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ACC Sophomore Doing His Part to Make the World Better

JESSICA THIEM
Staff Writer

Scott Wozniak, a sophomore at ACC, is helping to contribute to a healthier environment. Wozniak is the founder and coordinator of a new ACC recycling project. This program's goal is to recycle the majority of ACC's paper.

Wozniak said, "I first realized ACC needed a recycling program about a year ago." He noticed that the majority of the school's garbage contents were paper. The plan for ACC's recycling program had been laid out in his mind for a long time before he had the opportunity to put it onto paper.

First, he had to put the plan in writing, before any actions could be taken. He then had to work out details such as: How would this project be funded? Who would collect the paper from its bins? Who would pick up the paper to be taken for recycling?

Wozniak found that Phi Theta Capa would provide the labor and Student Senate would provide financial support. He then found Evergreen Recycling to take the paper away from the college.

There are 29 bins



Scott Wozniak takes time out from his recycling efforts to rest and pose for the camera

distributed throughout the school, most of which look like little green garbage cans, except that they have a white sign on them that says "recycle paper."

Wozniak didn't exactly expect the program to have 100 percent participation to start. "It's as successful as I thought it would be [thus far]," he stated. He hopes that participation will increase once people get into the habit of using the recycling bins.



Photos by Jessica Thiem

Wozniak is not the only person who is happy this program has finally started. Wayne Hewett, owner and

operator of Evergreen Recycling, is also excited. "Educating people to recycle is important, and especially to make sure if [recycling] is done right," stated Hewett.

Hewett also said that he feels ACC's participation in a recycling program will also help Alpena's total recycling participation. He believes the more people we have in a community that are educated about recycling, the more

people we will have in that community that actually recycle.

Currently, there is no plan to recycle any other goods at ACC, such as: plastic, cans, or cardboard. Wozniak says that they are going to wait and see how well the paper recycling works. He hopes that everyone pitches in, takes their paper, puts it in the recycling bins, and remembers that every time they do this they are saving the environment.

Wozniak said he would also like to thank Dan Cary, David Iger, and Dana Labar for their input in the creation of this program.

Remember that these recycling cans are distributed throughout ACC, and some are located beside garbage. So instead of throwing paper into the garbage, pitch it in the recycling bin.

If anyone is interested in recycling any other goods from their home they may contact Evergreen Recycling for recycling guidelines at (989) 354-0932. If you have questions about paper pick ups on campus, contact the Phi Theta Capa office at 358-7354 or Doug Huizenga at 358-7362.

Turn Your Old Text Books Into Cash

MAIT PETROVICH
Huron Shores

A large number of college students have to deal with several high costs each year. School books are one such expense.

Textbooks have increased in price since the days of baby boomers. It is not uncommon for an average college student to spend about \$200 to \$300 on textbooks alone.

The bookstore generally offers a book buyback at the end of the semester, but the buyback price is very likely to be much lower than what the student paid for it originally.

JESSE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Are you ready to get into your Sunday best and do a little dancing? If you said yes, then the ACC Student Senate and the ACC Foundation have a party for you.

Make yourself available Saturday, April 20th

In some cases, the same textbook is not even used the following year. This can be a problem for the average college student, who is barely scraping by on ramen noodle soup and powdered milk. What many college students don't realize, however, is that there are options other than giving blood.

Instead of selling the books back to the campus bookstore, a money strapped student can explore online. There are many companies who specialize in buying and selling used textbooks. Searching online is easy and not time consuming. Online business can lead to troubles of its own, though.

for the "Spring Celebration."

The ACC Student Senate and ACC Foundation are co-sponsoring this dance party. This is a first time event and the organizers have everything in place to make it a successful party. This semi-formal gathering will take place at the Alpena Civic Center from 7:30 to 12 am

For instance, one party, either the student or the "company," may not live up to their end of the deal. This can be a problem, and is not as uncommon as it sounds.

An interested student should do the minimal amount of research on the chosen company and find out its business records. Many of the textbook search engines have a rating system.

The rating system is a good way, to get a preview of the company you are dealing with. The Internet is overflowing with companies who are making a name for themselves, as book buyers and sellers.

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and will have hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and a cash bar to get you through the night.

To have a real party, you need to have music. Music is something this celebration will not be short of. There will be two separate rooms featuring separate musical preferences.

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Alpena Shows American Pride



Photo by Joel Beth Johnson

JOBETH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The original surge of national pride for our country that started after 9/11 has sadly seemed to dwindle in the past few months.

Some people, however, still show their patriotism by keeping the flags waving. Most businesses fly

the flag with the state flag and then the business flag, while homeowners without the luxury of a flagpole often hang the flag by the front door.

If anyone is interested in getting a flag, the Alpena News sells them and you can contact them by phone at 354-3111 or drop by the office.

HABITAT 4 HUMANITY SEEKS HELP FROM ACC STUDENTS

DAVID CABLE
JESSIE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Are you interested in helping the community and building some experience? If so, ACC has an opportunity for you.

Alpena HHF is interested in establishing a HHF Campus Chapter at ACC.

The first HHF Campus Chapter was established at Baylor University in November of 1987. Following Baylor's

lead, nearly 700 colleges, universities, and high schools in the US and around the world have joined.

Efforts are under way to bring groups of students affiliated with several Michigan Campus Chapters together to work on HHF houses in Alpena.

This will give ACC students an opportunity to work along side established Campus Chapter members.

HHF offers the chance to gain leadership skills and is perfect for that resume. If you are interested

Habitat for Humanity



in contributing to those in need, contact Volunteer Coordinator Carol Huizenga at 356-3509.

As the Volunteer Coordinator, Huizenga's goal is to recruit new volunteers and to develop volunteer orientation, tracking, and recognition programs.

"Speaking from my own experience, I can say

that volunteers often receive much more than they give," said Huizenga.

Huizenga, who is an ACC alumni, is an AmeriCorps member serving with HHF. HHF is a non-profit organization that builds homes for low-income families who need a decent place to live.

HHF, and other

service organizations, draw from AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps members serve with organizations like HHF that do projects which strengthen the communities we live and serve in.

Currently, there are twenty-seven AmeriCorps members serving with HHF in Michigan and twenty more will be added this summer.

Families interested in obtaining a Habitat home must complete an application.

Families considered for

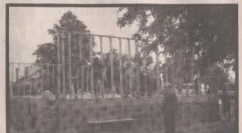
housing typically earn between \$9,000-\$25,000 annually and must meet three basic guidelines: 1) Must currently live in substandard housing related to structure/size. 2) Must maintain an income based on the number of family members. 3) Must be willing to put in work toward their home.

The families purchase the HHF home with a zero percentage mortgage so payments can be kept affordable.

Contribute to the community you live by calling 356-3509.



"Habitat for Humanity... provides a 'hand up', not a 'hand out' to families in need..."



COLLEGE STUDENTS AND CREDIT CARD DEBT THE LURE OF PLASTIC

KATHY HINMAN
Huron Shores

A nineteen-year-old sophomore student in the Rochester, New York area who had no income recently attempted to declare bankruptcy; he had accumulated a stack of credit cards and owed the credit card companies \$23,000!

John Simpson, University of Indiana Administrator calls credit cards "a terrible thing." "We lose more students to credit card debt than to academic failure," he adds.

Studies show that over one-fifth of college students in this nation carry credit card debts of more than \$10,000, and seventy percent of students have at

least one credit card.

Angela Lyons from ACES News Services states "Credit card usage is growing on college campuses."

Lyons is developing a university-wide educational program on effective credit card use. She states, "Every time you apply for a credit card, a credit check is made.

Excessive credit checks can lower a student's credit rating. So when students graduate, they may have difficulty renting an apartment or buying a car.

Some employers examine credit histories before hiring, so late payments or missed payments can even damage job prospects."

The problems with the credit card marketers. They offer students low-rate

introductory offers.

According to the General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress, a yearlong study found evidence that credit card companies are targeting college students.

GAO found that card vendors on campus create a "carnival atmosphere" with loud music, games, and free gifts without discussing key terms such as interest rates or penalties.

Two of the twelve universities visited by the GAO now make bankruptcy attorneys available to counsel students.

Bonnie Urlaub from the Student Services Counseling Office at A.C.C. says "There are counselors on campus that will talk to students about anything."

She has had only one student come to her with a credit card problem. This student had been charging tuition on credit cards.

Urlaub says that students should not use credit cards for tuition. Student loans are available for this, and the A.C.C. counselors can help you to get your student loans arranged.

"Student loans are not due until after you graduate, whereas a credit card payment is due in 30 days," Urlaub states.

She also states that this doesn't seem to be a big problem at the Community College level, but when students transfer problems can arise.

What can you do when you are tempted by the lure of easy money? Mostly,

be aware of the risks that come along with plastic.

Here are some pointers from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA):

When you use a credit card, you're borrowing money from the credit card company to make a purchase. You'll then receive monthly statements that list the charges and request payment of this loan.

A credit card isn't free money. You should only charge what you can afford to pay back.

Credit cards shouldn't be a money substitute for items you can't afford. Charges should be paid back on time, since when bills aren't paid in full, the outstanding balance collects interest charges.

It's important to pay bills in full, but when that's not possible, an amount more than the minimum payment should be paid.

If you pay just the minimum due you are not reducing the amount owed, since interest charges are accruing.

Always notify card issuers when you move so that account statements can be delivered promptly, avoiding additional fees and interest payments.

The ASCA reports that the bright side of having a credit card is the opportunity to establish a credit history, assure some security in an emergency, and learn about financial responsibility. The dark side? A credit card is a quick way to create long-lasting debt.

9/11 Hits Closer to Home Than You May Think

TAWNY HISSCOCK
Staff Writer

Since the attacks of September 11, the security of our nation's airports has been under scrutiny.

To meet new federal guidelines and insure the safety of their passengers, Alpena County Regional Airport has made changes in their security procedures.

"Our airport is considered low risk for terrorist activity," explains Bryan Holland, Airport Manager. However, security has been tightened.

Holland points out that before the attacks, passengers had to pass through a metal detector and their carry on bags were

electronically screened. Some random checks on passengers were also performed.

This meant the passenger was more thoroughly checked along with their luggage.

However, he says that since the attacks more random searches are done which includes x-raying the passenger's shoes and jacket.

Along with electronic screening, carry on bags are hand checked. Also, all checked luggage must be matched with a passenger.

If a passenger decides not to board the plane, their luggage must also be removed.

Photo by Tawny Hisscock



"The biggest security issue is carry on bags" explains Holland. He says this is why more emphasis is put on random checking of passengers and hand checking carry on bags.

New federal

guidelines also call for tighter security on the airport grounds and a greater law enforcement presence.

Holland points out why no additional personnel were needed to meet

these guidelines.

"We have a unique situation in that we have a shared joint facility with the military," explains Holland.

As in the past, military personnel continue to secure the airport grounds including perimeter patrols and securing access to the aircraft.

"Passengers are very tolerant of the extra security. They do not mind taking an extra fifteen to thirty minutes to ensure their own safety," explains Holland.

He goes on to say that the frustration of the added time occurs mainly at larger airports where passengers may add up to two hours to their flights because of

tighter security.

The Transportation Security Administration is a new federal agency formed to take over the security of larger airports such as Detroit Metro Airport.

These airports can no longer hire private companies for their security needs.

Mr. Holland explains that because of the small size of the Alpena airport, they will continue to perform their own security.

When planning to take a flight out of the Alpena County Regional Airport, make sure you allow for the added fifteen to thirty minutes of additional time.

Political Forum

Gives Students an Outlet
for Political FrustrationJENNIFER WEBB
Managing Editor

In an attempt to raise awareness of current events, Tim Kuehnlein has put together a political forum to discuss the latest news on world events. The "Brownbag Lunch Series" meets every other Thursday;

it is open to students, teachers and faculty.

