

# THE LUMBERJACK



ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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## Awards Night 2002

*Lumberjack's  
Sexton Instructor of  
the Year*

**JENNI WEBB**  
*Managing Editor*

As Cristie Neubert announced the 2002 "Instructor of the Year Award," no one was there to receive it. But that turned out to be a good thing. Shawn Sexton, English Instructor/ Lumberjack Advisor, won the award but was at Alpena General with his wife and day old son, Griffin.

Sexton said, "Of course I was disappointed that I wasn't there, but I couldn't have had a better excuse."

When asked about the award, Sexton said that "respect from my students is more important than any peer recognition, but I hope students keep in mind that popular does not always mean best. ACC is full of excellent instructors."

The Instructor award was a small part of an Awards Night that focused on student achievements. Outstanding Accounting, BIS, Management, Network Adm students were recognized. Outstanding Freshman English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math Students were also recognized.



Shawn Sexton with Shelby and newborn son Griffin

## Lumberjack Editors Say Good-Bye

**KELLY POTTER**  
*Staff Writer*

With the spring semester coming to an end, the Lumberjack will be saying a few goodbyes. Six out of seven of the editors will not be returning to ACC next year. Where are they headed, and what will they be doing?

Jenni Webb, Managing Editor of The Lumberjack, has been on staff for a year and a half. She has had a lot of experience in journalism, working on three different papers in her high school career.

Jenni graduated from Atlanta High School, and after our spring semester is over she will be transferring to the University of Alabama.

Her major right now is journalism, which may change to English, computer science, or even teaching. She originally came to ACC to play softball, but after talking

to Lumberjack advisor, Shawn Sexton, she changed her mind. One piece of advice she would like to pass on to the next set of editors would be, don't let criticism

from other people who don't know what's going on get to you. Jenni plans on hopefully getting married soon, and she is also going to be a new mommy in December.

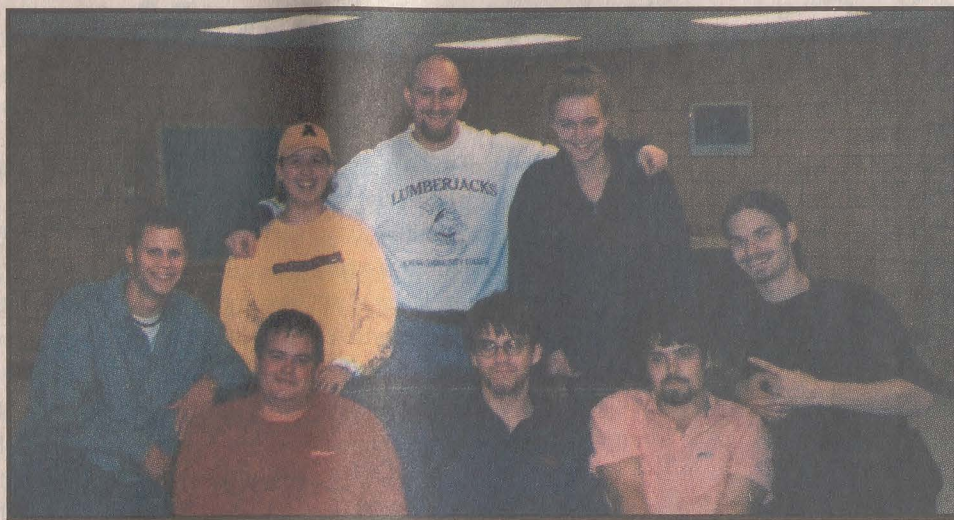


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Top Left: Joshua M. Brege, Jenni Webb, Shawn Sexton, Steph Nehring, Ryan Spaulding  
Bottom Row: Tris Coffin, 2003 Returnee Chris Oposnow, Eric Benac

Entertainment Editor Eric Benac, from Hillman, has been on The Lumberjack staff for a year and a half also. He started out as a staff writer, and decided he wanted to be an editor because it was something he has always wanted to try.

He will be transferring to Northern in the fall, and possibly changing his major from journalism to education or English. Journalism is way too hectic for his taste. He feels that the improvement he has contributed would have to be his stories.

One piece of advice Eric would like to leave to the next editors would be to make sure you could compromise, and not have a bad temper if you want to get along.

