Photos by Joshua M. Brege

Students at Ground Zero Respond to ACC Outreach

Defend Yourself Against Anthrax Threat

With the recent events that have happened in America, many people have been taking extra precautions with their lives. One topic that has been gripping this nation is chemical warfare. It is estimated that 665 million pieces of mail are delivered each day in throughout the United States, and over the holidays that number grows. There have been numerous cases of the biological agent, Anthrax, transmitted via the US Mail.

Anthrax affects the skin, gastrointestinal system, as well as the lungs. Here is a list of things to look out for and things to do to avoid infection with this deadly chemical:

CHECK FOR SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES AND LETTERS:

Anything with excess postage, no return address, oily stains, discolorations, odor, or ticking sound.

IF PACKAGE APPEARS TO BE SUSPICIOUS:

Don't shake the package, wrap the package up with a plastic bag, or sheet to avoid leakage, leave the room and close door, wash hands with soap and water to avoid infection, and report the incident to local police immediately.

IF PACKAGE CONTAMINATES LEAK:

Cover the spilled contents immediately, leave the room and close the door, warn others of the incident, wash all areas that the contaminates may have touched, remove contaminated clothing and cover with a bag, shower as soon as possible, report incident to local police immediately.

TO AVOID SPREAD THROUGH AEROSOLIZING:

Shut down all local fans or ventilation units in the area, leave area immediately, warn others of the incident, call local police immediately.

With the holiday season approaching more occurrences of mailed anthrax are likely. Follow these hints to avoid any problems so you may have a happy holiday.

*Safety information released by Don Witt.



ACC English Instructor Tom Ray organized a school wide project to send letters offering condolences to students at Brooklyn Community College. These are a couple of letters sent back by students affected by the Sept. 11 tragedy. Our prayers are with them.

Dear Alpena Community College,

My dearest students, I'm very honored to have received letters of sympathy in regard to the tragedy of the 11th of September. That happened over a month ago, though it is still fresh in our minds.

I recall vividly how I survived that incident. I had just made my way out of the World Trade Center, from the PATH train station on the ground floor, within the Twin Towers, when I looked back and saw the first plane enter the Twin Towers, next to where I was emerging from. I missed some of the flying glass and steel, ran fast to my school, and witnessed the second plane crash into the second tower. People were leaping into the air, and the worst that could happen, finally did: the Twin Towers were reduced to Ground Zero, which we call "Ground Hero."

I had just been in Detroit, Michigan, a few days before the tragedy, for a reunion with my girlfriends, and had tremendously enjoyed my stay there at the Marriott Hotel, next to the Greyhound bus station, with its lovely scenery.

You've made me feel loved, comforted me, and I will continue to pray for you. You'll always have a special place in my heart. Thanks once again for you thoughtfulness, and God bless you always.

God Bless America.

With love,

Anna M. Namakula

Dear ACC Student & Staff,

Hello. My name is Tomomi Tachi. I'm an international student at Borough of Manhattan Community College, which is five blocks away from the World Trade Center. I really appreciate your letter. Well, people in NYC have been having a hard time. I've heard many sad stories from my friends, classmates, and people whom I don't even know. They've made me feel sad and angry. My school just reopened last week. I hadn't been around school for three weeks, so I was really shocked when I was walking to school from the station. The area around my school was totally a different place. There were many police officers instead of cars on the street. Actually, it was really hard to breathe because of smoke and the horrible smell. I couldn't believe that there were no two tall towers there anymore. I couldn't believe that humans destroyed these beautiful buildings easily. Everybody has been depressed at school. I've been depressed too. Indeed, I lost my friend. It hurts me so much. Furthermore, my boyfriend is in the military, so he may have to leave for the mission. I've been here for three years and all my relatives are in Japan. I don't know many people here, so these things hurt me. I'm scared that I may lose a person whom I love. I don't know what I should do except pray. I feel helpless too. Well, writing this letter helps me a lot.

Thank you for your letter again.
Tomomi Tachi

Student Senate Brainstorms

ERIC BENAC

Features Editor

Recently, I interviewed Cristie Neubert, president of the Student Senate. We discussed the senate's plans for this semester and the next.

The interview took place in the Lumberjack Shack. She told me that the senate is now in "limbo" stage, meaning the semester is so

close to being over; they can't make plans for any activities. They are in the stages of brainstorming and coming up with new ideas for next semester. Their latest activity was a survey. They surveyed the students, and asked them their opinions on a variety of issues, such as whether or not they wanted to have a television in the Lumberjack Shack. They are now

compiling the results.

One of the ideas to come out of the brainstorming session was a lock in. It would take place sometime in early January, or February. You could leave when you wanted, so it wouldn't really be a lock in, but it would last most of the night. They were looking into finding some inflatable games for it.

Another idea was an aerobics group. It would meet

one to two times a week. Anyone could join.

They are also planning a homecoming dance for the basketball team. They are also talking about having a hiking group, to hike through the woods, and bike as well. A book exchange is being talked about, where students could trade their books in for different books.

There are also plans

of having trips to the theatre to watch movies. They are trying to see if the theatre would offer discounts for such an event.

Cristie mentioned that the greatest problem with their activities is lack of participants. She said that people talk about going, and get excited about it, but when it comes time to they just don't come. She said they want to try and raise

attendance of their activities greatly.

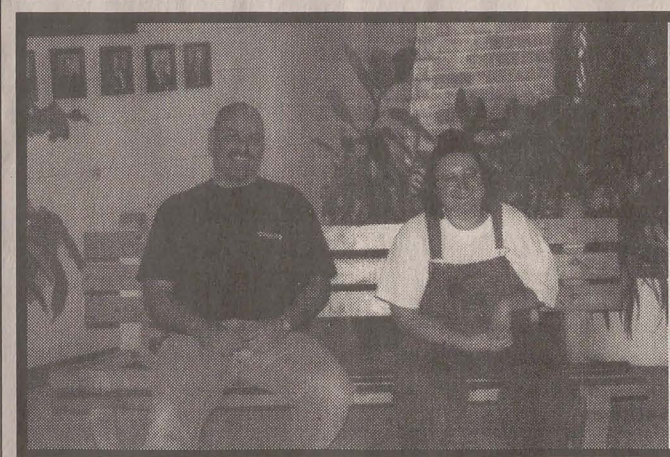
They plan on trying to create an activity that will "impact through school to the greatest extent." They are open to all suggestions. The senate office is in the Student Activities Center in the Center. If no one is in there, there is a marker board to leave suggestions. Use it.

Pied Piper Students Get Job Training with Help from Job Coach, ACC

PAULINE
FIALKOWSKI
Staff Writer

Pied Piper staff and students work at different business in downtown Alpena. They are given job training in planting and beautification of flowers. At ACC they are given different custodial duties. Everyone who is getting job training has mental or development impairment.

As the program developed the staff and students found that they were able to help their local community. The students work hard preparing in the kitchen before they are ready to go out on the work crew.



Pied Piper's Spencer, Student Share Smile
Photo by Josh M. Brege

All this is done with vocational teacher Brett Burke and job coach, Leonard Spencer.

There are currently 13 students. Five students go on job outings with Spencer. Student training is rotated every five weeks. The Thunder Bay Transportation

Bus swings by to take Spencer and his team at 9:15 am to the college and at 11:15 they are driven back. Then at 12:15 p.m. he takes the other students again till 2:15. This job coaching is Monday through Friday.

Burke stated, "The

objective of the program is to work independently, so they will have a better preparation and knowledge of being employed when they leave their vocational school." There is an age limit (18-26) on the job coaching.

Some of the duties include: dusting ledges, artificial plants and phone booths, picking up debris and cigarettes, sweeping curbs, and shoveling snow.

Whenever you see Job Coach, Leonard Spencer and his students walking around the hallways with a bucket or cleaning rag, they are working at making ACC a better and cleaner environment.

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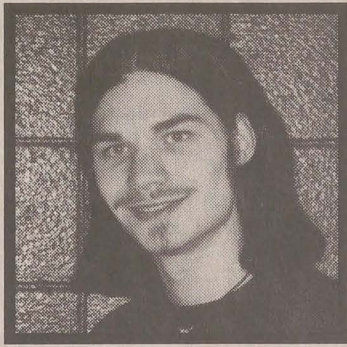
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"Education changes people's lives, said Dr. Phillip Jordan, ETS Advisor.

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RYAN SPAULDING
Entertainment Editor

Freedom of speech was granted to the people of this country so that Americans could have their own mind. Americans were given a privilege to freely express their views without the fear of a tyrannical hand snuffing out their opinions. This is what makes America, in all of its messed up glory, the best country in the world. I've had many people come up to me since I began this editorial series and say that they couldn't

In the Mind of Ryan Spaulding Part Three: The End?

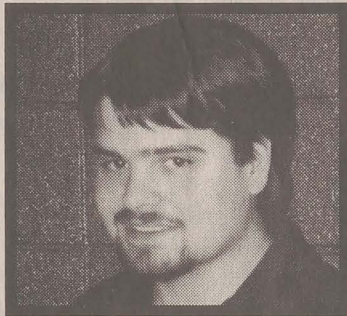
believe what I am allowed to say in the paper. This reminds me of how great it is to have free speech and freedom of the press, along with all the other rights many people seem to have forgotten. I speak what's on my mind, not because what I say is significant but because I can. And I really enjoy doing it too. To express your opinions or thoughts is one of the greatest forms of freedom. So say what's on your mind, express yourself. Not only can it be fun, it's free. On that note, let's get on with the show: **Life has been** categorized as "The Great Rat Race." This doesn't make

any sense to me. First off humans aren't rats. Second, when did this race start? I obviously missed the beginning. Life can't be a race because we don't go anywhere and we certainly don't win anything. **I wish prostitution** would be legalized in this country. I really need some extra cash. **If God created** all life as we know it, then who or what created God? He couldn't obviously have just appeared. And if he did have a creator then shouldn't we have a religion for that creator too? It seems only logical. That's the problem with religion, too many holes in the story.

What is it about music that makes it sound so much better at night? **Out of all** my talents I can do as a human, I'd have to say sleeping is the one I do the best. **I have come** up with the greatest idea for a television channel; Sniper T.V. Wouldn't that be great to see a show where if you hate a certain character you could just vote to have a sniper "cancel" him or her? Not only do I know this would get ratings, but it would blow all other competition away. Besides this would give incentive for actors to do a better job and provide us with some quality T.V. for a change.

Before I die, one of my dreams is to be part of a riot. That sounds like so much fun. Freedom to do anything! Pure anarchy at its finest. You get to smash things, set things on fire, and on top of that you can get all the free stuff you can carry! The only downfall would be the tear gas and rubber bullets, but everything has its setbacks. **Nothing** annoys me more when I can't remember people's names. You feel uncomfortable, and it upsets that person. Some people have to realize that the average person, I'm guessing, learns about 10 to 15 new names each day.

Now trying to remember everyone that you meet is an impossible task. If you're one of those people who get upset when someone doesn't remember your name maybe you should be more interesting to help them remember it, so that you would stand out above the others. **If you don't** like what you're reading then why are you still reading?! That's it for me. I hope you've enjoyed my free speech, and hope you continue to read. I've always wanted a fan base. Until next time, speak your mind as much as possible; the worst that could happen to you is a slap in the face.



ERIC BENAC
Features and Co-Entertainment Editor

Physical beauty is overrated. You heard me right. Physical beauty is overrated. I have come to this conclusion after years of being a human, and I've

Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover: The Same Goes For People

realized that physical beauty is a poor way to judge a person. Some of the best looking people in the world have been some of the worst people in the world. This question is for the guys. Think long and hard about it. Think about the best looking girls you know. Think about how attracted to them you are. Right now, you probably have a pretty positive image of the girl in your head. You are thinking a lot of her right now. Now

imagine that same girl, but this time, think just about her personality. You know, how nice, funny, and fun she is. Your feelings on her just went down didn't they? For some reason or another, people who are physically attractive are usually not very attractive personality wise. It's a strange phenomenon, but one that holds true. Now girls, do the same with guys. Think about a really attractive guy. Think about how attracted you are

to him. Right now, he probably seems like the ideal guy right? Now remember how he treats you when you talk to him. How he made up excuses so he wouldn't have to go on a date with you. Or how he is just an asshole to you. He doesn't seem like the ideal guy now does he? I've known a lot of people in my life. I've had crushes on a lot of girls. But it seems to me, the most attractive girls that I've had crushes on, are the ones I had

the crushes on the shortest amount of time. This is because their personality was absolute crap, and they were totally ignorant to me. And the girls I had the crushes on the longest were the nicest girls, not always extremely attractive, but they were extremely nice. Look at models. They could be called the most attractive people on earth. Or the least attractive. I go with least attractive, because all the models I've ever seen

on TV are all really vapid, stupid, and generally empty headed. Definitely not someone I'd want to spend more than ten minutes with. So I say it now, and I will say it to the day I die: physical beauty is over rated! Think about that the next time that girl, who's not so pretty, or that guy who's a little overweight, sits next to you, and talks to you. They could be the love of your life! Ciao.