According to Kuehnlein "the turnout has been good compared to a larger school, with a smaller group, its easier to discuss world events and for everyone to share their opinion."

For students who are

in Kuehnlein's class, this is not only a chance for extra credit, but also a chance to get a feel for how the government is handling world issues and its current progress.

If you can, stop by room 107 D in the Besser Tech Center. Everyone is welcome to come and share your views.

Our Mistake: February Issue Retraction

The editorial staff and faculty advisor of *The Lumberjack* would like to extend our most sincere apologies for any inaccurate information contained in an article entitled "Student Population Clashes with Local Police Force," which appeared in our February, 2002 issue.

The article reported on a traffic stop of an ACC student in an incident three years ago that was videotaped. We should have made it clear that the reports of police aggression which were detailed in the original story were not based upon any information which was investigated or verified by the newspaper reporter. Rather, the statements contained were based merely on the student's allegations of what occurred during the incident. It was an error for the paper to report these allegations in a way that could lead a reader to believe the allegations represented the true facts.

One of the allega-

tions contained in the story was that a police officer had hit the student's friend in the back. In fact, our subsequent investigation revealed that the student made a report of such behavior and then recanted their statement. The student was charged with making a false police report of an assault and battery and the student pled guilty to that offense.

Our story also indicated that there was videotape of the incident that revealed police aggression. Our subsequent investigation revealed that the videotape was actually used to clear the police officer of the reports that the student made against him.

The student continues to maintain the truth of the statements made to our reporter. However, in view of the information that the student recanted the original report and acknowledged under oath that the student had lied about the incident, we cannot permit the original story to stand

now that we know these facts.

The article was not written with the intent to harm any individual, group, or agency. Rather, the article was intended to provide a fair, balanced, and accurate account of the perceptions that the Alpena law enforcement community and the Alpena youth community have towards one another. It was our hope that both of these communities would benefit from seeing the legitimacies in the other's perspective. Overall, we feel this was a fair and balanced article.

However, we were remiss in not seeking verification of the facts before reporting allegations of misconduct as though they were factual or reliable. Had we investigated these allegations, we would not have included them in the story. It is our policy when we make a mistake to (a) own up to it, (b) correct any inaccurate information, and (c) do our best to learn a positive lesson from the error.

Turning Textbooks to Cash... (continued from front page)

One such company that already has a reputation for good business is Amazon. At the end of the Amazon home page, www.amazon.com is a section for information on selling anything from textbooks, compact disks, to Grateful Dead beanie bears on Amazon. There are many more websites that specialize in this as well. One other option for textbook buying and selling is a used bookstore. The adventurous students can check the local listings for used bookstores in the area of their School. Although hunting for an *Introduction*

to *Psychology* text can seem like the first steps of an archeological dig, chances are you will find something worth the effort.

Textbooks are expensive and often times short-lived. Schools across the United States use a variety of them. If one school is no longer using the textbook you own, that does not mean a school in Bangor, Maine is not. The price of college textbooks does not appear to be going down in the near future. The college student should know they can still make money off those old highly priced books of knowledge, and doing it all

without ever leaving their room. Daniel Davis a student at Alpena Community College expressed the frustration of book costs for college students. "I heard about the online bookstores too late," he lamented. "I could have saved at least \$30.00!" That could buy a lot of Ramen noodles.

Places to Look At for Resale, and Purchasing of Textbooks, online. These are not the only ones, just a few to get an interested person started

www.selltextbooks.com
www.barnesandnoble.com
www.textbooks.com
www.universitybookstore.com

Kick Off to the Spring Celebration (continued from front page)

Starting at 8:00 pm you can swing to the big band sounds of Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson.

If that does not get your body moving, then you can "get your freak on" with the alternative music of TSA's Video Dance Party. This professional disc jockey company will provide the latest in mainstream music with special features to make the party into a dance club setting. MTV videos will be projected onto a big screen corresponding with each song to provide the latest in music entertainment. ACC's version of "Total Request Live" you could say.

Tim Kuehnlein, ACC Student Senate Advisor, hopes that the turn out for this event will be

unlike the previous attempts of the student senate to entertain Alpena as well as the college community. The Senate hopes to see the students and community get involved and take an interest in its college activities.

"Many students and community members complain that there is nothing to do in this town. This is a great opportunity to get out of the weekend routine and have a good time. This is one of the few opportunities to dress up, go out with your friends, or treat a date to a night filled with music, food, and drinks (provided you are old enough). Also, the admission charge is minimal for the quality of the entertainment provided."

The Senate has put forth upwards of \$10,000 to ensure that this event stands out in

comparison to past attempts to involve the students and community. I hope that people aren't tempted to stereotype this event because with good attendance, this will be a night to remember," commented Joshua Bregue.

Tickets are now available in the President's Office. Tickets for ACC students are only \$10. \$25 for the general public. Make your money go a long way by getting dressed up in semiformal apparel to enjoy food, drinks, and dancing with your friends.

If you have any questions about the celebration or have a theme that would fit the celebration, please contact the ACC Student Senate, Cheryl Peck, or Karen Eller.

Last Chance to
Find Direction in "Life"JENNIFER WEBB
Managing Editor

Students are you undecided about what you want to do with your life? Career Pathways Night is the way to explore your options.

The last night of this series is scheduled to be held April 10th from 6:30 till 9:30 and is titled "Health and

Human Services". Representatives from Alpena General will be on hand to give you an opportunity to ask questions about transferability from ACC, certifications, job shadowing, scholarships, and general information about careers in Cardiopulmonary, laboratory, Radiology, Rehab Services, Dietary, Health information, Radiation

Therapy, Anesthesia, Behavioral Health, and Nursing.

Tours of the Nursing area will be available to those interested. And an assortment of refreshments will be provided. There will also be a raffle hold.

For more info, contact Sally Shubert at 358-7348 or stop by BTC 108. To assure your spot, you must RSVP.

ACC's April Calendar

4/4
Early registration opens for summer and fall 2003

4/6-4/15

Turning Center into Coaster - 9:00 a.m.-noon at the World Congress Center for Technology. Letters how careers is made and tested.

4/10

Career Pathways to Health and Human Services (6:30-9:00 p.m.) at the Park Arena. Contact Sally Shubert at (989) 358-7348 to RSVP.

4/11

John Stoenberg Celebration 7:00 p.m. at BTC 126. The movie "My Wife and I" will be shown with a discussion prior and after. Free popcorn and drinks. Open to everyone.

4/17-4/21

Spring Break (Dates) - No Classes

Acc Players Present
"Once upon a Mattress"

Musical Comedy-Fairytale

Music by Marc Rodgers Lyrics by Marshall Buree.
Book by Jay Thompson, Marshall Buree, and Dean Fuller

April 11-13 7:30 p.m.

April 14 2:00 p.m.

April 15-20 7:30 p.m.

April 21 2:00 p.m.

Gratam Theatre

Reservations: 7392-NRC 210

ACC student tickets free

Your are cordially invited to a community-wide

Spring Celebration

Enjoy the big band sounds of

Guy Lombardo's
Royal Canadians
with Al Pierson

or dance to the alternative music of the

TSA Video Dance Party

Saturday, April 20, 2002

7:30 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.

Alpena Civic and Convention Center

lots d'oeuvres & beverage

Cash bar available

Semi-Formal attire

\$25.00 each

\$10.00 ACC Students

358-7276

for tickets

The U.S. Flag: Used and Abused

COLIN SUTHERLAND
Huron Shores

The thing fluttered wearily from the back of the truck. It was an American flag, filthy, tied by one corner to the rear door handle of a semi-trailer hauling trash up I-75. Barely visible under the grime on the striped portion of the flag was the image of cowboy on a horse.

The truck driver probably meant to be patriotic but the appearance of disrespect for the American flag started me thinking.

Another American flag. This time appearing as a color photo on the front page of the Alpena News. The picture showed a model wearing a wedding dress with a dark blue

bodice embroidered with white stars and a floor length skirt with alternating red and white stripes. The effect was quite beautiful and was clearly meant as a respectful, patriotic statement.

Since September 11 the country has blossomed with U.S. flags. People have needed to express unity, reaffirm what America is, and express defiance of anyone who attacks us.

Most displays of the flag are appropriate and respectful, but some are tasteless, disrespectful, and trivial. Many, such as the flag on the truck and the wedding dress, are also illegal.

The law governing the use of the U.S. Flag (U.S. Code, Title 36, Chapter 10, §175-176) has been in existence for sixty years. It

describes how the flag should be displayed and used. It also details the ways it should not be used. Among other things it forbids allowing the flag to become soiled or damaged, the improper display of the flag on a vehicle, imprinting any image on the flag, and using the flag as wearing apparel. Obviously the Flag Code is widely ignored.

One reason is that the Code cannot be enforced. The U.S. Supreme Court has twice overturned convictions for desecrating the flag on the grounds that burning the U.S. Flag is a form of "symbolic speech" and is protected under the First Amendment right to free speech. In spite of widespread popular support, efforts to amend the Constitution and give

Congress the power to outlaw desecration of the U.S. Flag have failed - due mainly to concerns about freedom of speech. The Constitutional amendment has some powerful opponents in addition to the thirty-seven senators who prevented its passage last year.

Secretary of State Colin Powell opposed the amendment in a letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy on May 18, 1999. He wrote: "We are rightfully outraged when anyone attacks or desecrates our flag. Few Americans do such things and when they do they are subjected to the rightful condemnation of their fellow citizens. They may be destroying a piece of cloth, but they do no damage to our system of freedom which

tolerates such desecration...I would not amend that great shield of democracy to hammer a few miscreants. The flag will still be flying proudly long after they have slunk away."

Powell is right. The damage done to the right of free speech by passing the proposed amendment would far exceed the value of putting a few protesters in jail. One who desecrates the U.S. flag certainly causes the country no harm - America is a lot stronger than that.

In addition the U.S. Flag Code should be reexamined. While no one would disagree with most of the code, it needs to be simplified and better publicized. Most people want to do the right thing if they know what it is. A set of

general directions about the respectful care and display of the flag would help them. Making the information more widely available would also help.

Other patriotic and respectful uses of the flag, such as the wedding dress, should be allowed. Clearly attitudes have changed about such uses since the Code was written many years ago.

As in many things, fewer, simpler rules that everyone knows will serve us better. As for the American Flag, it can stand on its own.



Harvey Unloads About Injustices



JESSE HARVEY
Staff Writer

As I have grown up I have developed a tumor for things I would like to see changed. I say "tumor" because it seems this stuff is spreading like cancer, and I cannot stop it. A lot of which are nothing more than complaints.

Most of these complaints have to do with our country, laws, and things

that, if I had the power, I would change. Most of all, I do not have the power. But if I speak my mind, I hope I can alter the views of all of the conformists out there.

First, I think I should start with ACC. This school is an excellent place to get an education, and I would not change coming here. There is at least one thing I need to mention though, the food.

To whoever does the pricing, does it really cost \$4.25 for a chef salad? Plus the salad bar is too expensive for only one trip.

With all the money this school is sucking out of

us with increasing tuitions, and painfully large amounts of money we are putting into our books (that most of us sell back for a third of the bookstore price to cover our lunch bill), I would think they could give the broke students a break on lunch.

That is not the only complaint I have. The other complaints I have though would fall in a category known to me as "Freedom of Choice".

I know this phrase is something we should not get used to because everyday the lawmakers are doing something in their power to

change it.

The drinking age would be the first one on my list I would like to change (I am not under age if that is what you think I am basing my argument on).

The drinking age should be 18 or 19. I do not understand that it is okay to go fight and kill for our country at this age, but if you want to have a drink, oh no you are not old enough.