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## ACC Summer Schedule Promises Something for Everyone

**TAWNY HISSCOCK**  
*Staff Writer*

The summer schedule is out and promises something for everyone. Don't wait too long to register or you may not get the classes you want.

There are general classes offered as well as classes in specialized programs.

If you are trying to meet your basic requirements

English 111 is being offered. Personalized Fitness could not only help fill an elective, it could also help you stay in shape this summer.

For those enrolled in specialized programs there are many different classes offered. There are also some Internet courses available.

For those students in the Education program that will transfer to Spring Arbor University, an Introduction to

Mythology class is being offered. This will be a 4-week class that begins on May 13 and ends on June 6.

Although Denise Bazzett traditionally teaches this course, Dr. Priscilla Homola will teach the summer session. "This is an overflow session," says Dr. Homola, "We are trying to help those students enrolled in the Education program meet their English

requirements."

An addition to the English classes listed in the schedule is The Short Story. "We decided to add this class after the schedule was printed," explains Shawn Sexton, who will be teaching this class. This class will also count towards your English minor for those in the Education program.

If you plan on taking classes this summer, do not

wait to long to register. Registration began on Tuesday April 2 and runs through Friday June 7. Late registration begins on Monday June 10 and runs through Thursday June 13.

Most summer term classes start on June 10 and end on July 19. However, not all classes have the same start and end dates. Be sure to check the schedule for specific course dates.

## Alpena, Gaylord Post Office Officials Stand by Delivery Process, Overall Service

**JOBETH JOHNSON**  
*Staff Writer*

Have you ever wondered why Alpena's mail is taken to Gaylord and then shipped back, when Alpena already has its own Post Office? Many people do and most of us don't understand why the mail is done this way.

Kim Johnson, a postal employee for 26 years, has spent the last nine years in the Gaylord Post Office. Johnson said the Gaylord Post Office is the central office for Northern Michigan and Traverse City is the central office for

Northwest Michigan. Each central office has sophisticated machines that cancel the stamps on the mail and sprays bar codes on each letter for automated sorting.

Johnson explained that mail trucks have regular routes they travel every day just like mail carriers do.

For instance, one truck's route might stretch from Grayling to Gaylord. Every day that truck picks up mail in every city between Grayling and Gaylord, bringing it to Gaylord where it is sorted, and then is shipped out by 6 am the next morning to its destination.

Jana Tuck, who's worked for the post office for

20 years and is now the Alpena Postmaster, said there's no time lost in this, plus it's cost effective.

"The Post Office does not receive money from taxes or the government, even though it is a Federal business. We are completely self-supported," Johnson explained. He said that all the money comes from stamps and postage on letters and fees paid for bulk mailings and newspapers and magazines.

Also the Post Office does not control the stamp prices. These are determined by the Board of Governors, which is composed of people selected by politicians. They have the control over raising the prices of stamps.

Johnson and Tuck both stated that rate increases were needed more frequently but at lower prices. For example, the Board of Governors could raise the

price one penny every year, instead of five cents every three years.

Tuck said she would like to see the Post Office in control of the rates, simply because they have a better idea of when a rate increase is needed and how much of an increase is needed.

Johnson agreed, saying the Board of Governors needed more people that have been in charge of large corporations and would have a better idea of costs and labor management concerns.

"The biggest advantage to the Post Office, compared to other services such as UPS and FedEx, is the fact that the Post Office delivers to every home on every street in every city in every state," Tuck said.

Johnson agreed saying, "It doesn't matter if you live in Hawaii and are

sending mail to New York. For 34 cents, you can't beat that value. We're still cheaper than most other industrialized countries."

When asked about the anthrax scare, Tuck said she noticed a drop in business but that the mail had started to pick up again. She said the employees are more aware of what goes through the mail and everyone takes second looks.

Employees are provided with gloves and masks now, but have a choice on whether they want to use them. Johnson added that despite the scare, workers were dedicated to their jobs and went back every day and did their jobs like normal.

Johnson said he would like to make people more aware of the fact that carriers are not the only employees. "Many people don't realize we work through the night to get the mail out the next day."

Every central office has employees there 24 hours a day. This means many workers work midnight shifts sorting and loading the trucks with mail.

Johnson and Tuck agreed that the Post Office has been a great place to work.

"The Post Office has supported my family all these years," Johnson said. "It's a good place to work."



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*Our mail journeys from Alpena (right) to Gaylord (left) back to Alpena before it is delivered locally*



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