Letters to The Editor: A Chance To Speak Your Mind

Dear Editor,
As a bible believing Christian I would like to clarify some misunderstanding written in the Editorial "Chick Pollutes Towns With Propaganda." The basic theme of a Chick tract is not "unless you are Christian you and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you are a bad person and are going to burn in Hell." You become a Christian by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Regardless of who you are or where you are from, God says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of Gods;"-Romans 3:23 You don't have to teach a child to lie, or steal, it comes naturally to them, but you do have to teach them not to lie or steal. It doesn't matter what church you attend, how religious you are, or how many Good things you do, there is only one way to Heaven and that is through Jesus Christ our Lord. It doesn't matter if you're a "bad person" or if you continually do good works. "And all our righteousness are as filthy rags;"-Isaiah 64:6. Jesus paid for all the sins we have committed or

ever will commit, by taking our place on the Cross. "For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ever lasting life."-John 3:16. Whether your Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, Methodist, Lutheran, or Baptist, if you don't believe this, you believe something contrary to the teachings of the Bible. That is what I believe Chick tracks are trying to show you. And if someone did LOVE you, enough to share this truth with you, be thankful for their concern for your soul regardless if you choose to believe or not. The main objective of almost all denominations of faith is witnessing to others either through the use of tracks or face to face visits. I was shocked at the shallowness and vicious content in the Editorial. Please be sure you understand the purpose for these tracks, and the content of them before you publish such harsh criticism against it. **JASON FREEL**
Concerned Citizen

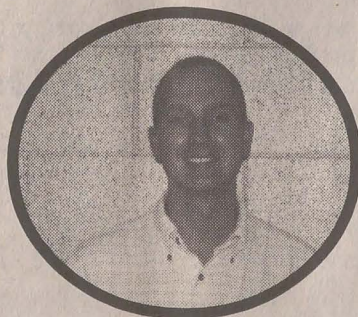
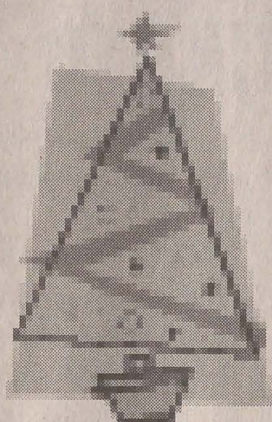
for 2000 years: We are sinners (Romans 3:23) the punishment for sin is eternal death (Romans 6:23), and God's love for man sent Jesus into the world to die in man's place (Romans 5:8). Jesus said in Acts 1:8 "ye shall be witnesses unto me." Christians are commanded to tell the message of salvation through Jesus Christ, and this happens through conversation and all types of media. This editorial wasn't just an attack on a method. It was an attack on Christ and Bible Christianity. Second, the First Amendment of the Constitution was mentioned at the closing of the article. According to the editorial, Jack chick has a right to publish his message, while people distributing that message "should be called out." Does that mean that if the community took Mr. Oposnow's view, I would harassed or punished for handing out Gospel literature? Does Alpena Community College believe in the First Amendment at all? Finally, I hope consideration about this topic will help improve the standard of your newspaper. I also believe the

article will probably help the interested in Chick tracts and more people will hear about God's saving grace than otherwise. **MICHAEL G. SULLIVAN**
Pastor

If you want to voice your opinion about an article written in The Lumberjack, please submit a letter to the editor and you will be heard.

Corrections

- ~It was not clearly stated in last month's issue that Bonnie Urlaub will be retiring after 2002 spring semester, not after this fall semester.
- ~We inadvertently failed to credit Jamie Gwilliam for writing the bow hunting story in our last issue.
- ~There was some false information in the "United We Dance" article published in our last issue. There wasn't a slide show. Split Image and Shanghai Zoo are two separate bands, and Steve Livermore formally belonged to Shanghai Zoo.

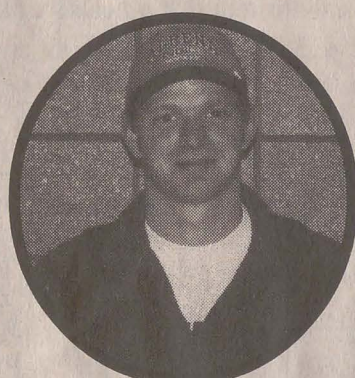


Tom Gougeon
"No, the economy will not."



Michelle Szumila

"No, if I see something I like for somebody, I will get it."



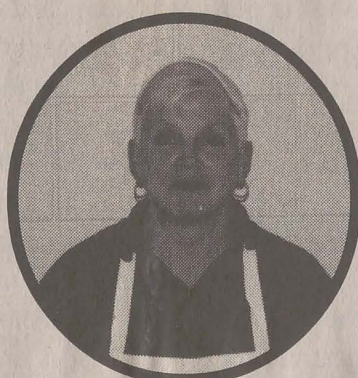
Tom Nowakowski

"No, I don't spend enough to make a difference."



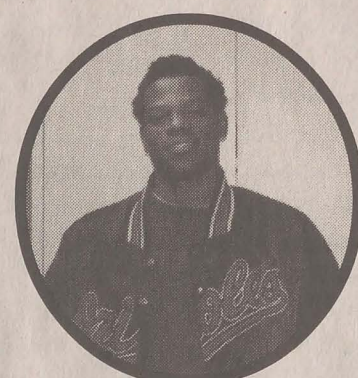
Kati Wiegand

"No, it will not have an effect on my holiday spending. I will still be buying Christmas gifts for my family."



Peggy Robin

"Yeah, I think we will watch it a little closer. We will be circling more on the family and less on material items this year"

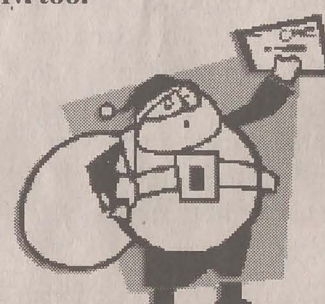


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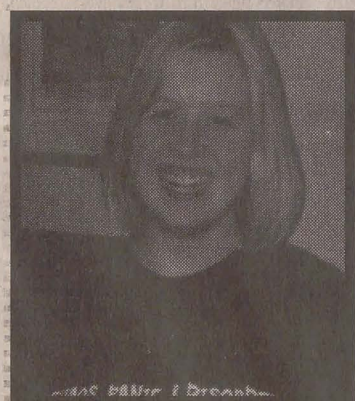
"No, because I started saving early and shopping early. too."



Will the bad economy have an effect on your holiday spending?



Take Life Lessons for Face Value



JENNIFER WEBB
Managing Editor

"The Journey Between Who You Once Were, And Who You Are Now Becoming, Is Where The Dance of Life Really Takes Place."
~Barbara DeAngles~

How could you ask for a more fitting statement to describe the transition from high school to college? It seems that life gives you exactly what you need to make your transition as smooth or as rocky as possible.

High School, for me any way, was the time of my life, something that college seems to be lacking lately. Whether it be from the location of my college selection or the path my life has taken so far. I'm not quite sure, but I think I'm finally getting the message.

Although I have been here for almost a year now, I can't help but look back and miss high school. I was the one that had her hands in everything. The cheerleader, softball player, yearbook editor, newspaper reporter,

homecoming representative, and the list goes on. The day I graduated was an experience I'll never forget. The on pour of emotions was an overwhelming feeling. One that has since been topped one thousand times over.

When the reality that life was greater than football games, dances, and hallway gossip set in I felt like my world had been knocked off its axis. Everything I had been a custom to in the past 4 years was changing and there was nothing I could do to stop it.

Although I am definitely no stranger to change and life lessons, this one that hit me harder than any other. I grew up moving as often as every two years. Changing high schools at least four times over the course of 2 years. And changing houses even more frequently. Ah, the life of and "Amy Brat", and those were just my high school years. Elementary and Jr. High are a whole different story. My life definitely doesn't lack for excitement nor change.

Even though the harsh reality of life was setting in, I thought I had it under control. I ; life wasn't about to tell me who to be... so I thought. I had an excellent summer job lined up, working as a lawyers assistant in Troy. I was going to go to Henry Ford Community College and get an associates in accounting and the go on to U of M for my degree in accounting with a minor in business. I had my life all planned out and no one could tell me different.

Life on the other hand had different plans for me. It just so

happened that the lawyer filled bankruptcy and no longer had a position for employees that he had just recently acquired. My mother, whom I was going to be living with, decided that she needed a change of scenery and move to Alabama. So where did that leave me? Vacationing in Alabama with my mother and wondering what I was going to do.

After my brief nervous breakdown, I tried to get back on track. Life once again had other plans for me. One of my best friends was killed in a car accident, I lost my three jobs, and my grandfather died all before Christmas. Depressing I know. I was 18 and felt like I was 45. I didn't know where to go or what to do. Life had definitely gotten the best of me.

But Life wasn't about to keep me down. I enrolled in school and decide to put the job-hunting on the back burner, a luxury that I can thank my dad for. School had to be my main focus or, at least in my mind, life was going to deal me another bad hand. And lord knows I had nothing left to bet. The last hand left me high and dry.

Once I finally got to ACC in the spring of 2001, it seemed that things were going to pan out. I applied for an editor's position with The Lumberjack (formally The Polemic), and tried my hand at softball. The softball thing didn't pan out, but thankfully the Lumberjack staff decided to keep me.

I did to find my place, my little niche. I was at ease with my life. I

had boyfriend (my high school sweet heart no less) who loved and supported me, a place that I could express my ideas and make a difference, and my home life was smiling on me.

Could life get any better? I was accepted to the National Dean List, my classes were going great and I seemed to be making a name for myself with our readers. Life seemed to finally be looking up. But lord knows just when you get your shit together life troughs a wrench in your plans. My father remarried and I gained a step brother and mother all in one shot, not that that was a bad thing, but that brought about a whole new set of issues to deal with.

As for the "Love of my Life" and I, we decided to call it quits after 4 years. And the "divorce" as I refer to it has been a nasty one. Were still deciding who gets the CDs and sports collection.

Now that I have aired my dirty laundry publicly your probably wondering why. Well, it has to do with that whole need to belong thing, and on some level, the fear of being alone. And, because sometimes you just need to feel like your not the only one that life's got down. So before you consider your self down for the count, just remember that life's lessons should be taken as just that, lessons and not that someone is out to get you. Consider it refreshing to learn from them now rather later, when the consequences could be dire.

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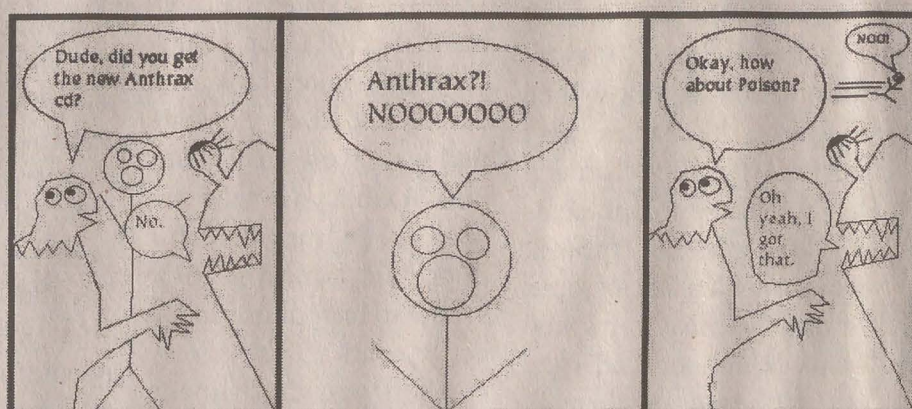
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Students Need to Get Involved

Did you know that there are activities happening at ACC? If you answered yes, ask yourself this question: how many of those activities have you gone to or participated in? It seems like no one knows about these activities because no one ever shows up or takes part in any of them.

There is a mitten drive going on right now. I'm sure that some of you have a few pairs of mittens or hats or scarves to donate. Even go Walmart, spend 60 cents and help someone less fortunate. There are boxes all over the school. Just bring a few items and drop them in, it's not so hard. Less fortunate people would appreciate it. You would be amazed of how good you might feel as well.

Or how about movie night? Was anybody aware that was going on? There were posters all over the place. The Student Senate spent time and money to make this happen for the student body. It was free! You could watch a movie for free. Turnout was poor at best.

United We Dance, anyone? To some people, these words put in the same sentence make absolutely no sense, because they not attend the benefit concert held by the Student Senate and several local bands. It cost five bucks to get in and you got to see four bands

playing for about four hours. That's about an hour a band. That's only a dollar per band. You can't beat that. And it went to the September 11th fund. Again, a little generosity goes a long way.

Student Services is a great service to take advantage of. They will help you with transfer information to other colleges, your studies, and help you find and fill out scholarships. But does anyone use it? Not many people do.

A brown bag political forum is held by Tim Kuehnlein on Thursdays 11:15 to 12:15. It's a great chance to talk about current events, and politics. Everyone is invited. No one comes, except for a few teachers.

Several activities are going on in the next week. There is a show being presented by the acting class on December 6th in Granum Theatre. It features comedy, dance, music, and drama. An art show is being held on December 7th, at East Campus. It's free. You get extra credit for some classes if you go.

The Student Senate holds many of these activities and they are frustrated with the poor turn outs. If the activities aren't fun, the Student Senate will take suggestions. They are here to serve you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS CONTINUED

Dear Editor,

When I read Ben Padua's article in last month's Lumberjack, the title, "Vegetarians Encounter Difficulties in Fight to Beat the Meat Addiction", captured my interest and left me questioning the point of the article. If someone is addicted to meat why does he or she want to become a vegetarian? If the individual feels strongly enough about the suffering the pork chop may have endured in its previous life, shouldn't that individual be able to change his or her lifestyle in order to stand up for what he or she believes in?

I found some of the arguments for vegetarianism to be even more troubling. The first two sentences: "it is hard to escape the fact that most Americans are plant-rights activists, as opposed to animal-rights activists. The world has conditioned us to think that eating other living things is a necessary human function." The words "living things" obviously refer to animals, but as basic biology teaches us plants are also living things. If it is wrong to consume a hamburger, is it also wrong to cut down a cabbage?

I visited the websites mentioned in Padua's article (www.peta.com, www.factoryfarming.com), and wondered whether the author

had taken the time to look at websites which were unbiased or presented the positive side of our nation's agricultural community.

I have lived on a farm my entire life, and worked on many others. I agree that factory farming is a problem, but it only represents one part of our agricultural industry. Animals living in overcrowded, disease-ridden conditions live very short, and unproductive lives. Higher production and longer life spans provide a greater profit for the farmer, so why would the farmer not want to provide his or her livestock with healthy living conditions?