I know that it is to late to change this law because Americans have not been free enough to exercise it, and because

people underage have not been given the responsibility to do this on their own. So I should just cross that one right off the list. (But not yet; I may be able to change someone's train of thought).

Seatbelt laws is another thing that should be changed. You have a 50-50 chance of survival. I think we are all old enough here to make our own decisions.

If I am more comfortable with the vision of glass in my forehead, than a seatbelt on, that should be my fate. I should not have to have someone telling me

what to do.

Also, in the same category, helmet laws. As a motorcycle enthusiast I do not believe I should have to wear a hardened piece of plastic for head protection. As fast as I like to travel on my bike, if I were to fall I would be dead anyway.

So I should be able to do it with the wind in my hair, and the bugs in my face.

I do not think this will make anyone real mad, but it is just the way I feel, and when I get to be in power watch out because I am going to make some changes that should have been done along time ago.



TRIS COFFIN
Sports Editor

Some students would say, "Instructors are ruining the college experience." I would beg to differ. If it

weren't for the instructors, where would we be? I know one place we wouldn't be: college.

Students should appreciate that instructor's here at ACC care about how

they are doing academically in their classes. Instructors go out of their way to organize group work and allow students to engage in classroom participation.

If I do happen to miss class, instructors go out of their way to help fill me in on what material was covered and make themselves available to me if I have questions.

I only pay a minimal

amount for my classes and fees compared to other colleges.

On the same token, the instructors here probably receive the minimal pay, but they go out of their way to help me succeed in school and life.

I believe that attendance policies should be put in place by each instructor, even though we are responsible adults. If students

attended class on a regular basis, instructors would be free of the hassle of repeating assignments and lectures, which take time out from other student's class time.

So next time you hear someone complaining about instructors or attendance policies, remind them that this is college and they don't have to be here if they don't want to. It's their choice as Americans.

In Defense of ACC Instructors, Coffin Responds to Fellow Editor

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Dual Enrollers

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MANDY ALLEN
Huron Shores

Sitting in class listening to the professor lecture about Robert Frost, the student next to you is tapping their pencil. Tap, Tap, Tap.

The crinkling of paper invades your ears as notes are passed from one student to another.

This may not seem to be an ordinary college classroom situation, but it is if you're enrolled in a college

course offered at a high school by Alpena Community College (ACC).

Recently, Mandy Allen, a student at ACC, enrolled in an off campus English course held at Whittemore-Prescott High School.

Upon her arrival, she noticed that she was the only non-high school student in the class. This was not a problem for her at first, however as the class began "It was extremely hard to concentrate," Allen said.

"The students were very rude to the instructor. They were passing notes to each other. Just sat there quietly, thinking of the money I had invested in the class and what I was going to get out of it because I couldn't hear the lectures!"

High School students have a choice of being dually enrolled. "Still," Allen says, "They need to be respectful and mature like any normal college students." "No matter the location of a college class. The atmosphere needs to remain at a college level."

Leslie Hayes Asks: How Do You Feel About Blackboard?



Haley Romel

"Personally, I think that it is very convenient. It gives a lot more time to complete assignments. I do know for some people it is troublesome and frustrating. I think there can be many improvements for Blackboard."



Val Fuhrman

"When you don't have a computer at home it makes for a difficult time getting your homework finished for class. Other than that, I think Blackboard is a good idea."



Beth Clute

"I really enjoy the convenience of at-home quizzes and tests; they allow the student the option of testing when it is best for them. Online posting of assignments is also helpful in case of a missed class. I haven't been convinced to attempt distance learning, but Blackboard does enhance learning."



Kathy Morlan

"I love it! It makes you more accountable for assignments and quizzes. There aren't time constraints as there would be during normal class time, and for the most part it's very simple. I wish more instructors utilized Blackboard."



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Mission Accomplished; Students Respond with Letters

JENNIFER WEBB
Managing Editor

I think that, as Managing Editor of *The Lumberjack*, it is my responsibility to bring to your attention that we do appreciate the input,

whether positive or negative, that we get from you, our readers.

With the last editorial that I wrote, I hoped to do just that, provoke our readers into writing to us. We like to know that what we write has some

sort of impact in your lives, no matter how small or insignificant.

Speaking for myself, it is refreshing to know that my editorial incited such frustration in some of my peers. Although we did not receive

any letters from the faculty (much to my disappointment), I do appreciate the comments made to me and my fellow editors by our peers.

I would, however, urge the student body and faculty to take the time to tell

us what you think is important to you and what you think about what we are doing.

Although I do greatly appreciate the negative input, I always try to encourage some positive as well. We like to be praised, too.

Nagging Parent, Grateful Student Responds

Dear Managing Editor,

Please, isn't there faculty somewhere to review the articles you are including in our paper?

You as the editor should be more aware of the message you are sending forth. You write and mean like a first grader!

Please, decide what you want. First, you state that you are living on your own then you say you get "help from Daddy, of course." Later, in the article you complain that if you wanted to be "nagged" at you would call your "Daddy." Make up your mind! If you want the "help" you have to take the "nagging."

If you want to be treated like an adult, then act like one. Do you think that life

is all fun and games? Do you think that life is there only when you want it to be? Do you think that a future boss will state the attendance policy or will he/she just expect you to show up for your job each and every day?

You are one of the students who give people on the outside the idea that none of today's college students really care about learning but only about parties and having a good time!

It's my opinion that MOST students upon graduation from high school should be put to work doing the most disgusting, hardest, backbreaking, most menial jobs in our society. These jobs would include trash collection, washing dishes eight hours a day, WORKING IN A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT! This is, so that

they learn how hard it is to make a living and what life without an education can really be like! Then they (and you) will realize how good you have to be to be able to receive your education now, all at once instead of working toward it for twenty years, one class at a time, struggling the entire way.

I've worked all these jobs just to support my children and I am glad to be in college now, finally almost finished!

Maybe if you attended class more often you would notice the difference between "theirs" and "theirs!"

A "Nagging Parent" and "Grateful Student"

Dadene
Veerhosen
ACC/SAU - Senior

Keeping My Editors in Check: An Editorial Rebuttal

Dear Editor,

I am off my rocker. I am a full-time, non-traditional student, member of the local literary community, staff writer for the Lumberjack, and one of those "nagging parents" that has been complained about so loudly recently.

As such, I feel compelled to respond to an editorial written by my friend and colleague, Jennifer Webb, in the last edition of this paper titled, "Instructions Ruining the College Experience."

First, it is OK to disagree and have an opposing outlook. However, as responsible journalists, could we have found a more mature way of expressing our opinions at the attendance policies of some of the instructors, and therefore, of the instructors themselves, other than "they suck?"

Second, and along the same reasonable line, let us proceed in the future. There were five blatant grammatical errors in the editorial that I caught, and possibly more that I did not. As students, if we do not want to be treated like tenth graders, then we should not write like them.

Third, let us check the facts. The editorial stated that the school does not have an attendance policy. Page 205 of the Student Handbook says otherwise. It states, "Students are expected to attend their scheduled classes according to the requirements of the instructor as stated in the course syllabus. Be sure to consult your instructor if absence is unavoidable."

Fourth, if we do not want to attend class, we should quit whining and enroll in distance learning. The instructor is quite sure to come to class for a reason and that is because we learn from both them

and each other. Just like the real world, showing up is important.

Fifth, on behalf of the instructors that insist that we attend class, it is their prerogative. No one is forcing us to attend college. When we get a Master's Degree and become teachers, we can set our own policies.

Jennifer and I disagree on this issue. It could simply mean that we view the world from different perspectives. Perhaps it is the generations that separate us in our opinions. Then again, it could be just a plain old case of right and wrong. What do you think? You keep on reading the Lumberjack. I will keep an eye on these "whippersnapper" editors. Meanwhile, I would appreciate your help. Send comments to: lbayes@voicenet.net.

Leslie Hayes
Editorial Rebuttal

Talking Politics With Marc

MARC GAUZE
Contributing Writer

The government of Michigan will be all new in 2003. Do you know who is running to hold those seats?

Yes, this fall the people of this state will be electing a large number of new people to run this state, mainly because of term limits. What are those you ask?

A few years ago, the people of this state decided that those who served in public office would have limits set to how long they can hold any certain office. In other words, they didn't trust themselves to vote someone out when they didn't want them. Also, there were some who wanted term limits because it was the only way for them to win.

Now to get back what I was talking about. Starting

this fall, with the primaries in August, and ending in November at the general election, the people of Michigan will be picking a new government. Among those will be a new Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Senators, a whole new house of representative, plus some new judges and other officials to serve on state boards.

As students, you may say so what. New faces, but same-old, same-old who ever gets in, right? WRONG. OH SO WRONG. The Governor and who backed him will be gone and so will their ideas on how a government should be run. The new Governor and legislation will have new ways, plus new ideas and how things should be done in the short and long term that might affect you as a student.

It may also affect careers such as teaching or nursing.

Before August, when the primaries are held, get out and learn who is running for what office and what they stand for. You ask why the primaries? Why not just wait and vote in the general election in November? To give you an example of why you should not wait until November, there are five men and women running for Governor in the Democratic primary and two in the Republican primary. Therefore, the August vote could decide who has the upper hand when it comes to winning in November.

In closing, this year's Governor and legislature race in Michigan could be very interesting, for who ever wins could change the way we live in this state. Please register and vote this August and November.

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RYAN SPAULDING
Feature Editor

I, Ryan Spaulding, supporter of free speech, advocate of speaking your mind, and all round good civilian, is back once again to let all you kids out there in media land know what I've been thinking about.

Now there has been a lot on my mind recently, as there usually always is, but I like to let you, the reader, some of the more odd and

demented things. And I do this all in the great name of free speech.

This is actually something that I encourage among my readers; speak what you feel.

Don't hold back when you think you have something worth saying. Hell if it wasn't for people speaking their minds this whole world would be in the crapper.

But nowadays people think being close mouthed about things is safe. Something's are taboo and you just can't talk about them. In this world nothing

is taboo and everything is worth talking about. If we didn't then this world would be really boring. So let's begin.

One of the

world's worst inventions is the public restroom. I'm sure whoever invented this had the best intentions, but come on; you are putting your naked ass on something that hundreds of other naked asses have been before you.

Now for some people this is a turn on, but for me I think it's repulsive. There needs to be an invention, like a porta jon, but it needs to be smaller and

it only belongs to you. You would keep it in your car or in a backpack, and that way you'll never have to look for another bathroom again.

I would like

to know who came up with the whole "coming out of the closet" phrase. What the hell does this mean? Sure we say it whenever a homosexual likes to tell people the way they swing, but do they really come out of a closet?

No. In a world of political correctness, someone might want to fix this.

Have you

realized that just about

everything causes cancer nowadays?

I don't care

what anyone says, pornography is the greatest job in the world. The fact that it's immoral is ridiculous.

You get paid to perform and receive pleasure. Now in my book, I can't find anything wrong with this. As far as becoming addicted to it, there are a lot worse things in this world to be addicted to.

I wonder what

happened to all those wacky shark attacks that the news kept talking about awhile

back. Probably the same place where all those school shootings went.

I wonder when

computers will take over the planet? I hope they warn us first so I can at least unplug mine. And then smash it with a baseball bat.

Well another fun and crazy editorial down. I hope I've helped you realize how much fun it is to talk about stuff. And if not then at least hopefully I put a smile on your face.

Remember to say what's on your mind, it's not only fun, it's free.

Young People Need to Speak Out, Protect Their Rights

limited quota on each.

Many in high, authoritative positions think they are untouchable and assume everyone else of "lesser" qualities are punishable no matter what.

It seems that if you are a woman, minority, or adolescent, you have no power to speak or stand up for your rights. People in power just assume you're either wrong or too young or not worth their time to speak on behalf of yourself or others.

Let the youth speak because they are our future leaders and give them the chance to make it right.

How dare these people in power think young people, or anybody else, do not have the right to speak on our behaviors.

What? Do you think we are too young or too wrong to voice our opinions? Those in power should work on protecting the rights of all citizens of covering their own butts.

I want my rights, kids want their rights, minorities want their rights. We all deserve these rights, but are we all getting them? I think not.

I don't care if you are a high school dropout or live in the ghetto, if

those in power try to stop your 1st Amendment rights, fight it and don't stop until you win!

Go all the way and put those people in power in their place. Just because they are older than you, have a higher status, or are part of the judicial system, they are not better than you.

There are many laws that protect the innocent, but unfortunately there are many loopholes that prevent what's right.

There are also laws that are locked away in a vault in the constitution that people are unaware of.

These laws need to be dusted off. Most importantly, you have your first amendment rights, which are often violated.

If the law tells you you can't speak on your behalf, or write on your behalf, you can prove them wrong and tell them you can. You can make things right by doing it the legal way.

I am writing this editorial because I am sick of those in power putting innocent people on display and putting the phrase "guilty until proven innocent" on them.

I can write this

because I am protected under the first amendment. I bet I will still get hassled anyway because I am a twenty year old female college student, who nobody will protect. People in authority can try to stop those of us who speak out, but it is against the law.

As a young person I know my rights and violating my rights, or anyone's rights, are unlawful and discriminatory. Everyone should know the same.

If you suffer an injustice, speak up, reach out, and protect your rights. Power to the real people.



STEPH NEHRING
Staff Writer

America was based on freedom, but amongst it all do we really have freedom?

The first amendment states that we have freedom of speech, the press, and of religion. According to the government, we have that right as Americans. Of course, we only get a

college: it's called students. Students are ruining the college experience (for the teachers any ways).

Imagine, if you will, a teachers' life without students. They could do ANYTHING they wanted to.

They could cruise up and down the roads, in their convertibles, with their arms around their significant others. They could be doing

wild, crazy things with their lives. Going to parties. Traveling to strange new places.

And if their jobs forced them to come to the college, they could have fun with it. Running up and down the halls, screaming at the top of their lungs. Playing hockey in the halls. Having HUGE parties all the time. Yeah, life would be great for

the teachers.

Unfortunately, a virus has infected the lives of the teachers. It's called STUDENTS.

Everyday, hundreds of these students come into the hallowed halls of ACC.

They come, sit in all the rooms, taking the chairs, claiming them as their own. They force teachers to tell them a bunch of things things

they don't want to say. Students claim they are paying for it. HA! The teachers see little, or none, of this money.

The students come in and they eat all the food. There are two cafeterias here at the college.

Very few times are there teachers in those cafeterias. They are over run with students, who take up a lot of space, forcing the

teachers to take shelter in offices. Offices? More like small closets.

If the students weren't taking up all the big rooms, the teachers could be in there.

So, if you see a "student" make sure you run for cover. They have already ruined the teacher's college experience. Don't let them ruin yours because that would just suck.



ERIC BENAC
Staff Writer

There is a new disease, an epidemic, if you will, going around this

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Artist of the Month

Creations of
Rose
Waligora

SARALYON
Staff Writer

As an art student at ACC, Rose Waligora will blow your mind with artistic abilities that are unique, inventive, and clever. Rose's works of art are very impressive.

As a young girl, Rose found her artistic gift by duplicating her brother's drawing expertise. She was also intrigued by her father's dexterity using a chain saw to construct a ten-foot totem pole out of a log.

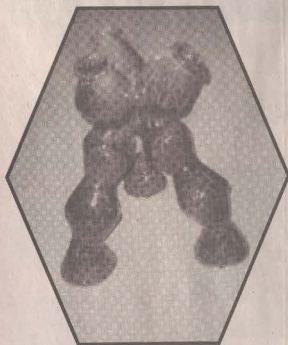
Rose furthered her skills throughout elementary and junior high school. At Thunder Bay, she took the majority of art classes offered. Before graduating from Alpena High School, Rose successfully completed photography, painting, drawing, jewelry, sculpture, and graphic arts.

Taking Ceramics I and II, Photography, and Design at ACC has broadened Rose's artistic horizons.

Planning to transfer to Northern Michigan University, Rose hopes to earn a major in Graphic/Liberal Arts and a minor in Photography. She doesn't want to live in Michigan following graduation and wishes to reside in a large city to work at a well-established firm.

Laurie Wade is the art instructor at ACC. She believes that Rose has accomplished a great deal in the amount of time that she's had her as a student. Mrs. Wade feels that Rose is a focused artist who has a great potential to succeed at a career in art.

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Sara Lyon





Preserving a Piece of Our History

JOSHUA M. BREGE
Photo Editor

This community and the surrounding area was at one time a very high-quality farming community, but

farming has slowly diminished over the years and there are only a few farms in operation today.

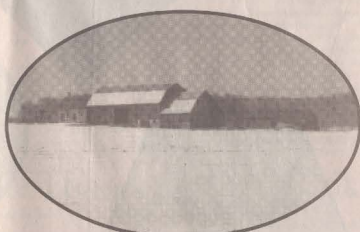
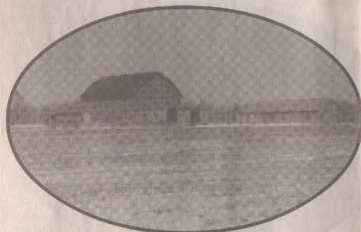
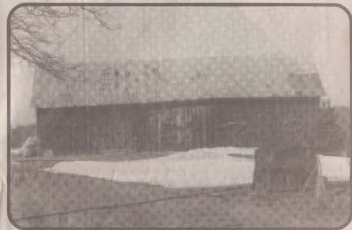
This is witnessed to many just by driving down the

road. Almost everywhere you look, there is an old structure leaning from the great number of winters and battling winds. Although these barns were built to last

many lifetimes, as many do, they are simply falling apart from years of binding weather and lack of upkeep. The barns that are in good condition are used to display

antiques or becoming collectables themselves. In other parts of the state, they are even dismantled and rebuilt at a different location to preserve a piece of history.

This scene may mean little or nothing to some people, but it is a piece of history and needs to be remembered for our future generations to enjoy.



Photos by Joshua M. Brege



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ACC Players And Pied Piper Players High Five Each Other To Start Game

ACC Lumberjacks Square off with Pied Pipers

Photos By Eric Hester



Falcon's Player Celebrates After Basket



Falcons takes control of the court

ACC Golf Team: Swinging for Spring

CASEY COFFIN
Staff Writer

The ACC golf team is getting ready for yet another season on the course. ACC boasts a strong team this year with two individuals looking to possibly go as far as Nationals.

Brett Andersen and Andrew Benson, according to coach Bill Petersen, "have a good shot at the Nationals." The ACC golf team is made up

of a variety of players ages ranging from 18 to mid 30's who all love to play the game. All the players on the team are walk-ons primarily from the surrounding Alpena area.

The ACC golf team is still looking for players who love to play the game of golf. Coach Petersen's only requirements are the players should be able to shoot at least 80-90 on the course and they must be a full time student at ACC.

The coach also added that it's, "good for kids to

come out and play."

The ACC golf team plays their matches at the Alpena Country Club against other junior colleges from around the state.

The team doesn't get many fans that come out but according to Coach Petersen, "fans are welcome to come out and watch."

To participate on the ACC golf team or for any inquiries on the team you can contact Bill Petersen at 356-6264.



ACC Lumberjacks Salute End of Season

Mens Team Made Early Exit In 2002 Playoffs



Photo By Joshua M. Bragg

ACC Softball Player Profile:

Jamie Anschuetz

ANDY KELLER
Staff Writer

Wild, crazy, fun, and dedicated; these are a few words others have used when describing Jamie Anschuetz, a freshman pitcher for the Alpena Lumberjack softball team.

Jamie started her softball journey when she was 9 years old. Her grandpa taught her to pitch and her aunt inspired her to play. Her aunt's Huron Shores softball team was the only team in history to win a state championship.

Though Jamie tried to accomplish this same feat, she came up just short. When she was 16 her Huron Shores team was ranked 3rd in the state, shy of a state championship, but still one of her best memories.

She has been pitching her whole life and loves the position. Being in control of the game and getting inside the batters head is what really gives her a thrill.

She says her biggest fan is her grandma, who never misses a single game. Having her grandma there is all the motivation she needs to perform on the field.

At home, Jamie has an older sister, who she says is her best friend. They look alike, talk alike, and laugh alike, but have two totally different personalities, which is why they get along so well says Anschuetz.

She also has a

the family car dealership.

Her mom said that as a kid, she had to bribe Jamie with new clothes and candy, just to get her to hit the ball, which she thought was pretty funny. Now her mom is very proud of her dedication and hard work she has put in so far this season.



boyfriend who says that he is truly amazed by her ongoing, fun personality and her ability to put everyone around her in a better mood.

Her dad runs their families own car dealership, where Jamie is the assistant finance and insurance manager. She is going to Central Michigan University next year, pursuing a career in business management. In the future she thinks it would be cool to take over and run

One of Jamie's dreams would definitely have to be becoming a contestant on the TV show Survivor. Although she says she would never win since she can barely survive living in Alpena.

Some of her fondest memories growing up of are her pet deer, named Jimmy, and her pet goat, named Joshua. Definitely awkward pets but Jamie says that they were definitely best friends.

Jamie is a crazy party girl, who makes the best out of any situation she is in, according to good friend Matt Frantz.

Now Jamie strives to succeed at whatever she is doing. She is living life to the fullest and can't wait to live on her own next year and tackle whatever obstacles come her way.

ADAM CARPENTER
Staff Writer

As the ACC men's golf team is eager to start their season, 19-year-old freshman Matt Frantz has more to offer than just his golfing skills.

Matt's athletic skills go unquestioned as he played hockey for 15 years, baseball until he was a freshman in high school, ran cross-country for all 4 years in high school and has played golf about 6 years. He also enjoys recreational sports such as kneeboarding, water-skiing and snow-skiing.

Matt is also very close to his family and enjoys spending time with them. His parents are Larry and Darlene, he has a 21-year-old brother named Erik and a 15-year-old sister named Ashley.

Matt Franz

On having Matt for a brother, Erik said, "He is one smart individual." I guess Erik was right, in high school Matt was a member of the

versity.

In his spare time Matt enjoys watching his favorite TV show "Survivor" and on the weekends he likes to explore the county and check out various peoples camps and the land they sit on.

One of Matt's best friends, Kurt Wargau, had this to say of Matt, "It has been fun growing up with him and he has always been there for me. I know that he will succeed in the future."

Matt shoots in the low 40's for 9 holes. Although he has never played golf at a competitive level, he is excited about the road trips ahead and being able to play on some different courses around the state.

National Honor Society. After his first semester of college Matt has a 3.6 G.P.A. and this fall he is transferring to Saginaw Valley State Uni-



Michigan State's 2002 Woes

JIM MAYNARD
Staff Writer

Four straight sweet sixteen trips. Number 1 seed in last three NCAA tournaments. National Champions just 2 years ago. Most highly recruited player. One of the best coaches in College basketball.

You would expect amazing results, but it was not in the stars for this year's Michigan State Spartans.

The Spartans had formed a habit over the last few years, lots of them were winning games, lots of them.

It started with a couple amazing years led by Mateen Cleaves, which included a National

Championship. And then was followed up by another great year at the hands of Jason Richardson and Zach Randolph.

It looked like another great year when Coach Tom Izzo landed the highly sought after Kelvin Torbert. However, numerous setbacks were also in the Spartans future.