If factory farming is the reason an individual chooses to become a vegetarian, maybe he or she should consider supporting organic or alternative farming systems instead of going completely meat free.

Having raised and sent many animals to slaughter myself, I spoke with Tom Shooks from Standard Provision in Alpena on the methods they used to end an animal's life. "We use a stun gun to shoot the animal in the brain, they don't even know what hit them," he stated. This is the standard practice in most slaughterhouses within the United States. Hanging an animal upside down and butchering it while it is still fully conscious, as stated in the article, is not only inhumane,

but also impractical. It is not easy to hang a 1,500-pound live animal by its feet.

Padua also included in his editorial the health risks involved in eating meat. According to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations meat is a good source of highly digestible proteins, B-complex vitamins, and minerals including well-absorbed iron. Less than 0% of iron in plants is absorbed compared with up to 35% in meat. The body can take up the iron in plants more readily when the plant food is eaten with a meat product.

Meat also supplies an abundance of the amino acid Lysine, which is found in short supply in other foods. People can live on a vegetarian diet, but they are robbing their body of many essentials supplements.

Dietary supplements are on the market to provide vegetarians with the nutrients missing from their diet, but I wonder how many of these supplements are manufactured from animal byproducts? As for meat causing heart disease, anything eaten in excess and combined with other unhealthy habits can cause major health problems.

The article also mentioned that livestock farms use half of our nation's water supply and are our biggest polluter. I would like to know where these

statistics were taken from because I was unable to find any sources verifying this information. If all animal products used in are society were replaced with synthetic materials how much more garbage would our nation create?

Provided, as further argument was the fact that meat contains more chemicals and pesticides than plant foods. Many of the chemicals found in meat were consumed with the grass and crops eaten by the animal.

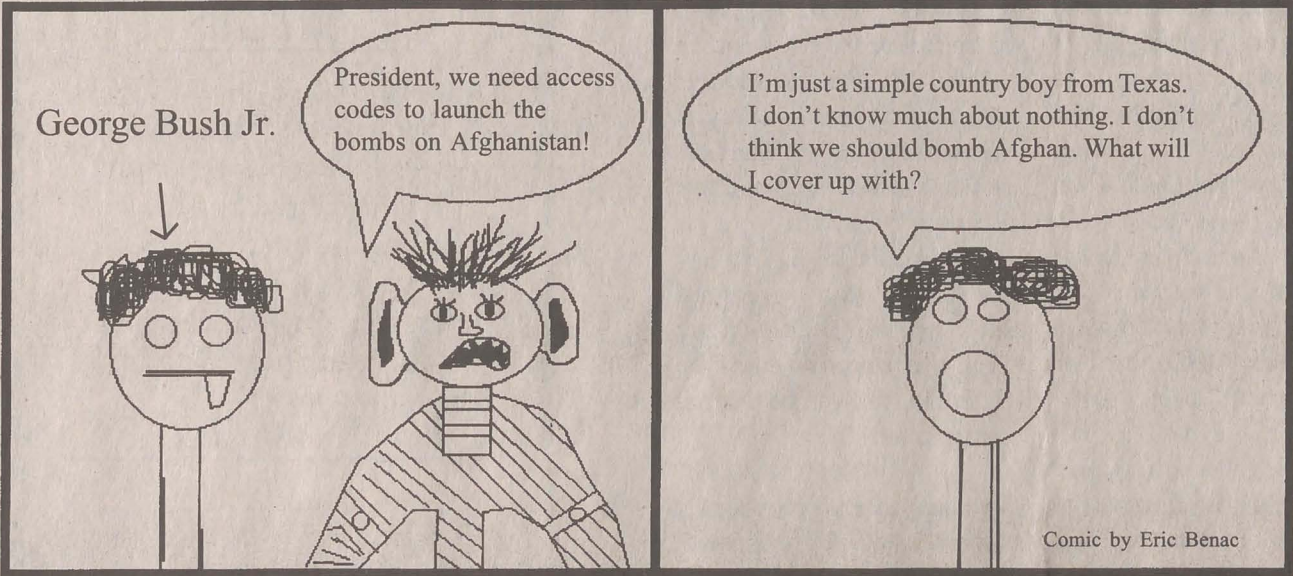
Some of the other chemicals found in animals are drugs and antibiotics that were given to the animal to keep it happy and healthy, which is what we want, right?

To protect the consumer many vegetarian medicines cannot be given so many days before slaughter. Many of the drugs are not any different than the drugs we put in our own bodies to keep us healthy.

I see nothing wrong with being a vegetarian, but to change your lifestyle based on the facts in Padua's article? I think the information (and its source) presented to us in our daily lives need to be researched an analyzed from all sides before it is presented to others or opinions are formed.

SELINA WOJDA
ACC Student

The Adventures Of Bushey And General Gary



"Playa's" Shouldn't Play



STEPHANIE NEHRING
News Editor

Are you a player? If you are, I feel sorry you, especially the guy players. Do you guys feel special leading girls on and then throwing them away like

trash? I mean what's the whole point in it? You make a lady feel special for one night, wow what role models you are.

I am not just picking on the guys here, what am I saying, yes I am. If guys call girls who sleep around sluts that is like calling the kettle black, don't you think? Actually you guys are the sluts. Not all men are like that because I know a lot of guys who know how to treat a woman right, mind you though they don't live anywhere near here. The majority of men are pretty

decent though. You players should take notes, then take a course on How to Treat a Woman 101.

Is it that hard to treat a woman with respect? You can put on that witty charm and bright smile, but let me tell you something; a lot of ladies don't fall for it and if some do, hopefully they will learn not to be so naïve next time.

There is the saying "it takes two to tango" and it does. I know girls who sleep around, but they think the guy really cares for them and in the end they really don't.

Let's be honest here boys, you need to grow up and start acting like gentleman. It's not hard; I mean, you don't have to be committed to one girl. If you don't want to be with her, tell her and keep your hands to yourself so you don't wreck a poor girls dream. Players are out; they have been for a long time. Also ladies, don't fall for it. It may be charming to get all those compliments but those guys don't mean it, they are just looking for some. Some of you may know who I am talking about and in the end, players get nowhere.

Is Financial Aid All That Big Of A Help?



JULIE HOOVER
Staff Writer

How many of you have financial aid, yet have to come up with more money that you didn't have?

It's really hard having a job and going back to school with worries on how you're going to have to pay for it all. It's great that there is help, but what about that window where you don't have the money to pay for what is left?

The school can only do so much. I don't think they really take a look at all the bills and lovely expenses that we have to pay. They look at what you make in a year and go from there. It's important that you go to school to learn more and to better yourself, yet you are stuck if you don't make

enough money, and they don't pay for it all.

For me it has always been a dream to go to college. I have family that didn't even get out of high school, let alone go to college, and I was the one that was going to make it. I had some help for this semester and for next semester, but what happens next?

Scholarships seem to be the best way, but they're hard to understand and to get into. If you don't have the best grades, it can be very hard to find scholarships you are eligible for. If you are having trouble with this, ask someone at the college (Student Services) to help you; they will try to help you find away to get help.

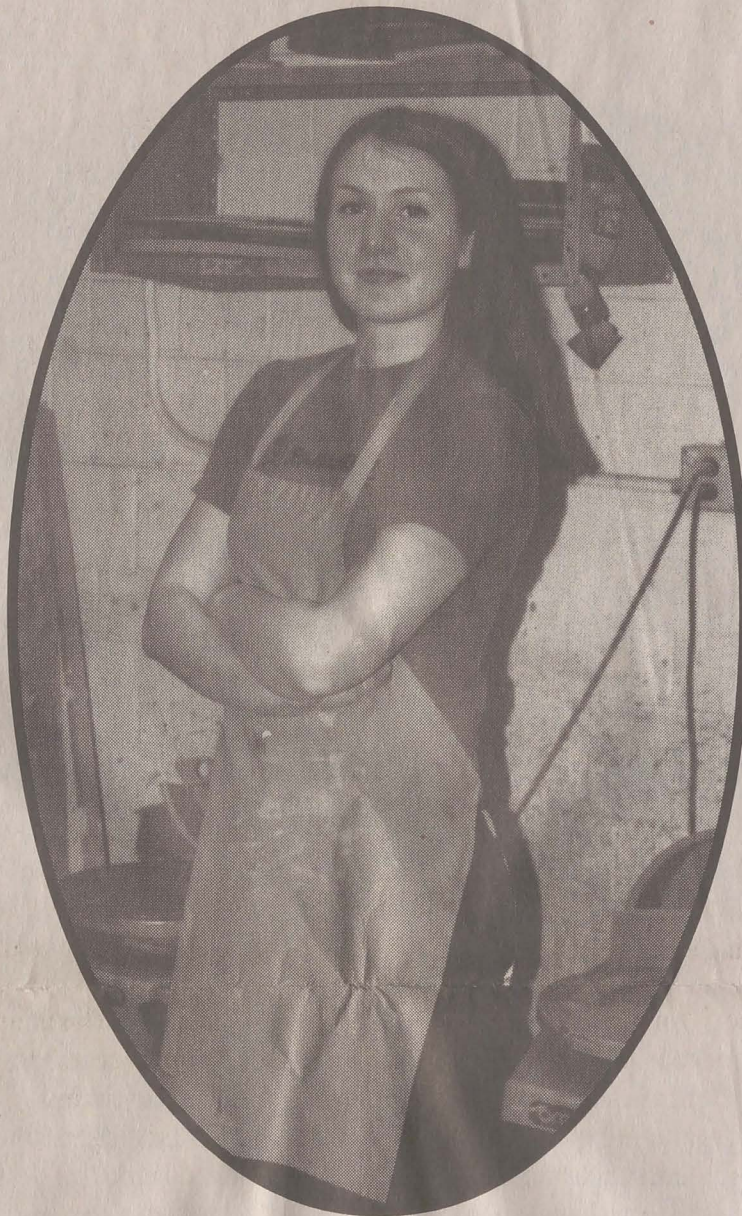
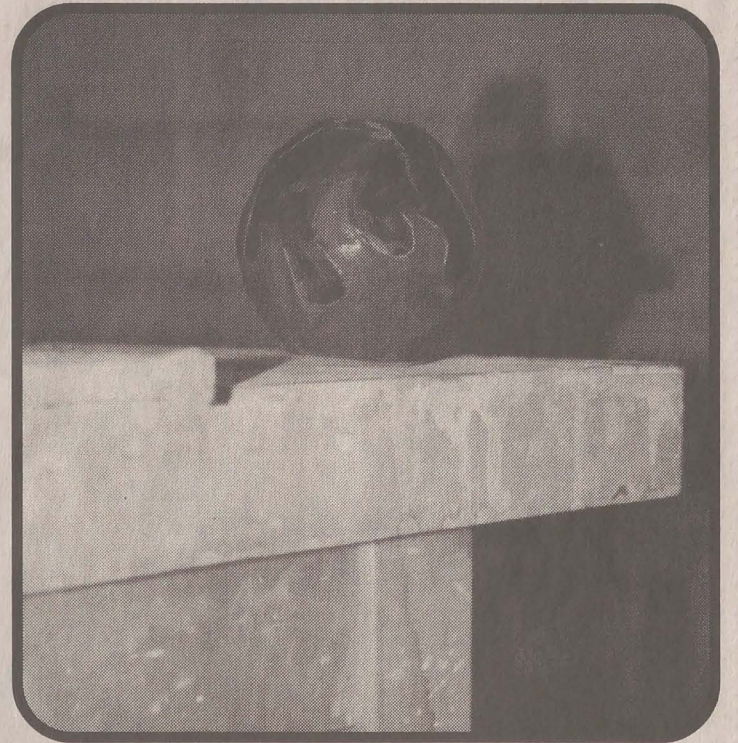
I encourage anyone who wants to go to school to go. That is a very important step in your life, not only to learn more, but so you can get a better job or heighten your skills, but also to learn more about yourself and know that you did it. Don't give up, I want you to know there are people there for you.