It all started when Jason Richardson, one of the best players in college basketball, and Zach Randolph decided to join the NBA draft after only 1 year. Taking away the Spartans leading scorer, and one of their key rebounders. Also, Charlie Bell and Andre Hutson, their only starters from the original

championship team graduated, making for a very inexperienced team.

The Spartans were further hurt by injuries.

Adam Wolfe was one of the guys Coach Izzo was counting on this year, but suffered a season-ending injury early on in the year. One of their few returning players, Marcus Taylor was in and out due to minor injuries over the season, as was Adam Ballinger.

Inexperience was the key factor for the Spartans, with 2 starting freshmen, no seniors and only 1 junior, the younger players had no one to look up to.

A lot of pressure was placed on sophomore Marcus Taylor and freshmen Kelvin Torbert.

They found it hard to live up to expectations with no seniors to lean on, being asked to put up big numbers as a freshman was not an easy thing to do.

The Spartans were fighting with all they had just

to make the NCAA tournament, and were struggling. Relying on Adam Ballinger and Marcus Taylor for scoring, and only Chris Hill, yet another freshman, putting up much needed points off the bench.

The Spartans ended on a strong note, however. Winning 10 of their last 14 games. Which would land them a 10th seed in the NCAA tournament. Mainly due to Marcus Taylor, who really stepped up his game at the end of the season.

Marcus Taylor finished the Big Ten season ranked first in both scoring (17.7ppg), and assists (5.0). But inexperience was the key factor yet again as the Spartans lost to N.C.

State in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Spartans have a lot to look forward to next year though. With all their main players returning, they should do a lot better as far as experience goes.

Yet again Coach Izzo and staff have been busy recruiting. Getting a letter of intent from the 3rd ranked player in the nation, Paul Davis. And one from the 3rd ranked guard in the nation, Maurice Agor.

Overall the Spartans have had a good season if not quite up to expectations. But Spartan fans can hold on to the thought that there is always next year. And next year, looks great.



Photo off ESPN Go.Com

Will Tigers Roar or Purr in 2002?

Team moving in the right direction

PHIL WENZEL
Staff Writer

The Detroit Tigers have been down for repairs since the end of last season. The time will soon come for fans to see what kind of job the Maytag man did.

The Tigers had a wide range of problems last season, led by injuries and a lack of hitting from certain players.

Those problems are not easy to correct, but Tigers' management did their best. They started by hiring a new president, Dave Dombrowski, to turn a loss into a winner.

The team also got rid of players who did not produce last season. Shortstop Delvi Cruz was released, and outfielder Juan Encarnacion was traded to Cincinnati for utility man Dmitri Young. This could prove to be a great deal for the Tigers, as Young has hit .300 or better in four straight seasons.

The team also surprised a lot of people by talking Young into signing a long-term contract. Despite their eight straight losing seasons, Young says he's happy to be

in Detroit. "They have things moving in the right direction," he told mlb.com, "and I want to be part of the building process."

There were other signings that drew attention this off-season. Key pitchers Jeff Weaver and Steve Sparks agreed to multi-year deals. Closer Matt Anderson and his 100 MPH fastball are also staying in Detroit.

Injuries plagued the Tigers last season, the most notable of which involved third baseman Dean Palmer, catcher Mitch Meluskey, and pitcher Brian Moehler. With a little luck, Palmer and Meluskey will be in the starting lineup on opening day. With a little more, Moehler will be in the starting rotation by the All-Star break.

Let's not forget star outfielder Bobby Higginson, who is locked up for four more seasons. His numbers were down last year, but a large part of that was the lack

of hitting power backing him up. With the sluggers mentioned above in the lineup behind him, his numbers should improve.

Three surprises for Detroit last year were Robert Fick, Shane Halter, and Jose Macias. All three are projected to be in the lineup again this season. If they perform as well as they did at times in 2001, this team could put up some impressive numbers.

All of this doesn't guarantee the Tigers will be better. But it has helped

create a more positive feeling in the team's clubhouse, and happier players are likely to become a better team. Here are a few other teams to watch in the 2002 season:

NEW YORK: We could be looking at another "Subway Series" this fall. The Yankees have re-loaded with Jason Giambi, Robin Ventura and David Wells. The Mets have also improved with the addition of Roberto

Alomar, Mo' Vaughn, and Roger Cedeno. New Yorkers should have plenty of heated baseball discussions over the next six months.

CHICAGO: The Cubs barely missed the playoffs last season. This year they'll have Fred McGriff and Moises Alou hitting behind Sammy Sosa, which could bring an end to this team's playoff drought.

ARIZONA: The Diamondbacks are the reigning world champions, but they'll have a lot of work to do to hold off Barry Bonds and the Giants to defend their title. They barely held them off last year.

ATLANTA: The Braves are contenders again this year, just as they've been for over a decade. It pays to keep a nucleus intact.

SEATTLE: The Mariners set a record for wins last season and most of the team is returning. As of right now, they would appear to be easy favorites to repeat in the AL West.

MINNEAPOLIS AND MONTREAL: This could be the last year for baseball in these two towns.

Detroit Red Wings Road to 2002 Cup

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The Detroit Red Wings are the top dogs in the National Hockey League, and the focus is now set for the playoffs. The Red Wings have already guaranteed themselves a spot in the 2001-2002 playoffs, which seems that their lineup of veterans has been a success this year.

Though eyes are all set for the Wings playoff run, it is important to note that the Wings have a challenging remaining April schedule

ahead. The Wings and their lineup of all-star players will be disappointed come game time. Many commentators expect Detroit Red Wings head coach, Scotty Bowman, to rest some of the veteran players prior to the playoff run. The Wings are the oldest team as far as player ages in the NHL, and ensuring that the Wings are at the top of their game is the "goal".

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that the Detroit Red Wings have seven games remaining in the month of April, and those games will be the last of the regular season. Then it is up to the Detroit Red Wings to bring the Stanley Cup back to Detroit. To get the latest on the Detroit Red Wings, you can go to the Official Detroit Red Wings website at <http://www.detroitredwings.com>.



Photo off ESPN Go.Com

March Madness 2002



MARK WILMOT
Staff Writer



Izzo believed his team had a strong chance for advancement.

It's that time of year again, 65 of the NCAA's best teams duke it out for a chance to be champion. For many teams, the bracket seeding is key. This magical number tells them who they will have to beat to continue on in the tournament.

To no one's surprise, Duke, Kansas, Maryland, and Cincinnati led the way as #1 seeds. Each team played well throughout the regular season, which they hope will carry on through the tournament.

Of course, the biggest surprise of the tournament so far had been Gonzaga receiving a #6 seed against Wyoming. Many analysts placed the Bulldogs as a #3 or #4 at the worst, however the selection committee saw differently. With a 29-3 record, the Zags appeared impressive, but schedule strength can play a major role in seeding. Being stuck in the weak West Coast Conference did not help Gonzaga's RPI rating, or their status in the eyes of the selection committee.

Closer to home, the Michigan State Spartans were Michigan's lone representative for this year's tournament. With a 19-11 record the Spartans claimed a #10 seed and a date with North Carolina State in the first round. While this seed was slightly higher than what State is used to, Coach Tom

As with every year, there are also those bubble teams who always get let down on Selection Sunday. Some of this year's notables included Butler, who at 25-5 were expected to get in but a loss in their conference tournament proved costly. Also Memphis, who at 22-9 looked impressive in Conference USA but had the 25th ranked schedule in the nation.

Upsets are everyone's favorite part of the tournament, and the 7-10 match-up is a great place to find one. Some analysts think this year could have the 10 seeds sweeping the 7 seeds. The odds are definitely on the 10's side. In the last 10 NCAA tournaments, a #10 seed has made it to the Sweet Sixteen every year.

This year's NCAA tournament has shaped up to be quite the contest as usual. So enjoy the action and root for your favorite team. With any luck they'll escape all the upsets and reign as 2002 NCAA Champions.

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New Organization Honors Female Students

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In celebration of Women's History Month, the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) has invited 161 academically outstanding ACC women to be honored at a special event Tuesday, March 26, at 1 p.m.

Although new to ACC, according to their brochure, the AAWCC has been working toward equality, equity and excellence in the nation's

community colleges since 1973. Academic and professional promotion of women is the focus of the organization.

Moreover, Acting President Jane Speer says that the purpose of AAWCC is to provide support and leadership opportunities for women students, staff and faculty at the community college level. It helps women meet their educational and career goals. Benefits of membership include leadership training, networking, and professional



AAWCC President Jane Speer
Photo by Leslie Hayes

development, among others.

To celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of ACC's women students, and in honor of Women's History Month, the AAWCC is hosting an afternoon tea and special program Tuesday, March 26, 2002 in CTR 104 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the program.

The theme of the event is "Passages: Roadblocks, Curves, and Expressways to Success." ACC President Dr. Donald Newport and Dean of

Student Affairs, Max Lindsay will welcome students. Event activities include a panel discussion featuring ACC student's Laura Partya and Laurie Puro, and ACC faculty member, Dr. Karol Walchak. Also, there will be a musical performance by ACC's Chamber Ensemble.

Looking into the future, AAWCC hopes to sponsor a scholarship for an outstanding ACC woman student.

Anyone can join the AAWCC. The organization's elected officers

include President, Jane Speer, Learning Center Technician and adjunct faculty instructor, Secretary, Denise Bazzett, ACC English faculty; and Treasurer, Lyn Liske, ACC secretary. President-elect is Ann Kitalong-Will, ACC adjunct faculty.

For more information about ACC's chapter of AAWCC, come to the program, feel free to contact one of the officers here at the college, or, access the national website at: www.pc.maricopa.edu/aaawcc.

Alpena Unemployment Rate Has Slowly Been Increasing

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The unemployment rate in the Alpena area has been slowly increasing, causing some residents to seek help at ACC.

According to the Michigan Department of Career Development Labor Market Information (www.michigan.org), the 2001 annual unemployment rate in Alpena County rose to 8.4 percent. That's a 2.2 percent increase from 2000 annual

figures of 6.2 percent. In December 2001 alone, the rate was 8.6 percent.

Alpena's 2001 annual rate is slightly higher than Michigan's average of 6 percent, also up 2.2 percent from 2000.

The economy has been blamed on many things lately, September 11 being one of them. The September 2001 rate was 6.8 percent, which actually dropped in October to 6 percent. In November and December though, it ended up rising, just

as people predicted. Despite the "recession" the United States went in, the highest unemployment rate of 2001 was in January with an unemployment rate of 9.9 percent.

In Alpena alone, many businesses have been laying-off employees or closing their doors for good.

Fletcher Paper Company closed in 2000, but it is in the process of being reopened under the name Alpena Paper, now with new owners.

Besser Co. started laying-off workers in March of 2001, some of which still unemployed. Besser Co. employees are now trying to get unemployment benefit extensions, job training or relocation from federal funds with the help of Representative Burt Stupak.

BBI Enterprises in Alpena also announced a few months ago that they were closing their doors, ending more jobs, which will raise Alpena's unemployment rate.

With all the lay-offs

and closures, what is a person to do? How about starting your own business?

The Michigan Small Business Development Center, located in ACC's Center building, serves 11 counties in and around Alpena. They help people wanting to start their own small business or better their present one. The Business Center holds seminars and workshops and also has the latest business software as well as books.

Katherine Meharg,

Support Staff/Secretary at the Business Center, said they have been a lot busier since

around December, helping people with their small businesses. She said that several former Fletcher Paper Company employees have been inquiring on starting their own small business.

Most of the services at the Small Business Center are free. What a better word to hear when you're unemployed and looking for help with a new business.

Need Cash? Here's a Way to Make Your Pocketbook Thicker

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If you are a college student you received a Tuition Payments Statement (1098-T) in the mail at the end of January. You may be able to use the figures on this form for a credit that reduces the amount of your income

tax.

Two tax credits are available to persons pursuing a higher education—the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. They both have limitations and are used differently.

The Hope Credit may be used by students in their first two years of post secondary

schooling. To use this credit the student must be pursuing a degree or other recognized educational credential and be enrolled at least half-time. The student may claim a credit of up to \$1,500 per year.

The Lifetime Learning Credit is available for all years of post secondary

education. You do not need to be pursuing a degree or other recognized educational credential. The credit may be used for undergraduate as well as graduate courses. The student may be taking one or more classes. The maximum credit allowed each year is \$1,000 per student (20% of the eligible

expense up to \$5,000).

Neither the Hope Credit nor the Lifetime Learning Credit can be used if you pay for your education with certain tax-free funds. Tax-free funds include: scholarships, Pell grants, employer provided educational assistance and Veterans' educational

assistance.

Also you may only claim one credit in a year. You have to select which applies, the Hope Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit.

To get further information go to the IRS website (www.irs.gov). It may take some time to research but it could be worth it.

How To Prevent Deer, Drowsiness, and Breakdowns

AAA Offers Advice for ACC's Commuting Community

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Students commuting to and from the A.C.C. campuses report being exposed to road hazards such as deer (alive and dead), drowsiness, and sometimes breakdowns. AAA offers some precautions.

DEER COLLISIONS:

* If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, don't swerve.
* Brake firmly, hold on to the steering wheel, and come to a controlled stop.
* Pull well of the road, and turn on emergency flashers.

* Do not attempt to remove a deer from the roadway unless you are convinced it is dead.

* An injured deer's sharp hooves can easily hurt you.

AAA's study shows that while swerving to avoid a

crash with a deer may seem like the right thing to do, it is often the worst thing to do. Police statistics show very few persons are injured by simply striking a deer. Most serious injuries and deaths occur when drivers swerve out of control and hit a fixed object, like a tree, crash with an oncoming car, or roll over.

And remember, if you see one whitetail cross the road, chances are there are more nearby.
DROWSINESS:
* Stay overnight rather than driving while tired.
* Talk with your passenger if you have someone else in the car. If your passenger thinks you are getting sleepy, let them drive.

* Make sure both people in the front of the car are awake.
* Stop and take a nap, stretch, or take a walk.
Drowsy drivers actually

cause more fatalities per accident than drunken drivers. Studies have estimated that at least 20% of all drivers have fallen asleep while driving.

BREAKDOWNS:

Activate hazard warning lights immediately and pull off the road on the far right shoulder.

* If you decide to stay with your vehicle, close the windows and lock the doors. If someone approaches offering assistance, talk through a closed window, and ask the "good Samaritan" to call for help by telephoning the police or your road service.

* Respond only to uniformed officers in marked police cars. If approached by an individual claiming to be an undercover officer, request that the phone for a marked police car.
* Better to ruin your tire than

risk your life. If you have a flat tire in a dark or dangerous location, drive slowly to the nearest service station or public place.

Just because your car breaks down on the road doesn't mean you have to. Preparing your vehicle for the winter season and knowing how to react if stranded or lost on the road are the keys to safe winter driving.

PREVENTION:

* Maintain your car. Keep your vehicle in good mechanical condition to avoid breakdowns.

* Know how to reach your road service company. AAA, and Geico Direct are good services. Better yet, check out the new wireless roadside assistance programs such as Coach-Net and On-Star.

* Slash emergency gear in the trunk. Include a reflective 'help' sign, flares,

flashlight, cell phone, water, jumper cables and canned food. In winter add a traction mat, shovel, bag of sand or kitty litter and blankets.

* Choose main thoroughfares. Avoid short cuts in unfamiliar or unsafe areas.

Try not to travel alone at night, but if you must venture out, tell someone your route

of travel and estimated time of arrival. Log onto www.autoclubgroup.com and click on "jump starting your car" for a printout of the general jumper cable procedure.

Deer, drowsiness, and breakdowns can't always be prevented, but if you become informed and take the proper precautions, you can enjoy a safer commute.



Don't Worry, You Can Find Help for Depression

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Abraham Lincoln said: "I am now the most miserable man living. If what I feel were equally distributed to the whole human family, there would be not one cheerful face on earth. Whether I shall ever be better, I cannot tell. I awfully forebode I shall not. To remain as I am is impossible. I must die or be better it appears to me."

This quote is from Liora Nordberg's article at the US Food and Drug Administration website. According to her, Lincoln was depressed.

Someone you know

probably suffers from depression or another mood disorder. Unbelievably, there is a depressed individual in about one in five families every year.

This could be your co-worker, your spouse, or you. Northeast Michigan's DMDA (Depressive and Manic Depressive Association) is nearby to help. It is a non-profit United Way Agency organization, located at 121 1/2 Water Street in Alpena.

DMDA's mission is to provide self-help, group, personal support, education and information to people with mood disorders.

They also seek to educate the public concerning

the nature and management of these treatable medical disorders and promote related research.

Sometimes stress can bring on depression. At other times, there is no specific cause. Regardless, depression affects all aspects of life and can lead to suicide.

Be alert. DMDA's brochure says to look for the following warning signs: persistent feelings of sadness, loss of interest in activities, significant weight gain or increased appetite, loss of appetite or weight loss without dieting, feeling tired and having less energy, talk of suicide or death, lack of concentration and inability to make decisions, and, feeling

restless or slower than normal.

Moreover, DMDA does not recommend any particular course of treatment, however, it believes in combining professional therapy, medications, spirituality and group support as an effective way to treat mood disorders.

Consequently, they provide the following programs and services: support groups, resource and library center, informational and educational series, newsletters, advocacy services, medical and psychiatric referrals, community outreach, research information, peer counseling, and support and education to family members.

Additionally, numerous weekly self-help and group support meetings are held both in Alpena and at satellite locations.

These meetings are very informal and provide an opportunity for members who are depressive or manic-depressive, and their families, to share experiences, feelings, information and hope.

Support groups meet at the office in Alpena on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. They meet on Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Also, there are support groups in Oscoda. Meetings on Wednesday are

from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at ACC's Huron Shores Campus, and on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church on US 23 in Oscoda.

Emotional support comes from empathy, acceptance, encouragement, positive role models, and genuine caring from others who have "been there."

DMDA may be contacted locally by calling the Water Street office at 354-4470.

Additional information is available at the National DMDA website: www.ndmda.org, and at the US Food and Drug Administration website: www.fda.gov/.

Join the Fun at ACC's Bike and Boot Club

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The smell of fresh air as you hike down a path. The wind in your hair as you canoe a river. The feel of snow against your face as you ski a slope. Sound like a good time? You'd probably enjoy the Bike and Boot Club.

The Bike and Boot

Club is an outdoors club. They're talking about including such activities as camping, hiking, skiing, canoeing, and maybe even snowshoeing.

Anyone can join the club or attend activities. This club is driven by student interest and student involvement.

At a student senate meeting, the idea of a Bike



and Boot Club was brought up by Ryan Townsend. He said he got the idea from the Bike and Boot Club at Alpena High School.

The club was very successful, and gave students a lot of memorable experiences. The idea was agreed upon. Jim Burles and Matt Dunkel, both instructors at ACC, are the co-advisors

of the club.

The Bike and Boot Club held their first meeting on February 15. About twenty people showed up.

They decided to have a ski night, and went on Thursday, February 21. The club rented a charter bus and drove to Nub's Nod in Harbor Springs. Townsend said that everyone had a good time.

The next meeting for the Bike and Boot Club is tentatively set for April Fourth, 3:30 p.m., in the Lumberjack Shack. Fliers will be posted prior to the meeting with any changes in time or date. For more information, you can get a hold of Ryan Townsend by calling (989) 356-1214, or by emailing him at ryanbt@hotmail.com.

Taking the Byte out of Internet Rumors

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If a guy by the name of Slavenmaster contacts you, do not answer! He has killed 56 women that he has talked to on the Internet. PLEASE SEND THIS OUT TO ALL THE WOMEN ON YOUR BUDDY LIST. ASK THEM TO PASS THIS ON. He has been on Yahoo, AOL, and Excite so far. This is no JOKE! AND PLEASE SEND THIS TO MEN TOO. JUST IN CASE! Send to EVERYONE YOU KNOW!

Does this sound familiar? If you are one of the millions of Americans who use the Internet, chances are you've received something similar in your e-mail. Is it true?

Well, common sense would tell us that in every society there are oddballs. So, how much of this common Internet posting is real and how much is false? To find out, let's look at an article from CNN.com, dated June 12th, 2000. According to the article, John Edward Robison Sr., under the guise of the "Slavenmaster," lured women around the Kansas City area to him, with the promise of sadomasochistic sex.

On the June 2nd, 2000, he was arrested and

charged with sexual assault. After his arrest, the bodies of five women were discovered around his farmhouse. The Slavenmaster is not online stalking women; he is currently serving five life sentences in a federal penitentiary.

Following the tragic events of September 11th, the Internet rumor machine was running at a fevered pitch.

In Utah, the Salt Lake City Police received numerous reports that Osama bin Laden himself was seen at local McDonald's, munching on a Big Mac. Of course, this was seen as news worthy of spreading across the world via e-mail.

Remember the poor man who had his picture taken just moments before one of the planes crashed into the first World Trade Center building? Well, this was possible only through digital manipulation (and a sick sense of humor).

First, the observation deck at the Trade Center building did not open until 9:30 a.m., and the plane hit at 8:49 a.m. In addition, the aircraft in the picture is not a Boeing 767 as was the one that hit the building, but a Boeing 757, which is a smaller and narrower aircraft.

And the man himself? It was later identified that the man was a Hungarian named Peter, who stepped forward

in November with the real photo of himself on the WTC observation deck.

Some of these rumors are so believable; they can trick even the smartest and most socially apt people.

In a recent class I attended, my patriotic instructor read to the class an e-mail he received, concerning the Oliver North Iran-Contra hearings that



of an evil man named Osama bin Laden who should immediately be terminated. The Senate committee ridiculed North, asking how it was possible one terrorist could scare him so much.

And to embellish the story even further, the Senator who was leading the proceedings was none other than Al Gore of Tennessee (who was not even involved

in the hearings).

Not every rumor is false, however.

A rumor was circulating via e-mail that a gun company named Weigand Combat Handguns was denied a notebook computer purchased online at the Dell Website.

The e-mail asked all Americans to place a ban on Dell computers. Dell has a screening process that

included with your statement to opt-out, SBC Ameritech will be able to contact you regarding other services available (such as high-speed internet).

Michigan consumers were led to believe that the information was going to be sold to third-party telemarketers and direct mailers, which is simply not the case.

The second concerns the Michigan Department of Treasury. It seems that some shady crook sent out e-mails telling the receiver that he or she was subject to an e-audit, and to fill out the attached questionnaire within 48 hours.

The official statement from the IRS states that the IRS does not conduct e-audits, nor does it notify taxpayers of a pending audit via e-mail. The crook was attempting identity theft, which is becoming increasingly common these days, especially with the elderly.

The Internet has revolutionized how we communicate and do business with one another. It has become a medium through which information can travel the globe in a matter of a few mouse clicks.

There is so much

useful stuff online that it boggles the mind. The problem with the Internet is that anyone can post anything and claim it is factual.

Combine this with the fact that everyone loves a good story. And if a good story is not available, it's only natural to make one up. It's no surprise, then, that rumors circulate online like a plague.

There are useful items that people forward to every name in their address books, but for every good piece of information you find, there are ten false ones not far behind.

A wonderful site on the Internet is the Urban Legends Reference Page, located at www.snopes2.com. This site lists every current online rumor, and has a great archive for looking up older ones.