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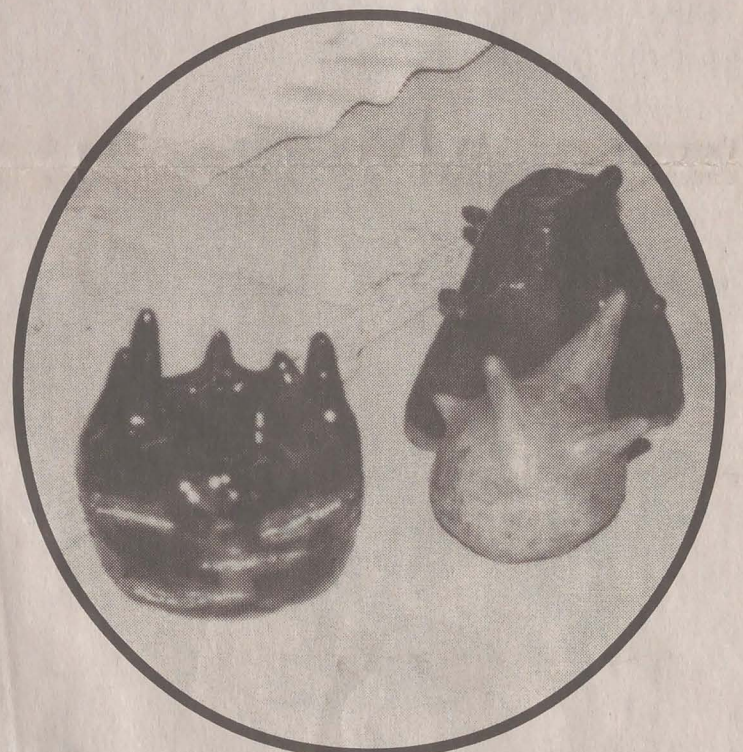
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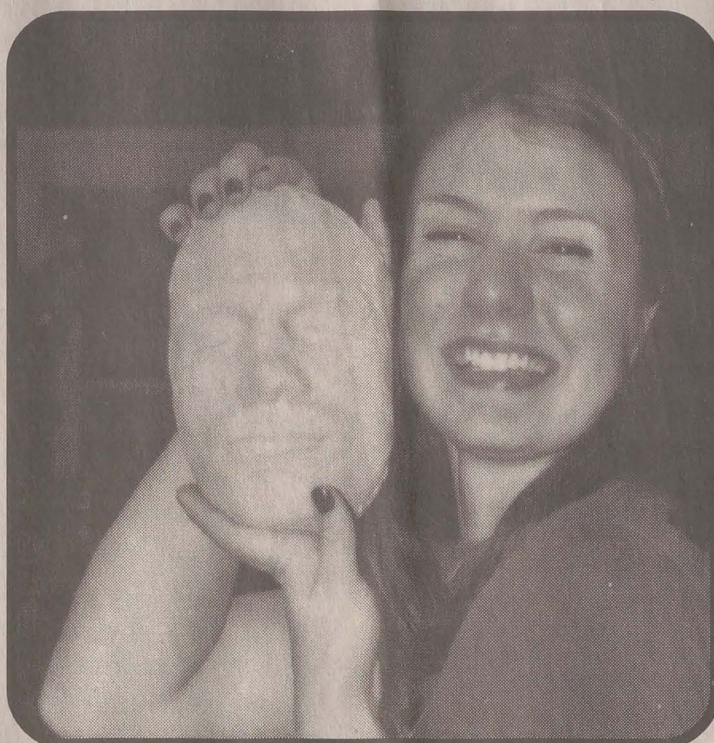
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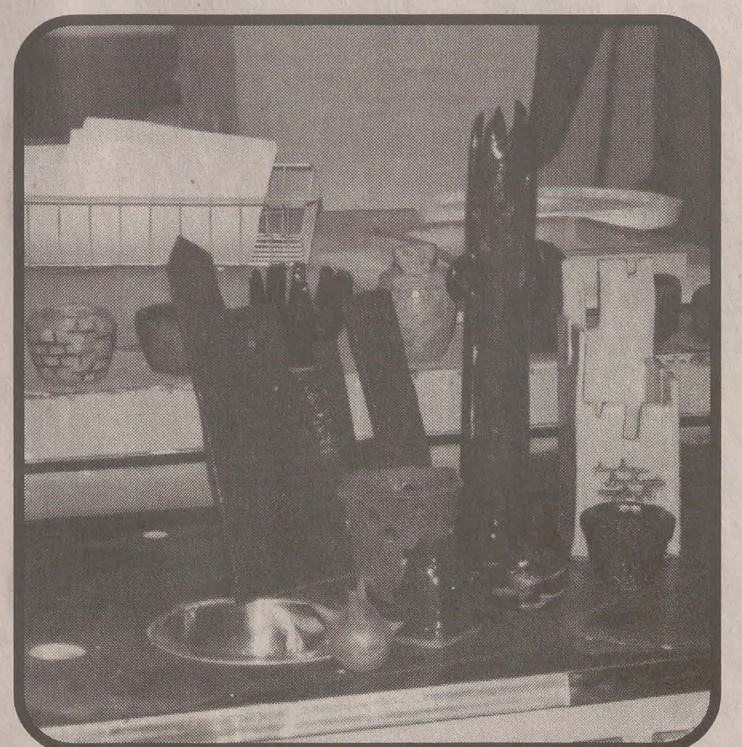
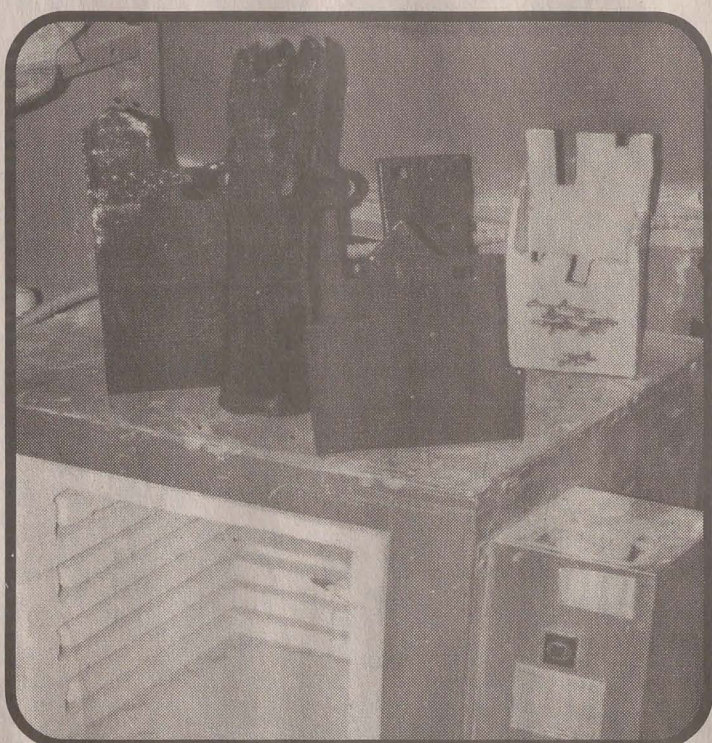
PHOTOS & STORY BY JESSE HARVEY
Staff Writer



Cristy Golder is a second year student at ACC. The ceramics class she has now is the fifth art class, that she has been enrolled in. Golder is pursuing a degree in Liberal Arts. She will be relocating to Oregon next fall. Upon arriving, she plans to get enrolled to fulfill her dream of becoming an Interior Designer. When asked why she was interested in Interior Design, Golder said, "I don't know, I have always just been interested in houses and art." You will be able to view more of Golder's work on December 7th, 2001 at ACC's Art Show.



Photos by Jesse Harvey





United We Dance



CHRIS OPOSNOW
Art Editor

United We Dance was one of the most anticipated events of the semester. It was a benefit concert organized by the student senate to raise money for the September 11 Fund that brought the community together.

Originally, United We Dance was sophomore representative Victor Kahn's idea. The idea was to raise money for New York while showcasing diverse local bands. The bands that played were: Switch 76,



Antithesis seemed to be really talented at playing their instruments. They consisted of Victor Kahn on bass guitar, Ian McConnell on guitar, and Mike Goeke on drums. They played some hard rock, and had great performances. They even had a short jam.

Over \$800 dollars was raised and donated in part to the angels of hope foundation and also to the September 11th relief fund.

Photos by
Joshua M. Brege



Split Image, A.O.T.Z., and Antithesis. The style of music they played was punk rock, emo, hip-hop, and alternative.

Kahn proposed the idea to the student senate and then the student senate organized the event. The student senate got the facility to host the show, paid for the refreshments, and helped promote it. If you talked to student senate members like Josh Kumritz, Ryan Townsend, Cristie Nubert, Mira Dejova,

Two punk bands kicked off United We Dance; Switch 76, who play straight forward punk rock, and Split Image, who play emo. I am not exactly sure what emo is but bands like Fugazi, Weezer, and Blink-182 have all been labeled emo.

But everyone seemed to come to see A.O.T.Z. It was a hip hop band with several rappers, a guitarist, a bass player, and



Azra Pilov, Heidi Miller or Kahn a week before the show, they probably asked you if you were going. Everyone seemed really proud of what they were doing.

The promoting of the benefit concert gained the attention of the local media. Radio station WATZ did a broadcast about the show and TV station WBKB interviewed student senate members for the local news.

The concert was held Nov. 3 at the East Campus. A lot of people were really excited because this was the first big concert in Alpena in quite some time.

a drum player. Victor Kahn, played drums, Ryan Townsend, vice president of the student senate, played guitar, Ian McConnell played bass, and Josh Kumritz, also of the student senate, was one of the rappers. They had a lot of energy and seemed to have had their act well rehearsed. The audience really enjoyed their performance as well, jumping up and down to the songs. It was great to see a different kind of music around Alpena. They got together specifically to play this concert.

The last band, An-



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ACC Men, Women Face Challenging December Hoops Schedule



ERIK PARKER
Staff Writer

In the upcoming games for the ACC men and women, both Frank McCourt, men's coach, and Mike Kollien, coach of the Lady Jacks, say that the next few games will bring a challenge and that they need everyone to step up.

Last week I sat down with Coach Kollien and asked about the upcoming games. "It's early in the year still and we're still coming together as a team. Also we are taking individual rolls and blending into team rolls for the college game which is much different than high school." Kollien also said, "It takes time to gel and when we do we'll be ready for the conference season".

I also asked Kollien what Muskegon's strengths are against ACC. They are big in size; something that

ACC doesn't have. Kollien also mentioned that the game a few weekends ago against Muskegon was very competitive and could have gone either way in the last minutes. A adjustments and ACC can come away with the win. When asked ACC's strenghts against muskegon, Kollien responded "we are a faster team with everyone playing and when we beat their big girls down the floor we must capitalize on those opportunities".

As far as the next two games, ACC will play Grand Rapids and St. Clair, Kollien said they should be good games. "Grand Rapids is a young team with a new coach, they are athletic and big and we have to look at it like we would any other team we have to be ready to play." For the St. Clair team, he said that they are always talented and

well coached and they have size. Also, they make few mistakes. ACC must be on top of their game to win.

Other points of discussion were what is ACC's overall strength, what adjustments will be made this game, and who will he rely

you can't." Lastly, he says he has to rely on his sophomores. "I have five veterans who understand the college level of play and understand the intensity. They have to be leaders to lead the newcomers and make them better players.



Two thrown down for Lumberjacks

Photo Joshua M. Breg

on. Coach said that our strength is that we out work all teams going for loose balls, controlling the tempo, and not letting other teams do what we can't. To expand upon that, Kollien makes motion to his players during games "do what you can do best don't do what

They must step-up to keep up with other teams".

In the same week, I talked to coach Frank McCourt about the Men's upcoming schedule. I asked what are their strengths and weaknesses of Sault College. "The Soo are a pretty good

basketball team which almost beat us in the first tournament game of the season. They shot 48 percent, scoring 53 points for the game. They lead us at halftime by eight, which they should not have. They have good guard play who will try to test our metal," said McCourt. "And their weak point is that they do not handle pressure well and we need to apply pressure at all times."

The same question was asked when I asked about Muskegon. Strong points for Muskegon McCourt said was that they take advantage of mistakes, are good rebounders, good shot selection, and they have size. A weakness is that there really is none.

Our weakness against Muskegon is that we aren't great on defense, we must be able to run an offense to win, we cannot shoot 28 percent, and we must rebound. ACC's advantage over Muskegon is

that we are more athletic and quicker.

Against St. Clair it's unknown how they look this year; we haven't seen them play. But they are good shooters, they're big, and they have a better team this year and about four guys who can hurt ACC.

McCourt said, "The strength of this team is not showing. We have a collection of individuals that don't play together as a team which we need to start doing."

As for the upcoming games, McCourt says he needs his big men to play better, be more aggressive on defense, take better shots, make less turnovers, rebound, and play with more intensity.

As far as the players he needs to step up, McCourt said "I need the whole team in order to win."

ACC Player Profile: Erin McDonald

JESSICA THIEM
Staff Writer

Erin McDonald is a nineteen-year-old sophomore on the women's basketball team at ACC. Her positions on the team are shooting guard and small forward. Born and raised in Hillman, McDonald has been playing sports since the second grade. She is currently studying to become a physical education teacher. Like most college students, McDonald also enjoys music and movies.

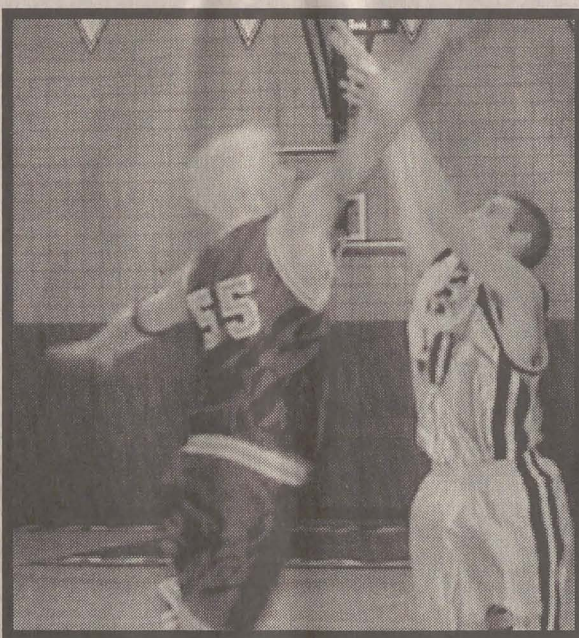
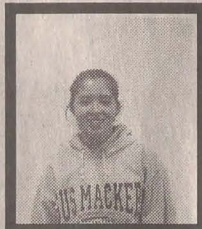
Mike Kollien, women's basketball coach at ACC, stated that McDonald is a "solid all around athlete." Kollien also said that he thinks because of her easy-going personality, it makes it easy for her to work well with others. He then added that she is an extremely easy to coach athlete that plays well on the court.

Sports have always been a big part of McDonald's life. In high

school, she started out her freshman year on the girls varsity basketball team and played there for four years. While in high school, McDonald played three sports: basketball, softball, and volleyball. She didn't continue playing volleyball at the college level; however, along with basketball at ACC, she also plays on the softball team.

When asked what McDonald likes to do outside of basketball, she laughed and said that even when she hangs out with family and friends she plays sports. She also goes to her family members' sporting events. Obviously, sports are a major part of her life.

This is probably why she has decided to go into the field of physical education. McDonald strongly wants to become a coach. She believes becoming a physical education teacher will help her reach this goal.

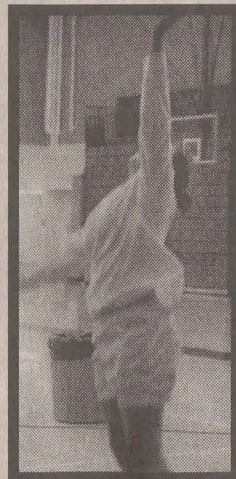


A Lumberjack Fights for position.