It provides factual evidence supporting or disproving every single rumor. Every rumor cited in this article I received in my e-mail at one time or another, and the facts behind every one are located at their Website.

If you happen to be someone who likes to forward juicy bits of Internet gossip, it would be a good idea to consult with this site first, before you "feed the beast."

Tap Your Learning Resources at the Huron Shore's Learning Center

KARI WHEELER
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Have you ever been stuck while doing your homework? If you don't have the resources right at your fingertips there is always someone who does. At the Huron Shores Learning Center you can get help with anything. Whether it be that you are stuck on an algebra problem, aren't quite sure how to cite a source, you name it help is a phone call away.

The Learning Center offers many free

services for your convenience, long term, one visit, or even a phone call. Jill Dorsey, who runs the Huron Shores Learning Center, has a common answer to any question "Oh sure, we can do that!" She will go to great lengths to answer your questions and provide you with any material she can get her hands on.

If you feel you need to polish up on basic skills to make your college career easier there are many enrichment programs offered. There are tutorial CD ROMs

available to all students or LSC 010 (directed study) which is a class you register for that provides workbooks and drills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation, study skills, and math; wherever you need help. Aside from the excellent math tutors available there are instructional videotapes for math classes.

Did you know that it doesn't matter where you are taking a course you can get help at Huron Shores? If you feel you need help but don't want to travel the extra distance to Alpena for

tutoring don't fret. Jill will accommodate you by finding someone who can tutor you. As long as ACC is your home school you are eligible for free help.

Those term papers that are different for every instructor don't need to be a panic attack every semester. There are two basic formats instructors may want their papers done in, MLA and APA.

The difference is basically in the page layout, headers, footers and reference page. You can get copies of the MLA and APA

formats and help with research in the computer lab. If you feel uncertain of yourself there is always someone available to proofread your work.

So, whether you need to make up a test or need help with a term paper just ask and save yourself the headache. If you are strong in a certain subject and would like to earn some extra money contact either learning center to see if you could be a tutor. They also hire work-studies to help out in the centers every semester.

The learning center at

Huron Shores Campus keeps pretty regular hours and has five computers available. The computer lab has twenty-six computers but hours vary.

If you need to use a computer it would be wise to call ahead. 739-1445 ext. 445. If you think you may be in the computer lab regularly you may want to consider being a monitor. All you need to do is be there to oversee and answer questions and you can do your own work as well as earn extra money, this may keep it open more hours.

What Employers Expect: Tips for Job Interviewing

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Career being the key word, how do you know if you have what it takes to be considered for the initial interview and then be considered for potential employment? Does college prepare a graduate on how to win over the potential employer?

In a job interview, an applicant must do more than convince an employer that he or she is skillful, experienced and honest enough to do a job. The interviewer is also taking a good look at a person's clothes, grooming, body language, manner of speech, etc. The reason? These things all give important

signals about an applicant's attitude and character. Officials from some local businesses told us what they look for:

Professionalism

(Do) introduce yourself with a handshake when meeting the interviewer. Always thank the interviewer when finished for their time and consideration. (Don't) leave the interview with a "catcha later man!"

Presentation

(Do) always bring a copy of your resume and business/professional references so that you may provide them if asked. (Don't) bring a copy of a handwritten resume and list of best friends for references.

Confidence

(Do) sit up straight, and keep eye contact with the interviewer. (Don't) slouch in the chair and talk to the



wall or desk, or you will appear to be hiding something.

Job Knowledge

(Do) be specific on what

you know that pertains to the job. Tell how you obtained this job knowledge, and how many years of experience you have. (Don't) ramble on and on about job knowledge that is not pertinent to the open position.

Dress

(Do) wear clothes that are neat and clean, not too flashy, not too casual. (Don't) show up in jeans and tennies.

Skills and Experience

(Do) make sure that you let the interviewer know all of your experience and skills that pertain to the job. (Don't) tell what an excellent janitor you were if applying for a desk job.

Past Employment

History

(Do) name a previous employer or acquaintance that holds a respected position. (Don't) name a buddy who is currently unemployed.

Honesty

(Do) make sure that the information you give the interviewer matches the information you put on your application. (Don't) give false information regarding yourself in order to appear to "look good".

Problem Solving

(Do) be prepared to answer scenario questions about problem solving. (Don't) ever say "I told the guy he was an idiot, and to go back to work!"

Application

(Do) make sure to fill the

application out completely, including previous employer phone numbers. "Businesses do check references!" (Don't) list all of your job-hopping if avoidable. List long term employment with as few gaps as possible between employers.

Promptness

(Do) be on time to the interview. (Don't) be late unless you want to leave the interviewer with a bad impression of how your attendance will be.

The officials all agreed that the one common value that added to the success of the interviewee was "attitude".

Now that you have the keys in hand, put the pedal to the metal and bring home the bacon!

HUSH, HUSH, Thought I Heard You Calling My Name, Now

EMILY RHOADS
Huron Shores

Oscoda, Michigan is a small town that only earns a mid-sized dot on a state map, but it boasts of a big asset.

Alpena Community College (ACC) has a branch campus in Oscoda that offers full services at a smaller level to southern ACC students.

This campus, the Huron Shores Campus (HUSH), has a lot to offer.

With a computer lab, two-way interactive room, science lab and learning center, Huron Shores is one of very few full-fledged college branches in Michigan according to Dawn McIntyre, director of

HUSH.

The number of teaching faculty ranges from seven to 36 people depending on the semester.

They teach a range of classes that cover as many areas as possible while remaining general enough so that students can use them as transfer credits to a four-year college.

Besides offering enough classes for students to obtain an Associates in Arts or an Associates in Science, students can also obtain a degree in Education, Small Business Management, Business Administration, or Criminal Justice solely through this branch campus.

Huron Shores also has plans to expand including hopes to open more classrooms, build

another computer lab and get its own bookstore.

"The more that we can get down here, the more that we can offer," McIntyre said.

The fact that ACC is willing to contribute this campus to Oscoda helps a lot of people. "It's definitely convenient. The night classes are great for working people!" Julie Beland, HUSH student said.

Kelly Murphy, another student notes, "What would we do without the Huron Shores Campus?"


Those of us who have no option but to work a full-time job would not be able to have access to college courses. It's nice to have a place for those of us who choose to further our education."

e-bunny says

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 all tucked in next to the cutest, cuddly bunnies
 (next to e-bunny himself, of course)



We also have a beautiful selection of
Passover & Easter Cards...

Gerald's Game Will Leave You Hanging

KELLY POTTER
Staff Writer

When was the last time you actually read a book? With all the newest technology these days, books are often ignored. After reading *Gerald's Game*, by author Stephen King, I left myself wondering why I haven't opened a good book lately.

Jessie Burlingame's husband Gerald enjoys kinky sex games with his wife. Actually, he probably depends on them more than anything. When the Burlingame's try out their handcuff game down in the house deserted by Kashwakamak Lake, Jessie decides she's had enough.

Jessie has never really enjoyed the game too much. During the entire



Gerald's Game
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book she experiences a flash from her childhood, which consists of a certain game her father played with her when she was ten years old.

This memory is the core of the book, and it's a disturbing and frightening core. It actually might go a long to explaining why Jessie let herself be used by Gerald.

This is an unusual story about a woman's fight with in herself, trapped by handcuffs after a little fooling around with her husband of

ten years goes horribly wrong. She was fed up with him not listening to her and her needs. She decides to rebel both against her husband and her past, which changed her life from here on out. Gerald suffers a fatal heart attack and dies, due to Jessie finally standing up for herself after all those years.

This story begins as a game with Jessie's husband, and quickly turns into a deadly nightmare. It is a real thriller, which I recommend to all you who find suspense interesting and intriguing.

I don't want to get into too much detail with the book, but it kept me interested the whole time, and left a small chill down my spine. Stephen King did a wonderful job writing it, and it is one of those books you wouldn't mind reading a second time.

Didja Know?

On May 21, 1980, Clash frontman Joe Strummer was arrested at a gig in Hamburg, West Germany after smashing his guitar over the head of an audience member.

* In 1997, the Jedi Knights threatened to sue the Prodigy for sampling a drum break from their track "Air Drums from Outer Bongolia." In fact, the Jedi Knights lifted the break as well!

* According to legend, the Ohio Players' classic "Love Rollercoaster" contains the scream of a woman murdered in the studio while the band was recording the song. The screamer in question was instead simply keyboardist Billy Beck, who survived the session without a scratch.

* Kiss' Paul Stanley was in the running to produce Guns N' Roses 1987 debut, *Appetite for Destruction* and Poison's '88 sophomore effort, *Open Up & Say...Ahh!*

Ross Witherbee Stars in Life, ACC Play

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One of the most humble persons that you will meet is Ross Witherbee. Witherbee holds several jobs while attending classes at ACC, mentoring students, and has a lead role in ACC's upcoming musical "Once Upon a Mattress."

Witherbee is normally found working behind the scenes operating and designing the lights for productions. He was originally employed for the Spotlight Series held at the Grandium Theatre. Ross will be taking center stage, playing Prince Dauntless. According to Tyler Wolfmont, who plays the king, "Ross puts in 150% to make sure things run smoothly."

In a conversation with Nan Hall, an instructor at ACC, she describes Witherbee as a great asset to the theatre and someone who she can depend on. Hall says that he always comes in early and is willing to stay late to make sure that everything is taken care of.

Previously, Witherbee went to Western

Michigan University where he planned on becoming a music major. Ross then decided to pursue a different avenue by obtaining his paramedic license at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.



Photo by Jessica M. Breger
Ross Witherbee

Before moving back to the Alpena area, Witherbee lived in California where he worked as a medic in an emergency room in the Los Angeles area. Ross is currently employed by Allied

EMS in Rogers City, Baybrook Medical Center, and Northlight EMS, in Alpena.

Working as a paramedic on 24-hour shifts is something that Witherbee enjoys and finds it exciting. He has learned to separate himself from his work in order to perform his duties as a paramedic. In the future, Witherbee would like to work in the critical care unit of a hospital.

Even though he does not have very much spare time with his busy schedule, Ross finds the time for mentoring freshmen students at Alpena High School. He helps them with their homework in algebra, biology, and history. He started doing this after his father, an instructor at ACC, mentioned that they were looking for people to tutor students.

When Witherbee has the opportunity, he enjoys being outdoors, backpacking, and playing golf. One of his favorite places to go backpacking is Pictured Rocks in Munising.

Movie Corner

There Are No Saints in This Film

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The Boondock Saints is a movie written and directed by Troy Duffy. It's a story of twin brothers, a Conner & Murphy MacManus, battle to do the dirty work of the Lord. The brothers' do this by systematically knocking off high members of the Russian Mafia, and drug dealers in the Boston area. While doing this, the brothers get the attention of special agent Paul Smecker, played by William Dafoe. Who gets assigned to these mysterious killings after the brother's kill two mob soldiers after a good old fashion Irish pub brawl.

From there the duo goes on a rampage slaughtering the mob one person at a time. Leading up to them killing nine members at one time, in a most

dramatic fashion, and also getting another to join their battle. Rocco, played by David Della Rocco, who plays a Boston mob runner sick of getting bossed around by his superiors. Though the brother's question his motives, he is their friend and he is insane, so they let him tag along.

The plot is a form of fractured time-place structure. Introduced first by Stanley Kubrick, and used extensively by Quentin Tarantino in such movies as *Reservoir Dogs*, and *Pulp Fiction*. Though Duffy use's it much better to convey his fun an anarchy story from scene to scene. But he can only take it so far. That's where the actors pick up the slack.

The Brothers humor you throughout the movie with crazy antics, unbelievable yet portrayed as humble, gun

battles. And the way they act towards each other. Living up to the full standard of what you would expect from two young, drunk, Irish brothers pissed at the world carrying a motive from God.