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Aside from sports she also enjoys a variety of music; however, she does not like heavy metal. Her favorite singer is Garth Brooks. McDonald also enjoys a good movie every now and then. She favors comedies and sappy movies with happy endings. Her favorite movie is *The Cutting Edge*. Come out and watch Erin and her teammates soon.



Erin McDonald taps the glass

Photo by Joshua M. Breg

ACC Player Profile: Reggie Penrose - Green

H. APRIL WATSON
Staff Writer

Reggie Penrose Green plays point guard and small forward on the Lumberjack basketball team. If you are a basketball fan, you may know him as S.W.A.T. boy because of the tattoo on his left leg. Green is 20 years old and originally from Toledo, Ohio. When in Toledo, he lives at home with his mom and two sisters. Erin McDonald and Josh Kumrits say Green's family comes from Toledo to all of his games.

Here on a basketball scholarship, with business management as his major, Green says that coming up to Alpena was "a big adjustment [at first], but it's cool now." Due to the housing shortage, Green stays at the Fletcher Motel. With the Jacuzzi there at his disposal, he likes to invite his friends to come and soak.

His main interest is

basketball, but Green has a few other interests. He enjoys rap music and even has the opportunity to rap a little with his cousin. He really likes to sleep, especially right before a game. Green says that he thinks it helps him to play a better game. Before he has this little nap he likes to watch highlights of Allen Iverson, of the Philadelphia 76ers. Green states that Iverson is a basketball role model to him.

This is his last year here and he is hopeful that another school will give him a scholarship. He states that he really does not care where he moves on to next as long as he can play ball.

Within five years, Green hopes to be playing ball and being paid for it. By the time he is 30, he hopes to still be playing basketball, but would also like to settle down with a family. Come out and catch Reggie and the ACC men's team in action.



Dec. 4	at Sault College (M)	Dec. 17/19	at Oakland CC (W)	Dec. 27/28	at ACC Christmas Tournament (M&W)
Dec. 7/8	at Muskegon CC (M&W)	Dec. 19	at ACC V.s Rochester (M)	Jan. 4	at Algoma University College (M)

ACC Sports... More Than Just A Game

JOSHUA KUMRITS
Staff Writer

The Lumberjack athlete: months of conditioning, running, practicing, and pushing your body in the gym and on the floor; taking crunch time and running with it – hopefully winning, but not always.

Sports here at ACC may seem like the regular old routine of having a team, playing games, and missing class once in a while.

But underneath the surface, there is a part of it all that has little to do with putting points on the board or scoring a goal.

It's a group of people coming together from all backgrounds of life - a group of people with fears and insecurities – strengths and weaknesses.

Erin McDonald, a sophomore playing basketball and softball, shared that after a season,

there are people, friends, and memories that will never be forgotten. "Playing sports here pushes you to be determined and makes you a better person." For some people, ACC is their first big move away from home.

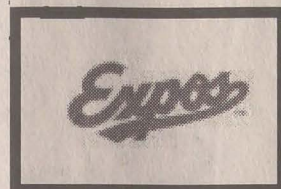


Jason Cook is a freshman on the Basketball team who moved up here from Ohio. The one thing he didn't expect was the pressure to get good grades. "It was a big surprise – the accountability and everything, but that's a good thing because after Basketball is over it's the grades that

really matter." Men's Basketball coach Frank McCourt said, "Sports is the opportunity to teach life skills to students on and off the court." "The last day of Basketball season is the saddest day of my life every year."

So it's obvious that for players and coaches, it's all a lot more than just a game. The pain, the sprints and suicides, the ups and downs, the work, the grades, the laughs, the fights, the team, the family. The list goes on.

Everything is put on the line, and for months, this team comes together and works day in and day out through wins, losses, and everything in between to bring pride to themselves and their school. ACC sports is the place where relationships are formed, memories are made, and where men and women become better and stronger people – Lumberjack athletes.



STEPH NEHRING
News Editor

Major league baseball has been making some decisions and talking about a lot of changes that may or may not be happening. The biggest decision of them all is getting rid of two teams. Four teams are up in the air right now, which includes the Minnesota Twins, Montreal Expos, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and the Florida Marlins. Unfortunately the Twins and Expos are most likely to go.

The owners of the MLB are contracting two teams because the money isn't there. Those four teams do not strike interest anymore, the fans don't respond, so why keep them alive and going when they are not making any profit?

The teams are not going down without a fight though. The Expos are trying to make their Stadium (Olympic) a better place to go to, while their fans are behind them every step of the way. The Twins are going to court so they can at least play in the 2002 season. While they are taking it to higher authority, their fans are signing petitions and doing all they can to help out. They are doing pretty well because they racked up over

Who Will Strike Out?



110,000 petition signatures. The two Florida teams are fighting it also; while their governor of Florida is trying all he can to have the teams stay.

Now it is up to the other 28 remaining teams, to pick the players from the teams that are getting contracted. It may be early retirement for some, could mean better teams, some without a job, and some might even get drafted back down to the AAA.

When all this is settled, there will be some changes in the division also. Some national league teams might get shifted to the American league side and also the other way around. There

is also talk that the Arizona Diamondbacks will get shifted to the American side. Even though it's not a drastic change, though it will be to the players who are used to playing by certain rules in their league.

All in all, this has to happen. If not, baseball would be looking into debt figures. We will have to see what happens, maybe it will be for the best and maybe fans can respond more for the other remaining teams. MLB is part of America's heritage, just because two teams are getting dismissed, it doesn't mean baseball will ever die. It is here to stay and will come out looking good again in the end.

America's Newest Heroes

MATHEW STOCKMAN
Contributing Writer

Baseball, America's favorite past time, was in the middle of a very exciting pennant race, but did not seem important. The Yankees/Diamondbacks showdown seemed to be the last thing on anyone's mind.

Even in football, the most watched sport, everything was canceled after the events of September 11th. Was canceling all of sports a good thing to do? If you look at the past, then you would have to say yes.

When John F. Kennedy was shot and killed in 1963, baseball Commissioner Christopher Frick decided to go on with all scheduled games in spite of what had happened. This decision haunted Frick, as many people were against the decision to play the games.

We now go back to the same question asked before. Was it the right decision to not play the games after September 11th? We should all believe that it was. The country was in a state of shock.

Although the war is still going on, sports have resumed, and I believe that is for the best too. When sports were not on, the only thing on the news, including ESPN, were pictures of the planes flying into the twin towers and firefighters helping people out of the rubble.

This went on for a few days, and although it is important to know what is going on in the country; it was also important to carry on with our lives.

When baseball

started again no one really knew what to expect, but the response was overwhelming. Attendance was down a little, but not as much as some were predicting. America seemed to draw to the sport as something different.

Sports took our minds off the killings of thousands of Americans. It did not make us forget about them, that will never happen, but it started a process of getting back to our lives.

It was nice hearing "God Bless America" during the seventh inning stretch. Seeing people hold up their American Flags with pride, baseball was more than a sport after the 11th. It was a way to help America say that we will not give in. That we will proudly stand up and defend this nation.

Times have changed; life went from Barry Bonds as a hero to thousands of soldiers, firefighters, and police officers as heroes.

The events that took place make us realize that we were taking advantage of our freedom that was won for us so many years ago.

We need to remember how we were and make sure that we never let our guard down again. As our new heroes are fighting a new war, a war that does not have an end in sight, we can sit safely at home and watch game seven of the World Series, or watch Michel Jordan try to take another team to glory.

As we watch these games, we must remember the real heroes out there fighting for our freedom.

Former Ladyjack Hoopster Enters Boxing Ring

JESSE HARVEY
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There are all kinds of sports played by ACC students and staff, but very few participate in boxing. Rachel Bischoff, an ACC student, is a female boxer. She took interest in the sport when she quite playing softball and basketball after playing for two years.

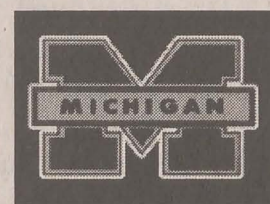
"I had nothing left to do. I had to find something

else so I could get out and exercise." Bischoff said. "I like boxing although it is very different than basketball and softball. I'm just learning. Olivia Shields and Dick McDonald have helped me out greatly."

Bischoff is very fond of boxing. She practices several times a week with Shields and would someday like to participate in tournaments. "I think someday I would like to enter the Tough-Man Contest, but not

until I get a little better."

Bischoff recommends this sport to anyone that has an interest in a great workout and can take a little abuse. There are not a lot of people around that support boxing, and it seems no one sponsors it from what Bischoff told me. But to start on your own, all you really need are a few things. A mouth guard, gloves, and some headgear will get you ready to throw down with some friends or siblings.



SCOTT JOHNSON
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After their devastating 26-24 loss to the Spartans, Michigan won two straight with a Big Ten title in their sights. Only one thing stood in Michigan's way, the Ohio State Buckeyes. These two rivals have played many championship caliber games in the past.

The season-long countdown was over and the stakes were clear. The match-up that Ohio State coach Jim Tressel pointed out when he was hired almost one year ago was here and a Big Ten title and a major bowl bid were on the line.

If No. 11 Michigan (8-2, 6-1 Big Ten) beat the Buckeyes (6-4, 4-3 Big Ten) for a seventh straight time in Michigan Stadium, and for the 13th time since 1985, the Wolverines would win a share

of the Big Ten title and would play in the Fiesta, Sugar, or Orange Bowl.

If the Buckeyes won, they would play in a better bowl and spoil Michigan's season in a payback of sorts. In 1995 and 1996, Ohio State entered the regular-season finale unbeaten and ranked No. 2 only to lose to its hated neighbors to the north. I smell a little revenge for the Buckeyes.

Those who watched the game know the outcome. The Buckeyes won 26-20. It was a game that Michigan never seemed to get into. Poor offense in the first half, coupled with five turnovers, cost Michigan its biggest game of the year. Going in at halftime down 23-0 the Wolverines managed to make it close, but a last minute comeback failed as Wolverine quarterback John Navarre's hail Mary pass was intercepted. OSU pulled off the upset and ended Michigan's hopes for the season.

MSU Season Not One to Remember

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The Michigan State Spartans couldn't have been happier three weeks ago with a last-second win over Michigan, a 5-2 mark and dreams of a Big Ten title - or at worst, a New Year's Day bowl bid in Florida. That was then, this is now.

After losses to Indiana, Purdue and Penn State, MSU finds itself with a 5-5 mark, a share of eighth place, and their postseason hopes in jeopardy. The Spartans lost for the third time in a row since their emotional 26-24 win over Michigan. They need a win over Missouri next week to avoid missing out on postseason play for the second year in a row.

MSU looked as if they were going to ease by Penn State up 31-14 in the second quarter.

Apparently Penn State had other plans scoring 28 straight points behind freshman quarterback Zack Mills. "It was a very, very disappointing loss," Spartans coach Bobby Williams said. "Now our

whole season comes down to one game. We're down to that, and we'll be looking forward to next week."

The win kept Penn State's bowl hopes alive, with the Nittany Lions (5-5, 4-4 Big Ten) needing a victory next week at Virginia to become bowl eligible. For MSU, a win next week still may not be enough to earn an invitation. With as many as seven bowl-eligible Big Ten teams if MSU and Penn State win next week. It's looking like another disappointing season for Spartan fans.



PUT THESE HOLIDAY RECIPES TO THE TEST; THEY ARE SURE TO BE A HIT

Puerto Rican Coquito
4 cups coconut milk
6 tbsp sugar
8 egg yolks
2 tsp vanilla extract
8 tbsp dark rum
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
Combine coconut milk and sugar over medium heat. Beat yolks with vanilla. Beat in °-scalded mixture in to egg mix. Stirring constantly cook over low heat until reaches 160 F. Should be thick enough to coat spoon back. DO NOT BOIL. Strain eggnog into bowl. Stir in rum and let cool to room temperature. Cover and refrigerate. Serve with nutmeg sprinkled on top.

German Christmas Stuffing
150 g goose liver
150 g sausage meat
90 g breadcrumbs
1 tbsp chopped parsley
Pinch of sage and mint
2 eggs
Salt and pepper
60 g walnuts
90g raisins and sultanas
120 g diced apples and pears
30 g flour
Blend liver, sausage, crumbs, flour and egg. Add nuts, fruits and seasonings. Stuff the bird.

Swedish Holiday Ham Balls
3 cups buttermilk biscuit mix
10 ° cups smoked ham
4 cups sharp cheddar ° cup Parmesan
2 tsp parsley flakes
2 tsp spicy brown mustard
2/3 tsp milk
Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease pan 15 ° x 10 ° inches. Mix ingredients. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until brown. Immediately remove from pan and serve warm.

Kinderpunsch
1-cup water
2/3-cup sugar
2 pinches ground cloves
1 cinnamon stick
3 cups apple juice
1 lemon sliced
Bring water, sugar, cloves and cinnamon to boil. Stir in juice and heat through. DO NOT BOIL. Take spices out and pour over lemon slices in serving bowl. Serve warm.

French Christmas Chocolate Logs
18 sweet biscuits
1 tsp cocoa powder
Small pot double cream
1 tsp icing sugar
Knife and fork
Wick
Basin
Foil
Plate
Mix cream, sugar and cocoa until stiff enough to stand in peaks. Spread on biscuits and sandwich into roll. Wrap in foil and place in fridge. Next day unwrap roll put on plate and cover with rest of cream. Drag fork to make bark. Decorate.

Chilean Christmas Bread
2 cups SR flour
1-cup milk
1 tsp baking powder
100 g glazed cherries
1 tsp cognac or brandy
1-cup plain flour
1-cup sugar
1 cup sultanas and chopped almonds
1/2 cup glazed fruit
2 eggs
115 g butter
1 lemon rind grated.
Cream butter, sugar and eggs. Mix well. Add other ingredients. Mix well. Pour into buttered mould. Bake at 150 C for 1-° hours.