Then there's William Dafoe, playing a Homosexual Detective. I can't really remember Dafoe being this crazy in a movie. He dresses in drag, kisses a guy, and stumbles around drunk. Manages to pull off some far-fetched yet amazing performances during his dramatic investigations, and still saves the day.

The characters with there never ending punch lines and timeless performances. Along with great cinematography gun battles, and an even more twisted ending. Make this a movie treasure that will surely find its way to the movie vaults of many people.

Vampire Hunter Cartoon Isn't for Kids

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In the distant future, creatures of all kinds wander the world. Vampires are one breed of creature that is hunted and killed, so much that they are near extinction. "Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust" is a Japanese animation that tells the tale of one such vampire hunter named D, who is a half-breed human and vampire (the oldest in known existence).

If this film sounds familiar, there was another anime film and cult classic "Vampire Hunter D" made in 1983. "Bloodlust" is not a sequel to the first film, but more of a continuation of the story of the vampire hunter known as D.

"Bloodlust" was released limitlessly in the U.S. in early 2001 and very few

saw it on the big-screen. Now that it has come out on video and DVD it has become one of the hottest films. Written and directed by Yoshiaki Kawajiri, the same person who wrote the anime classic "Ninja Scroll, and filled with amazing and dazzling artwork, "Bloodlust" is a must see action spectacle.

The story, which is based off the Japanese books written by Kikuchi Hideo, finds the hunter D being hired to track down a beautiful woman named Charlotte Elbourne, who was captured by a powerful vampire known as Meier Link, and bring her back, dead or alive.

The race is on as D finds out that a second group of bounty hunters known as the Markus Brothers have also been hired for the same bounty. What ensues is a feast of action and adventure that only an anime

could portray. There are many plot twists that will keep the viewer on the edge of your seat, if the action doesn't do it already. The characters are well developed, and even makes the vampires in "Queen of the Damned" look like kids playing Halloween dress-up.

What will astound even the most hardcore advocate of live action movies is the artwork. Art director Yuji Ikehata, does a breathtaking job blending gothic horror and science fiction to produce a product that would make the first film pale in comparison.

"Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust" is a must-have for any die-hard fan of animation, but I would recommend it to anyone who has a craving for something different rather than the same old action nonsense being released.

SET DESIGN CLASS

MAIN FORCE BEHIND ACC'S UPCOMING PLAY

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Without the help of sets and props, ACC's play, *Once Upon a Mattress*, would not be opening in April. Unlike last semester's play that centered around one set, this semester there are six different scenes.

Grace Morrison, the Instructor for Set Design here at ACC, has been designing sets for about 3 or 4 years. She says coming up with scenes is a long process and involves a lot of hard work.

First, the class has to create floor plans on a computer using the dimensions of the stage. A mini-model of all sets is

created before the actual building begins.

A scrim, the backdrop, is painted in the



Photo by Jonathan M. Breger

back. One set is behind another and this can be pulled to the front while the one that was previously in front gets pulled to the back.

Morrison said they did come across one problem with the bedroom scene. Because the bed is up on a

platform to allow easy maneuvering, it would move, whenever someone tried to climb the ladder to get into the bed. She said the students had to be careful to come up with a way to prevent movement.

"It's the problems that bring out the creativity in my students," Morrison said. She said the whole process demands a lot of creativity because they don't want repetition.

The students involved in the work include LaShawnda Lewis, Lisa Schultz, Lynn Radka, Ryan Skiba, who also acts in the play, and Ross Witherbee, who besides having a main role, also manages the lights.

These Damned Reviews Are Tenacious

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Tenacious D Album

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Tenacious D:
Tenacious D

In a world full of mainstream, pop groups, girl singers and rap-metal have been ruling the charts for years. Tenacious D does not fit into any of these categories. The Los Angeles based duo of Jack Black (the actor) and Kyle Gass are the cult phenomenon known as Tenacious D. The band formed in 1994, when Black would come over and jam with Gass in Gass's L.A. studio. Armed with only one song, "Tribute," the acoustic rock and comedic slapstick duo worked at a local bar, and from there gradually grew in popularity.

Down the road Tenacious D was signed to Epic Records and recorded their self-titled debut album, which came out Sept. 25 of 2001. With the hit single "Wonderboy" getting airplay on radio and MTV, Tenacious D soon became a household name. The album is a mix of good old rock and roll and some of the most vulgar humor heard since the last Howard Stern C.D. Needless to say, this album is pure genius.

Written off by some critics as nothing more than a comedy act, Tenacious D is so much more. Not only is the album hilarious, but also the music is really good. I compare it to Adam Sandler's 1996 album "What the Hell Happened to Me." Only this album takes the genre further. Unlike most albums of the same style Tenacious D actually has staying power. For instance comedy albums, unlike music albums, can't be listened to repeatedly basically because hearing the same jokes again and again gets old. This is the

beauty of Tenacious D, when the jokes get old, the album still produces some hard rocking tunes, such as "Explosivo" and "Rock Your Socks Off."

There are quite a few guest appearances of some of today's rock elite. Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters provided drums and guitar for the album and Page McConnell from Phish provides some keyboards, to name a few of the guest musicians. The electronic group the Dust Brothers even did the producing. Overall the album sounds amazing.

One of the most impressive things about Tenacious D is they choose to do all their concerts with acoustic guitars only. So people who enjoy the album will be surprised when they see Tenacious D perform live.

Tenacious D is currently on tour with Kid Rock and then they will perform on most of a tour throughout most of April. As of now there are no new plans for a second album and they will be continuing to tour through most of the

summer. So if you like a little spice to added to your music listen to the album and if you can see them live.



Queen of the Damned

Album

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Queen of the Damned:
Soundtrack

Dark, gloomy, and heavy are a few words that generally sums up the soundtrack for the Warner Brothers film "Queen of the Damned." Producer Richard Gibbs collaborates with Korn's frontman, Jonathan Davis, to make a soundtrack filled with just about every mainstream heavy metal performers to date.

This soundtrack stirred more hype than the actual movie did because Jonathan Davis, along with

Gibbs wrote five songs in which were used in the film for Stuart Townsend's character, the vampire I, Lestat, who becomes a rock and rolling creature of the night. Davis actually sang the songs for the movie, and they just had Townsend lip-sing. The end product made for some great cinema and song. There are even actual music videos for the songs on the official Warner Brothers sight for "Queen of the Damned," that are more impressive than the actual movie.

Unfortunately the soundtrack label, which is also Warner Brothers couldn't keep Jonathan Davis's vocals on the album, due to conflicts with Davis's record label. So Davis and Gibbs did the next best thing and got some of heavy metal's elite vocalist to do the five songs.

Performing the songs for the soundtrack are Wayne Static (Static X), David Draiman (Disturbed), Chester Bennington (Linkin Park), Marilyn Manson (Marilyn Manson), and Jay

Gordon (Orgy).

By doing this, the album doesn't have the same affect as they did in the movie, despite the vocalists giving their best (Manson's rendition of "Redeemer" is noteworthy). The rest of the soundtrack is a compilation of songs taken off of other albums by various artists, such as Static X's "Cold" and Papa Roach's "Dead Cell."

Now there would be nothing wrong with this if you don't already own these other albums. I've never really liked the idea of taking songs off other albums and put them on another. This is where the album suffers. Granted the songs are great and how the soundtrack is produced is good, but it's all the same stuff I already own.

The movie was a let down and the soundtrack could've been amazing, but unfortunately it lacks in fresh material. The original five songs Davis and Gibbs wrote are the highlights, but who would want to spend 20 dollars on five songs.

HORROSCOPES

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Aquarius Jan 20-Feb 18

Make sure to keep your cool this month. You will find that common things are getting on your nerves. Near the end of the month, you will be fully relaxed and ready for spring.



Taurus April 20-May 20

Take time to study for that big test that is coming up. Maybe the best strategy would be to get together with a group of friends to prepare. It will pay off in the long run.



Leo July 24-Aug 22

Just because you have that extra cash this month, doesn't mean to go out and spend it. Save up for a vacation this summer, or at least pay off that credit card.



Scorpio Oct 23-Nov 21

You have a tremendous artistic side to yourself, which you have been bottling up for some time now. Repaint or redecorate your home and let that creativity out.



Pisces Feb 19-March 20

You have become very annoyed at work lately. The only way to get things accomplished is to take charge. Soon your boss will realize what a great asset you truly are.



Gemini May 21-June 20

Some changes are about to occur in your future, but only if you let them happen. You have had many opportunities, and now it's up to you to decide which path to take. Whether it be school, work, or love, the choice you make could effect your life greatly.



Virgo Aug 23-Sept 22

An unexpected call from someone in your past will leave you with an uneasy feeling inside. Sit down and think about it before you make any drastic changes in your life.



Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec 21

Get off the couch this month. Summer is just around the corner; it's time to fit in all those summer clothes again. Take a walk to the store instead of driving. Exercise is just what you need.



Aries March 21-April 19

Quit listening to that voice in your head. You have been holding back all your thoughts and feelings for that special someone. It's time to let your worries go and tell them how you feel.



Cancer June 21-July 23

You feel as though the whole world is against you. You have been isolating yourself from those who care about you. Have a guy/girl's night out and forget about your problems for at least a little while.



Libra Sept 23-Oct 22

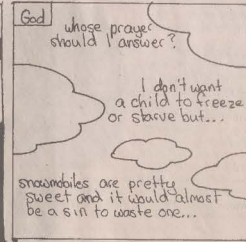
It is about time to squeeze your spring-cleaning into your schedule. Every time the subject is brought up, you leave the room. In the process, donate all your old clothes to a local charity.



Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 19

You need all the extra energy you can get this month. You have been working really hard lately, which is good. Something unexpected is about to come up that will leave you speechless and worn out.

Shady Lane by Chris Oposson



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Something for Everyone at Home Builder's Show

Food, fun and thousands of dollars in prizes; all the necessary ingredients for a good time. Throw in some great building products and ideas and that is exactly what consumers experienced when they visited The 23rd Annual Home Builder's Show.

The Northeastern Michigan Home Builder's Association held this year's annual building and remodeling show March 1-3 at ACC. With nearly fifty exhibitors, there was something for everyone, including activities for the kids, like the Home Depot Kid's workshop and Alpena Power's interactive display.

Glen Kanarr, a sales associate with The Home Depot, felt that the kid's workshop was a real draw for families. While parents had the opportunity to look over products such as

one, despite some bad weather. "We had about 3,000 people this year, weather really dictates a lot of what happens. If we don't have any storms we'll usually run 4,000. The exhibitors were well pleased. They had a lot of good prospects," said Reich.

Reich explained that this was the third year the show had been held at ACC, as they had outgrown its previous location at the fairgrounds. He said he was very pleased with the ACC facility and the professionalism of its staff, especially Don Witt's maintenance and custodial crews.

Anyone interested in participating in future building and remodeling shows or becoming a member of the Northeastern Michigan Home Builders Association can contact the Association at (989) 595-3240.



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Photos by Robin DiMarzo



specialized moldings and prefinished fiberglass doors, the kids could learn about construction first hand.

Along with an extensive variety of quality building displays, visitors to this year's show also found a wide selection of food offered by ACC's Lumberjack Shack. Eric Cicero, the Lumberjack's food service director, said he felt their establishment offered a convenience for all those participating in the show. He added they were glad to have the opportunity to serve the people.

To add a little more to the experience, visitors also had a chance to win a variety of prizes. The Home Builders Association offered everything from a cordless telephone to a vacation package worth \$1500.

Those who attended this year's show seemed genuinely pleased. One consumer commented that after speaking with several of the exhibitors, he was able to make a much overdue remodeling decision.

According to John Reich, the association's president, this year's show was a good