County Mayo Colcannon
1 lb cabbage
1 lb potatoes
2 leeks
1-cup milk
Salt and pepper
1 pinch ground mace
1/2 cup butter
Boil cabbage until tender. Remove and chop well. Set aside and keep warm. Boil potatoes until tender. Remove and drain. Chop leeks and simmer in milk until soft. Season and mash potatoes. Stir in other ingredients and heat until whole is pale green fluff. Make a well in center and pour in butter. Mix well.

American Indian Cold Christmas cake
1 lb pecans or walnuts, chopped
1 lb shredded moist coconut
1 lb raisins
1 lb vanilla wafers
1 can sweetened condensed milk
Combine dry ingredients. Pour in sweetened condensed milk and work with hands to thoroughly saturate. Press into spring foam pan. Refrigerate two hours.

Armenian Sweet Soup
2 lbs wheat grain
1 lb sugar
1 lb walnuts and almonds
1 tsp cinnamon
1 lb seedless raisins (white and red)
2 tbsp cornstarch
2 qts water
Wash wheat grain, cover in pot with water. Cook until grains split. Remove from heat and let stand 1 hour. Soften and dissolve cornstarch in warm water. Mix all ingredients together. Cook for 5 minutes. Serve cold.

Swedish Nuts
3 ° cups mixed nuts
1/2 cup butter
2 egg whites
1-cup sugar
Salt to taste
Preheat oven to 325 F. Toast nuts on jelly pan for 10 minutes. Remove and melt butter on pan. Beat egg whites; add sugar and salt and mix until glossy. Fold toasted nuts into egg white mixture. Spread nuts on pan and bake for 30 minutes. Turn nuts every 10 minutes

If your family is like most, the holiday meal is mostly traditional with ham, mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes. If you are looking for something a little bit different, look no more. This meal with recipes from around the globe is sure to be a delight for your family.

Hope This Meal Adds International Pizazz To Your Holiday

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Angel Street Smashing Success for ACC Player’s Fall Production

JENI MANNING
Staff Writer

If you didn’t attend the play, Angel Street, put on by ACC Players the week of November 12, you missed a great performance. I attended the matinee performance on Sunday November 18th, and I was pleased. The entire play was a success. The actors were great, the set was realistic for the time period, and the directing was wonderful. The play was a mystery but it had a bit of a comic effect. During the majority of the play the audience was silent, probably thinking what will happen now, as I was. I was intrigued throughout the play by its suspense and mystery. I do have to admit; however, that I did find myself breaking into laughter with the others, a few times.

The plot of the play was quite simple. A man, Mr. Manningham, was trying to make his wife think she was crazy, like her mother. He did this by playing tricks with her mind. He would move things and blame her for their disappearance. She would tell him she didn’t do it and he would scorn her.

That evening a gentleman came to visit her, while her husband was out. He explained he was a detective and his theory. There were hidden jewels in the home, and Mr. Manningham wanted them all



for himself, that is why he urged Mrs. Manningham to buy the home. The case was solved and Mr. Manningham was sent off to jail but not before Mrs. Manningham could give him a piece of her mind.

The setting of the play took place in one scene, The Manningham’s living room. The setting was great. I felt that they captured the Victorian time period well. The furniture was velvet and antique looking, the walls were wall papered to match,

the lights were great because they resembled gaslights how they looked in the 1800’s. The set gave the audience a full effect of a real house. I could tell that the crew worked hard on the set, it was put together in a perfect

fashion. There was a small thing about the set that I didn’t like in one scene. It was a wonderful scene but after a while it I got bored looking at it.

The actors of the play were equally wonderful. They all seemed to know their lines well. There were a few mistakes that were noticeable to the audience but the actors covered well. Kristal DeCarlo, Mrs. Manningham in the play, did a terrific job. She expressed the character and her feelings by putting

heart into it. There were a few areas where she needed to get angry, and she did this extremely well. Her face lit with anger and her body trembled, she wasn’t only playing the part, she was the part.

All of the actors played their parts well. They seemed to be in key with the character they were portraying. I don’t think the parts could have been chosen any better. I enjoyed the

talent of all the young actors. They all seemed to put themselves into the role of the characters. All of the actors were very believable. Knowing them and their personalities, outside of the play, I think they were all fabulous. The costumes were equally great.

Nan Hall did a great job directing this play. She put a lot of time and effort into it to make it a success and that is exactly what it was.

Rehearsal after rehearsal, they struggled and in the end they succeeded.

If I had to rate this play, compared to others that I have seen, I would have to give it five stars. I especially enjoyed it because I could appreciate the actors. They are not professionals, only college students like you or me. If you did not attend this play, all I have to say is too bad for you; you missed a great performance.

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Non-Traditional Students: How Do They Do It?

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Too busy, too much work, too much family, not enough money, poor preparation, too old, too young — all good reasons for saying “I can’t.” Community college students come with many different goals, but for many the final destination is reached only after a long sail against strong headwinds. How do they succeed? What keeps them going against the wind?

I am 62 years old and recently retired. I decided some time ago that when I left medical practice I would start a new career as a writer. With this in mind, I enrolled in a journalism course. My fellow students are almost all non-

traditional with fulltime jobs and children at home. I can only express my admiration for the way they carry the load without complaining. Certainly I have it easy compared to them. I have a pension so I don’t have to work and, other than my wife, I have no family obligations. The problems I have to overcome are all in myself.

First, there is the problem of inertia. The word retirement means to withdraw from work, take it easy, relax, read a good book, go fishing; volunteer for the fish fry once a month, summers up north, winters in Florida. Why subject myself to going to classes, doing homework and taking tests? In 30 years of talking to patients I certainly saw many retired people who floated along with

the current and they didn’t seem unhappy, just unfulfilled. For me the easy life would be fool’s gold. I wouldn’t ever be content. But inertia is always there as the flip side of initiative and hard work, so I have to keep an eye out.

Second, there is self-doubt. Things have changed since I last took classes for credit almost 40 years ago. My brain is 62 years old. I share senile forgetfulness with others my age. My older friends and I agree that we don’t handle stress as well as we once did. I have the nagging anxiety that I won’t be able to do the work. My only defense against that is to put the fear behind me, do my best, and let the results be what they will. It seems to work.

Third, there is the

work itself. As a writer, I have a long way to go. When I started this course, I thought that I would just be polishing my already prodigious talent. After all, I had a good high school and college education. I read a lot and wrote every day as part of my job, so literary or journalistic writing should be easy. But it’s a lot like watching Barry Bonds hit home runs — it looks easy but it isn’t. Verbosity, pomposity, grammatical lapses, fractured spelling, dull leads, lousy style, logical inconsistencies, and mental constipation have come together to humble me. The answer to this one is sweat. Keep reading, keep thinking, and, most of all, the experts say, keep writing. It will get better.

When thinking of college students, most people imagine the traditional full-time student at a large college campus.

At the ACC Huron Shores Campus most students do not fit anywhere within this stereotype. Families, work — lives prevail while a class load is simply added to the ‘life load’ already taken on by those ambitious people. Here are some of those people.

MATT STOCKMAN
Contributing Writer

Many people often ask me why I take college classes during my senior year of high school. This, they say, is the year I am supposed to be able to go out and have fun. Not the year to go out and try to get more education, that was what the last twelve years of my life were for.

I agree, but so will the next four years be, and I am sure I will still be learning for the rest of my life.

Sure I’d like to be able to go out and have fun, that’s why I still do it. That’s the nice thing about a community college. They offer classes throughout the day so I can still have a good social life my senior year. In addition, I am not expecting to have much money for college. So why not take some classes now instead of having to pay three times the amount for the same class somewhere else.

But most importantly, college classes start later so I get to sleep in.

EMILY RHOADS
Contributing Writer

Most of the time I don’t ever remember my head hitting my pillow.

Working full-time, passing half-time classes, juggling a part-time job, singing with a time-demanding Sweet Adeline chorus, and trying to find any time to spend with my boyfriend, leaves me a bit tired.

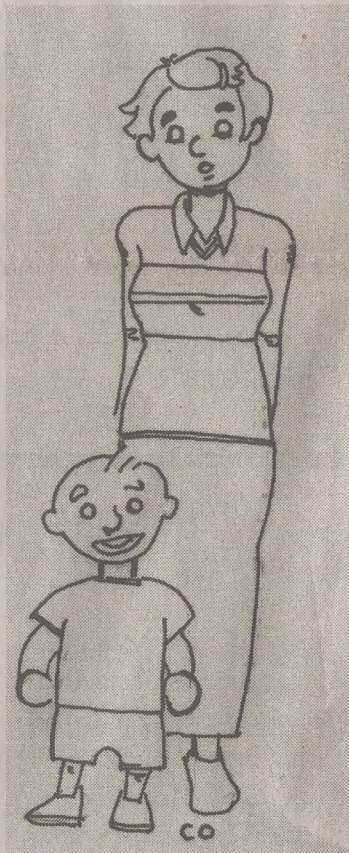
At times I don’t think that I’ll make it out alive, (i.e. evaluations, finals, Christmas shows; midterms, migraine, ceiling leaks) but I do it because according to every parent in

America, “hard work builds character.”

I may only be twenty-years-old but stumbling into my apartment at 10:30 p.m. that I hadn’t seen since 6:30 a.m. makes me feel as if I have as much ‘character’ as a 90-year-old piece of heirloom furniture.

I can’t complain though. Somehow I’ve managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA while keeping up with everything else. I truly believe that I am stronger for it too.

Tomorrow here I come. Please just don’t bring any gray hair yet.



NANETTE ROUSSEAU
Contributing Writer

I was a stay-at-home mom for four years. I wanted to spend some precious years home with my children who were toddlers at the time. I used to complain to my husband that I no longer use my brain. I would read everything I could get my hands on and do crossword puzzles.

Last year I started substitute teaching and fell in love with the profession. There was only one thing that I wanted to do, and that was to get my teach-

ing certificate.

Summer term I started at Alpena community College at the Huron Shores Campus to pursue that goal. I started with one class so that my family could get used to the idea that mom is taking classes and studying. Starting with one class also helped me get used to studying and going to classes since I had not been to college in sixteen years.

Going back to school with a family and working part-time has definitely done one thing for me, it has forced me to be organized. Getting the children to their activities

and keeping everything running at home is important to me. Fitting in study time is not always easy.

Sometimes in the evening I sit down with good intentions of reading and find my eyelids getting heavy.

My family is a team and they realize that what I am doing is important to me so we all work together and get the job done. My husband and I have a joke now. He occasionally asks me, “Are you using your brain now?”

High School Student Ahead Of The Game

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There are many businesses in Alpena and each has its own story; however, Custom Music and Artistic Creations Screen Printing are two of the more unique. They are unique because they are created, owned and operated by an 18-year-old high school student.

Joseph Baker was just 16 years old when he started his DJ service, Custom Music. Since then, he has done Hillman Dances, Atlanta Winterfest 2001 and a number of weddings.

Baker said that from his service you can expect great sound and a good selection of music. His motto is, “You say it, we play it.” For weddings, prices are as low as \$300 and for parties; prices are as low as \$100.

Artistic Creations Screen Printing opened for business about three weeks

ago. Things such as apparel, posters, etc. are available for various prices (depending on the object and the quantity).

Although only 18, Baker says that age has not been too big of an obstacle, except that some people think he’s “just a kid.” A kid or not, he does this all on his own.

To create Custom Music, he had to save all of the money to buy equipment he needed. As for Artistic Creations, he saved money but he also got a loan.

Right now, both businesses are just a side job for Baker. After graduation from Alpena High School, he plans to attend ACC and major in advertising and/or graphic arts. Baker says that attending college will not affect his businesses.

Both Custom Music and Artistic Creations are located on Taylor Hawks Rd. in Herron. To contact Baker call 379-4933.

These Are The Moments...

These are the moments that I know heaven must exist!
When a season fades away, I tend to be reminded of gifts so often taken for granted:
Poetic sunrises that reflect the outline of surrounding trees.
Strolling along moonlit beaches while the crisp night air brushes your face.
Ice cream sundaes.
Driving with no particular destination in mind, only to see the fall colors.
Reminiscing over old times with good friends.
Rain tapping on the rooftop at bedtime.
The palette of colors that fill the skyline at sunset.
The aroma of apple cider and cinnamon warming on the wood stove.
The twinkling in my children’s eyes the night before Christmas while setting out cookies for Santa Claus.
The taste of sunshine as it dances across my face.
Relaxing in a recliner in total solitude.
Getting together at Thanksgiving and truly giving thanks to all who have gathered together.
Vacationing in a sequestered hotel suite that opens up to the sounds and sights of the sweeping ocean view.
A phone call from a friend who lives far away.
Seeing spring flowers peek through the ground.
Doing homework with my children and not just because it needs to be done.
Daydreaming of the trip I would love to go on someday.
The warm radiance of a wood fire while taking an afternoon nap.
The happy chirping of birds as they return from a frigid winter.
Water splashing over huge boulders in the falls.
A corndog on a stick.
Listening to Aaron Neville sing.
The branches of pine trees drooping to the ground under the weight of snow.
Sounds of children playing.
A family saying prayers together at bedtime.
Having my significant other call me his angel from above and only I know the difference!

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Christmas Traditions from Around the World

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Here in the United States, Christmas is a whirlwind of decorations, new and exciting presents, and quite possibly the biggest celebration of the year, but what do other countries do to celebrate Christmas? Let us take a look into where our Christmas traditions originated and get a glimpse of the age-old Christmas traditions of the other people inhabiting this planet.

North America

The roots of all Christmas traditions in the United States are planted in other countries. We got our Christmas carols from England and Australia, our Christmas trees first appeared in Germany, the big lovable guy we call Santa Claus originated in Scandinavia, and his first arrival by sleigh down the chimneys of good little boys and girls, can be traced back to the Netherlands. Rudolph and Dasher, along with the rest of the famous reindeer who pull Santa's sleigh, got their start in Switzerland and the holiday parades that we love so much are reminiscent of Latin processions.

Canada has a very unique tradition dating back hundreds of years called mummering. This tradition takes place in the provinces of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and includes people dressing up in costumes and going door-to-door having treats and they dance at each house they visit.

Christmas in Mexico is celebrated during



December 12th to January 6th. Children form 'Posada' processions in which they go

from house to house, holding parties, singing, and saying prayers. At many of the 'Posada' parties, children play Piñata, in which they swing at a papier-mâché jar, and when it breaks they get all of the sweets inside.

South America

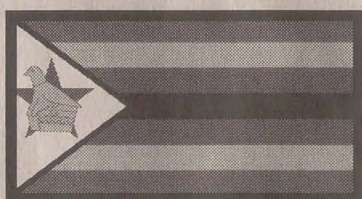
Although Father Christmas is called *Papai Noel* in Brazil, these holiday traditions are very similar, especially to the ones practiced in the United States. Christmas dinner usually consists of rice, chicken, turkey, ham, and fresh dried fruits, and is often served with beer.

In Argentina, after the Christmas church service, the family eats their midnight meal and then the adults' dance into the night while the younger people celebrate with fireworks. At the door of the house, people place Father Christmas boots, and instead of having an angel on top of their trees, they give Father Christmas the honor.

Africa

People of Egypt in the Orthodox religion attend the Coptic Church and celebrate Christmas on December 7th. On Christmas morning, they visit friends and neighbors, bringing them the traditional sweet of 'kaik,' a type of shortbread, which they follow with a drink called 'shortbat.'

Christmas in Zimbabwe is very unique.



According to Mrs. Loretta Beyer, Music Instructor here at ACC, who grew up in Zimbabwe, there is no turkeys or evergreen trees in Zimbabwe. Christmas takes place during the hottest time of the year, and she remembers having their Christmas tree made of branches and decorated with tinsel. Since the people could

afford very little, the church services lasted up to 4-5 hours, and the traditional Christmas gift was an orange.

Australia

People often spend Christmas on the beach with their families in Australia. Since it is summertime in Australia on December 25th, dinner usually consists of salads, cold cuts, and seafood. One popular Australian myth is that "six white boomers," or large kangaroos, instead of reindeer, pull Santa's sleigh.

New Zealanders celebrate Christmas in much the same way as Australians and people from the United States. Because it is also summertime there when Christmas rolls around, many people barbecue their Christmas feast.

Asia

Having a low population of Christians, 2.6 percent of their entire population, people in India celebrate with feasts of different curries and delicacies. Instead of a traditional Christmas tree, they decorate banana or mango trees and in place of Santa's sleigh, Father Christmas delivers toys to boys and girls from a horse-drawn cart.

One of the most celebrated stories in Russia, and the world, around Christmas time is that of Babushka. This story tells of an old woman who met the Wise men on their way to see Jesus.

Europe

Just as celebrated as Christmas, Epiphany or King's Day in Spain is on the 6th of January. This celebration is dedicated to when the Wise men brought gifts to baby Jesus. Children write letters to the Kings (Three Wise Men) on Boxing Day, December 26th, and on Epiphany Eve, leave their shoes on their windowsills to be filled with presents.

In Germany, Advent

Calendars containing little gifts or candy, count down the days to Christmas. Children write letters to the 'Christ kind' (The Christ Child), and Der Weihnachtsmann (Father Christmas) brings presents to all of the good boys and girls on December 5th and 6th on St. Nicholas Day.

On Christmas Eve in France, children put their shoes in front of the fireplace so that Pere Noel (Father Christmas) can fill them with

presents as he is coming down the chimney. The midnight church service is followed by a meal called 'le reveillon,' which is described as a "...symbolic spiritual



awakening to the meaning of Christ's birth." On December 6th, St. Nicholas

Day, children are given their gifts in northern France.

Christmas is celebrated all over the world in many different ways. Whether you're eating barbecue on the beach in New Zealand, or waiting for Pere Noel in France, there will always be a way to celebrate the most merry and joyful season of them all, the Christmas holidays.

More Differences in New Year's Celebration Than Just Time Zones

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The countdown finally begins that almost every American is waiting for. 10...9...8 the lighted ball in New York's Time Square starts picking up speed. 7...6...5 it's almost there. 4...3...2 everyone becomes silent for the last few seconds. Memories of the previous year flashes in our minds. 1...0 Happy New Year everyone screams!

Yes, the greeting Happy New Year will be heard until the New Year gets under way. However, the celebration of the new year did not start on January 1.

New Years Day is the oldest holiday celebrated. This celebration started 400 years ago by the ancient Babylon. The presence of a new moon is how the Babylon celebrated the new year. The new moon symbolized the first day of spring. This celebration lasted 11 days.

The Romans also celebrated a new year in March. However, the celebration date never seemed consistent. Emperors always changed the calendar to synchronize with the sun. In 153 BC the Roman senate finally made the calendar to synchronize with the sun. Making January 1 the beginning of the new year. Emperors still were not satisfied with the calendar. In 46 BC Julius Caesar introduced the Julian Calendar. This calendar is used today, making January 1 as the new year.

January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for the past 400 years. There are many traditions that come along with celebrating the new year. For instance, New Years Resolutions. This tradition dates back also to the Babylonians. Instead of promising to loose weight the Babylonians promised to return borrowed farm equipment.

The famous Rose

Bowl Parade dates back to 1886. The parade first started with members of the Valley Hunt Club decorating their carriages with flowers. This celebrated the ripening of orange crops in California. The Rose Bowl actually did start out as a football game in 1902. However, chariot races replaced the tournament game the following year. In 1916, the football game returned making it the centerpiece for the festival.

The tradition of using a baby to symbolize the new year started in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus. They would parade a baby in a basket. This would represent the rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility.

Different cultures around the world also have their own traditions for



welcoming the new year. The Japanese hang a rope of straw across the front of their houses. This is to keep out the evil spirits and bring happiness and good luck to the family. In India, people leave shrines next to their beds. They wake up to the new year seeing beautiful objects that will bring them luck. In Vancouver, British Columbia, Canadians welcome the new year with a swim. People of all ages put on their swimwear and take a plunge into January's ice cold water. Not my idea of celebrating the new year.

There is even a tradition of celebrating the arts on New Year's Eve. An organization called First Night promotes these alcohol

free festivals. This organization first started in Boston in 1976. This festival now is celebrated in 186 American cities and 16 in Canada. It has also reached worldwide. Cities in New Zealand and England have celebrated this festival. This festival includes ice sculptures, dancing, storytelling, theater, and poetry.

A person can affect their luck throughout the year by what they do or eat the first day of the year. This is how those awaited New Years parties started. It is now a modern tradition to celebrate the first few minutes of the new year with family and friends. Your first visitor on New Year's Day either brings you good or bad luck for the year.

Also certain foods eaten on New Year's are believed to bring luck. Many cultures believe that food shape in a ring brings good luck. The ring symbolizes a full circle that completes the year's cycle. That's why the Dutch eat donuts on New Year's Day. Black eyes peas and many other legumes have been known to give good luck. The vegetable cabbage is considered a sign of prosperity. Remember now to include these foods into your New Year's feast.

At the stroke of midnight almost every American sings that famous song "Auld Lang Syne." Robert Burns wrote this Scottish tune in the 1700's. I know what you're thinking, what does "Auld Lang Syne" mean? It literally means "old long ago," or "the good old days."

As you have been inform New Year's has been a holiday celebrated by the caveman. People have their own customs and beliefs of bringing in the new year. Whichever way you choose in celebrating the new year best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year!



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Horoscopes



Aries

March 21 to April 19



Taurus

April 20 to May 20



Leo

July 23 to August 22



Scorpio

Oct 24-Nov 21

Take a stand and fight for what you believe in! If you are ready to take a stand this is the month to do it, you are feeling powerful and in control. The issue in which you feels so strongly will come about the week of December 10th. Make sure not to back down because you will make a difference and people will see your side. Take a friends advice about a loved one on the 31st, they will be right, even though most times they aren't.

Money will be tight this month because of the holidays. Make sure not to borrow unless you are positive you will pay it back. Without borrowing, you will make it, but you will be on a tight budget. You will have to steer away from spending too much on yourself and focus on getting gifts for others. Just keep in mind the gift of love is worth more than money can buy.

Work will be crazy this month but stick with it. Take as much overtime as possible. The extra money will help you out during this holiday season. If you are having a hard time deciding what to buy people use your creativity. Add a special touch to gifts in order to make them unique and personal, for both family members and close friends. They will cherish them as well as your thoughtfulness.

An emotional shift is in store for you this month. It will be viewed as a risk on your part, but if you are doing it for the right reasons, then there is nothing to be afraid of. Honest feelings are nothing to be ashamed of. An old friend from your past will return to help you out with your emotional intimacy.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18



PISCES

FEBRUARY 29 to MARCH 20

Don't stress too much about finals this semester. If you study for them you will do fine. If you chose not to study you may end up with a failing grade, something you hate receiving. If you are having a hard time grasping a concept or idea, try studying with a friend. This may sound unappealing to you, but it will work. Be confident while taking finals and you will succeed!

Love will find you this month on the 18th. If you are already taken, make it clear to ensure that no trouble will come about. If you are single, take advantage of the situation and have a little fun. This person may be the one! This holiday season will be one to remember. Keep your eyes and ears open on the 25th, a great piece of advice will be thrown your way, store it for future use.

This is your month to help your community. Make sure you donate blood at the next local blood drive. Just remember, every time you donate you are saving three lives. Your thoughtfulness for the unfortunate will land you in the toy department, buying a toy, for the donation to a charity. All the good you do this month will leave you feeling like a star.

Inner calm is what you need to seek out this month. You deserve relief from the sense of over-whelm that you have been experiencing. With the holiday approaching, this more than likely won't happen until after the new year. Try to hang on until you get that self-vacation that you have been dying for.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22



Cancer

June 22 to July 22



Sagittarius

Nov 22-Dec 21



Libra

Sept 23-Oct 23

Don't rush to get things accomplished before the new year. You have been juggling many things lately, and you do not want to overlook something important. Make sure you save that Christmas bonus for yourself, because you deserve a vacation.

Love is in store for you this month. Instead of waiting around for him/her, put the effort into doing something romantic and special for that someone. It will draw you two closer together, and will lead you to the next step of the relationship.

Something you have wanted to do for a long time has been on your mind 24/7. Whether it be: quit your job, end a relationship, or stand up to that one person who pushes your buttons, you should go with your instincts on this one. It will pay off in the end, believe it or not.

You need all the extra energy you can get this month, so prepare for the many changes about to occur soon in your life. The unknown will have you both scared and excited. Keep your eyes open for all the wonderful possibilities that life has to offer.

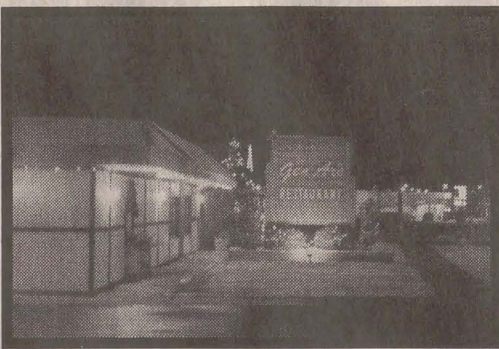
Gen-Ar's: Just Like
Mama's Cookin'

JAMES GWILLIAM
Staff Writer

My wife and I had the pleasant opportunity to swing in Gen-Ar's for a quick lunch. Once you walk through the door, there is

us of the daily special, and take our order for drinks. While under the perfect balance of subdued lighting and background music, I chose

Photo by Joshua M. Brège



the French Dip sandwich for \$4.50 and added fries for an

extra buck. My wife ordered the soup and salad bar. Within 5 minutes my food was at the table. Delicious! We had no complaints at all. The meat was tender and the ajou sauce was perfect. The salad bar was fresh and my wife said the chicken noodle soup was "just like my mom makes". This was my first visit to Gen-Ar's and it will not be my last.

Johnny Cash Makes
Change

JESSE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Johnny Cash,
Unchained

Johnny Cash's album *Unchained* is an excellent CD. I give this CD *four stars* because I love the way that Cash uses his style in country music. I suggest to everybody that hates country to have at least one listen to this cd. He shows on his new album that he still has a lot of love for his music after all these years. Cash sings in his incredible soft voice to give the listener a chance to remember Cash in his early career.

Cash puts remarkable feeling in his singing. When I first listened to this album, I was lying in bed and a sud-

den depression ran through my whole body. That is no reason not to check out this album. The way he puts so much emotion in his music made me realize what a hard time he had when he was trying to quit drinking.

It also occurred to me that with this album Cash is realizing he is not going to live forever. It seems he found religion (he has always had religion, it just seems that he is born again). Cash also dedicated a song to his late brother in the musical masterpiece *Meet Me in Heaven*.

Cash also put on a song that was in the making for 41 years called *Mean Eyed Cat*. If it took someone that long to write a song I think it deserves some respect, if not for the song at least because it is still around.

Wednesday Night Could
Make You a Star

BEN PADUA
Staff Writer

Every Wednesday night is Open Mike Nite at the 10th Avenue Bar and Grill. I checked it out on the day before Thanksgiving, and it was not what I expected. Instead of one person or one band at a time, I was treated to a revolving door of some of the most talented multi-instrumentalists and tightest jams that I've heard in a long time. Open Mike Nite started at 10th Avenue (formally The Pump) in 1995. As

an avid music lover, owner Rudy Beegen wanted to do something different. So he and his friend Jeff Straley started Open Mike Nite and it has been a hit ever since. One of the stranger things I noticed was that it takes place in the middle of the week instead of on weekends. I found out the reason for this is that many of the regular musicians travel around the to different areas to play on weekends, so it had to fall on a night where they could play. But from what I saw, despite the day

of the week many people have no problems making for Open Mike Nite. "A lot of younger musicians around town have nowhere to get any exposure. 10th Ave. is a small, intimate place with an appreciative audience, and there is too much unheard talent in the area" says Beegen. Right now, Open Mike Nite is hosted by Chris Douglas (bass and drums) along with his brother Lloyd, who travels to Nashville every weekend to play banjo in the Virginia Boys (he also

sported some sick guitar playing). Most of the songs I heard were rocked-out versions of classic rock staples, along with some tasty country (you heard me) and blue-grass tunes. In addition, 10th Avenue is a very friendly, relaxed environment, not too hard on the eardrums, but can get a bit smoky as the evening wears on. So even if you are not a drinker but just want to hear some good music, head down to 10th Avenue Bar and Grill on Wednesdays at 9:30 and enjoy the show.



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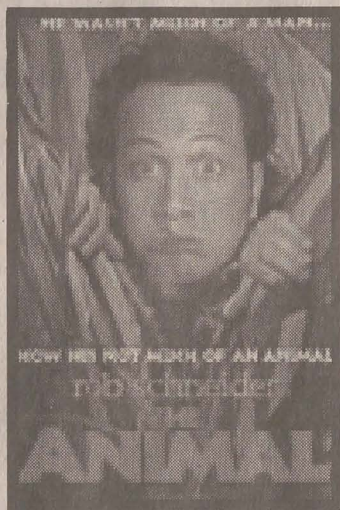
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Segal, Schneider, and Fraser Duke it Out in Movie Review



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Staff Writer

The Animal, starring Rob Schneider, had great advertising gimmicks, but the movie itself was a flop. Schneider played a guy who was unknowingly operated on by a doctor who experiments with animal-to-human implants. Schneider immediately discovers he has new animal-like instincts, habits, and abilities. Being able to smell illegal drugs in an airport is just one of his many talents. Along with the helpful traits, he also gained a few bad ones. I'm not going to share any of his negative animals traits because that is what the whole movie is about. I'm embarrassed to publicly admit I watched this movie.

Exit Wounds, starring Steven Segal, is a must see move. Segal plays a detective that does not always follow the rules by the book. He is a good cop, but his boss does not like his tactics. His boss, who also happens to be a long time friend, is forced to demote and transfer Segal to a different department.

This former detective finds his new job site in the dreadful inner city precinct. Being new to the department, the veteran officer is immediately assigned to traffic control. However, it doesn't take long for our martial arts hero to sniff around and find the bad guys.

Word on the streets is there is a big drug deal going down and several high-ranking crooked cops are involved. Segal, not knowing whom he can trust, seeks out his old boss to help with the internal affairs issue. In several astonishing twists of conspiracy throughout the movie, the bad guys turn out to be on Segal's side of the law.

A young millionaire's brother was framed by these crooked cops and sentenced to life in prison. DMX, the rapper, played this young millionaire who goes undercover with high tech recording equipment to buy a large shipment of drugs from the crooked high ranking cops within Segal's new precinct. The inevitable happens, and all guns are drawn from all sides in one room. It is a stalemate. Then walks in Segal's old boss and long time friend to give the good guys the advantage. The movie takes another one of its great twists. Segal's longtime friend turns his gun on Segal. He is the leader of this underground drug ring. A must see move.



The Mummy is a good show, but not a must see. Similar to Indian Jones, the bad guys are digging up a sacred treasure that will aid in the total domination of the world. Then we have Harrison Ford, I mean Brenden Fraser, who is familiar with the rumored biblical myths of the world coming to an end if the Scorpion Army is brought back from the dead. The only difference between this movie and Indian Jones is the advancement in movie making technology. If you are into new special effects, that would be reason enough to see this movie. There are several awesome scenes with tens of thousands of wild beasts from the Scorpion Army, along with other animated images of evil. The movie has a few breakthrough elements, but its megabuck advertisement campaign overplayed how good the movie really was.

See Through the Eyes of the Dragon With Book by Stephen King

ERIC BENAC
Features Editor

Do you like to read scary stories? If you do, chances are you've read at least one piece by Stephen King, often considered to be the modern master of horror. King has written many horror novels, most of which have been best sellers. Lately, he

has been writing more normal fiction. Even when he was writing horror, he'd occasionally write a light fantasy story, just for something different. *Eyes of the Dragon* is one of those books.

Eyes Of The Dragon is a fantasy novel set in the land of Delain. The time seems to be medieval, as

there is no modern day conveniences. The story concerns the King Roland, his two sons Peter and Thomas, and the court magician Flagg. Peter is the oldest son, and king Roland's favorite. He is also good at everything. Thomas is the youngest son, and is slower than Thomas but an excellent hunter especially with the bow, which figures into the story later. Thomas is usually ignored by his father in favor of Peter and he develops acute depression. The

magician and adviser Flagg becomes Thomas's friend, hoping to use him in an evil ploy.

Flagg uses a potion to kill the king, and blames it on Peter. Since Peter is a prince, he cannot be executed, but is sentenced to life imprisonment in the needle, an extremely tall tower. Thomas ascends to the throne, and Flagg controls Thomas's every move. Thomas is wracked with guilt, because he knows his brother is innocent, but he

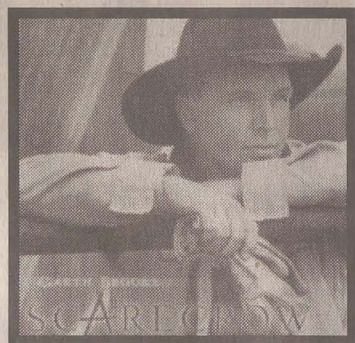
wants to be the king as well. Flagg's advice is to the detriment of the country as well. He just wants to cause chaos.

The story is well paced, and never boring. The characters are believable, and you feel sorry for Thomas, even though he lets his brother stay in prison. There are

some great fight sequences as well. The ending is great, and Peter's escape method is amazing. Oops, I said too much.

I recommend this book to anybody that is a fan of Stephen King's novels, or fans of fantasy. It is an excellent read.

New Garth Brooks Album Proves He's Still Got it



SCARECROW NICE RETURN FOR BROOKS

PHIL WENZEL
STAFF WRITER

Garth Brooks has not released a new country studio album since late 1997. It has been well worth the wait.

Brooks' new CD, *Scarecrow*, is a delightful blend of touching ballads and up-tempo country songs that would be enjoyable to music fans of all genres.

Some of his fans were worried that he would leave country music for pop or rock after he released the pop album *In the Life of Chris Gaines* two years ago. One listen to *Scarecrow* should put an end to their worries. The subject matter of the twelve songs is VERY country, with everything from drinking beer to riding the rodeo.

Scarecrow is not Brooks' greatest work ever. But it is a good album and should have no trouble selling his typical four to eight million copies. The CD contains songs that will both tickle the funny bone and tug at the heartstrings. The bluegrass-flavored "Big Money" teaches a humorous lesson on a great way to get rich. The rocker "Rodeo Or Mexico" involves a beautiful

Mexican woman and her angry husband ("Does anybody know the Spanish word for wife?").

There are also some great ballads on *Scarecrow*. "Thicker Than Blood" is a 'love thy neighbor' style song typical of Brooks. "The Storm" is a powerful account of a divorced woman's suppressed grief. There's also the tale of a lonely late-night radio D.J. on "Mr. Midnight".

The songs on this CD feature some of Brooks' best songwriting in a long time. "When You Come Back to Me Again", a song from the film *Frequency*, is possibly the best power ballad he has ever written. Brooks co-wrote five of the twelve songs on the album, which he lovingly dedicated to the victims in New York and Washington, D.C. in his self-penned courtesy lines.

Brooks has speculated that this would be his last album. But with the songs he has selected, it's sure to be successful enough to make him re-think that decision.

PHIL WENZEL
Staff Writer

CARLIN GETS BETTER WITH AGE

Some things only get better with age. One of those things is George Carlin's classic album *A Place for My Stuff*.

The album was originally released on record in 1981. It was re-released on cassette in the late 1980's, and earlier this year it was finally released on CD. Now all of its fun can be enjoyed without the pops and fizzes of vinyl or the background noise of tape.

Stuff contains several of Carlin's classic routines, including the title track. That monologue has been a fan favorite for years. Also on the CD are fellow classics "Fussy Eater" and "Rice Crispies" ("I distinctly heard 'snap, crackle, f**k him").

Also a delight are the "Announcements" that cover the album, which are a mixture of commercial parodies and other radio spoofs. Carlin uses one of these spots to make a public service announcement:

"The following statement is true. The preceding statement was false."

Stuff's only low point is its "Interview with Jesus". This mock interview, featuring Carlin as Christ himself, offers few laughs and seems to drag on for far too long. It doesn't fit the fun of the rest of the material. The only reason it's worth listening to is that it leads right into "Join the Book Club", possibly the best track on the album.

This album is recommended for adult listening only and with good reason. Although it is not nearly as dirty as some of Carlin's other records, it does contain many four-letter words that are typical of his mouth.

A Place for My Stuff is over twenty years old, but it is definitely a comedy classic that deserves another listen. Few albums can remain as funny for so long.

Staind puts out stereotypical rock CD



DON'T BREAK THE CYCLE WITH STAIND

PHIL WENZEL
STAFF WRITER

Lovers of upbeat, happy songs should steer clear of Staind's new CD *Break the Cycle*. Come to think of it, so should people who like an album full of different ideas.

The overwhelming themes on *Break the Cycle* are depression and drug use. The songs are sung through the eyes of a young man surrounded by problems. It seems the only way he can deal with them is by taking drugs, and in some cases, his life.

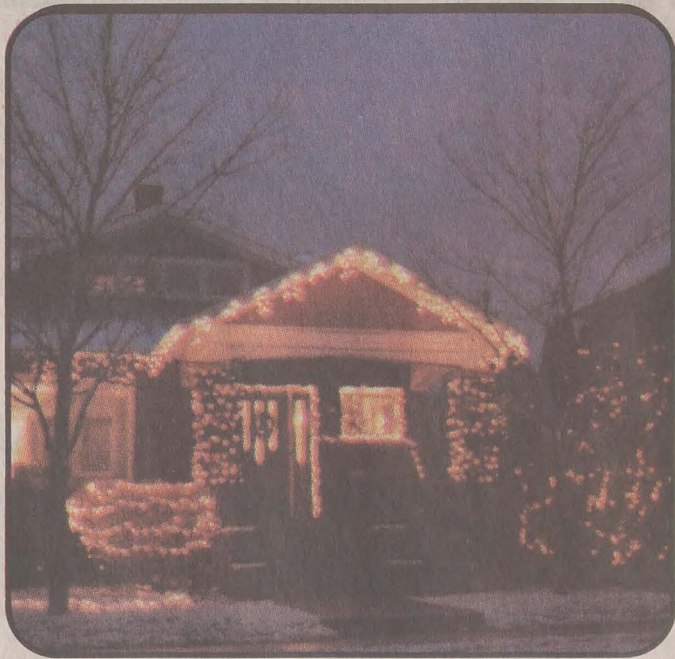
The constant repeating of themes and a lack of varying musical arrangements create a very monotonous CD. It seems like the exact same song is repeated for about ten of the thirteen tracks. The same person wrote all of the CD's lyrics, and it definitely shows.

A lot of people who don't like rock music say that

it is nothing but drugs, screaming, and dirty language. *Break the Cycle* offers little evidence to prove this theory wrong. I am not saying the stereotype is true, but this album would be a strong argument for anyone who thinks it is.

The CD is not without bright spots, however. The song "Waste" is a nicely written number about the suicide of a close friend. Another standout song is "Safe Place", a love song (sort of) that thanks her for being there but comes to another stereotypical, suicidal ending.

It's CD's like this one that paint an invalid picture of modern rock music as nothing but screams and swear words. Hopefully Staind's next CD will offer a little more variety and a little less substance abuse.



Area Resident Displays The Season

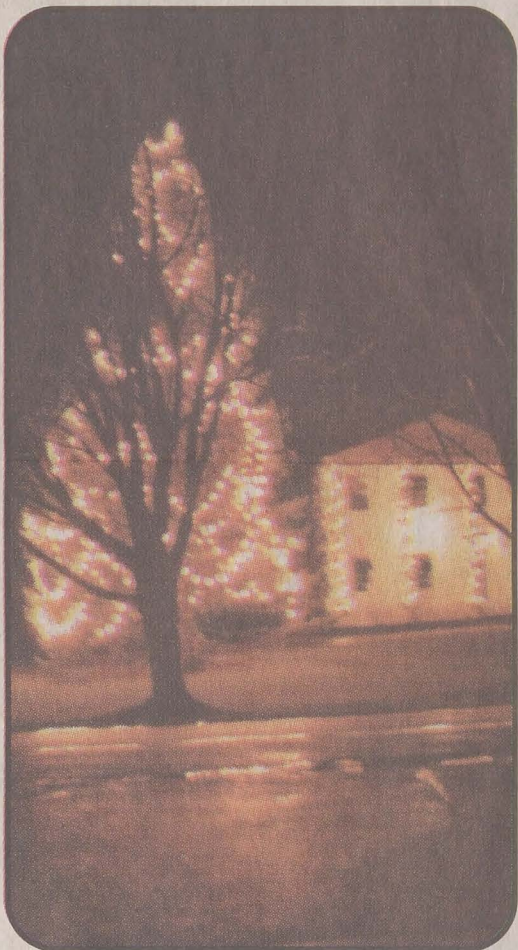
Getting Lit-Up
for the
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Resident Shares the Holiday Spirit



An American Tribute



Lights On US-23 and Johnson



Dazzling Downtown Display



Santa Welcomes Christmas



Christmas at The Coffin's

ACC Gets Lit-Up For The Holidays

Area Resident is All Lights



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