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Lewiston Couple Delivers Random Act of Kindness to Alpena Children

Holiday Season Ideal Time to Lend Helping Hand to Others

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"Random acts of senseless violence" is a phrase that has become all too common in our society. Perhaps less well known is the idea of performing "random acts of senseless kindness." The meaning is evident and may include a huge variety of good deeds.

Many years ago, a friend of mine, Carl Pierce, was approached by a homeless person who asked him for money. Instead of merely giving him money and moving on, he chose to take the man out to breakfast.

He learned that the man

had lost his mother, wife, and kids in a car accident. He eventually succumbed to alcoholism, lost everything he owned, and ended up on the street. Nobody asks to be homeless, but it happens.

Simply handing the man some money would have been an act of kindness. Having the compassion to take the time to listen and learn something from him in the process goes beyond what many consider to be the right thing to do.

In lieu of the upcoming holiday season, you may find it in your heart to do something of this caliber. Something big or something small; whatever you choose to do will help someone have a brighter holiday.

Random acts of kindness do not need to be huge events to make a big difference. It is the little things that often matter the

most

It could be something as simple as helping a sibling with their homework, sharing a lunch, or stopping in to visit someone that's alone in this world. For some, this could potentially mean more than a large donation of money to a charity.

Linda Suneson, an instructor here at ACC, received flowers from an anonymous friend recently. When she announced this in class, her happiness and delight made even my day a little brighter.

Albert Einstein once said, "We cannot solve the problems of the world by using the same level of thinking that created them."

So, keep this idea in the back of your mind, and when the opportunity presents itself, just take some time out of your day to act upon it.



Photo by Jessica Thiem

Random Act of Kindness: William and Kathryn Davis share the many stuffed animals they have collected from claw machines all over the United States. William enjoys playing claw machines and has become extremely good at it over the years. This is their first time donating toys to the Volunteer Center here at ACC.

And the Survey Says . . . ACC Students Give Feedback, Admit Poor Study Habits

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Survey says... ACC students give helpful feedback! During the spring of 2002, a sample of the student body was surveyed on a variety of topics.

The survey given was called the Community College Survey of Student Engagement.

The results from this survey were compared to nearly 50 other community colleges, including 15 small institutions that are comparable in size to ACC.

Among other things, the survey questioned the usage of student services. ACC provides free use of computer labs, library services, tutors, and the opportunity to meet with academic advisors.

Scores were based on a scale from 1-4 (1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often).

Even with everything that is provided on campus, students were still consistently ranked lower than all of the comparison colleges.

For instance, when asked how often students met with advisors, ACC scored 1.69. This failed in comparison to students at other small institutions. Another example of low turnouts for student services is the use of our computer labs.

Other community colleges averaged a score of 2.07 when asked if students used their lab facilities, while ACC students scored a 1.89.

A third instance of poor

student habits is the 1.40 students scored when asked if they apply for free student tutoring.

Some instructors even offer extra credit if you use tutors or spend time in the Learning Center here at ACC. What more of an incentive do ACC students need?

What's worse is the number of students that attend class without having their work complete. With a total of 2.12, ACC students admitted their lack of readiness.

On a more positive note, 97% of the students surveyed said they would recommend ACC to a friend. Most responses reflected a positive attitude toward ACC.

What you put into your education is what you will receive. The more effort given, the more it pays off. Even if results are not immediate, there are definite long-term benefits.

ACC Students Find Different World at Universities

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Students leaving a community college and going to a university often feel excited and afraid. Transferring may also bring many questions to mind. For instance, how will my classes at the university be different from my community college classes? Or, what does the university community offer students outside of classes?

A few advantages of attending a community college, such as ACC, are the small class sizes and the personal attention you get from instructors. The typical class size at ACC ranges from 10 to 30 students, while at a university, lectures may contain more than 300 students. The small class sizes at ACC al-

low for more interaction between instructors and students. This results in more personal attention and the opportunity to get to know your instructors as individuals instead of as just teachers.

Attendance is much more important at ACC than at a university because ACC classes have fewer students. In a small college like ACC, attendance and interaction of students is necessary for participation. At a university, attendance is less important because class sizes are bigger, which means less time for individual students to participate. This means that students have less incentive to show up for class at a university. "Teachers regulate you more at ACC. At SVSU, some teachers take attendance by using

sign-up sheets or in-class writings, but others don't take attendance at all," said Kelley Ellis, ACC graduate and current Saginaw Valley State University student.

Due to the larger class sizes at a university there is also less opportunity for students to ask questions, make comments, or voice opinions. This is usually saved until the end of lecture, if time permits, or is handled during discussion sessions. Discussion sessions are classes of 20 to 30 students from the larger lecture that meet once or twice a week with a graduate student who guides discussions about topics covered in lecture, answers questions, and leads workshops or projects.

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World Center for Concrete Technology: ACC Students Learn at One of the Best Facilities in the Nation

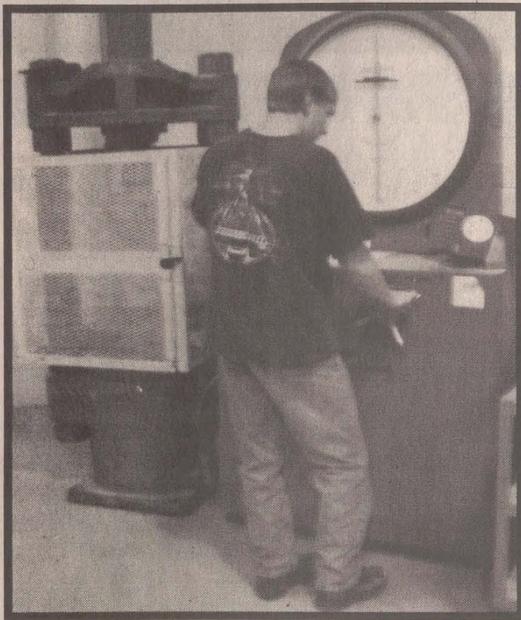


Photo by Sara Lyon

Nicholas Zdybel works on a concrete testing machine.

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The World Center for Concrete Technology offers an associate in applied science that is one of its kind in the nation. Many people may be unaware of how special this program is, and what it has to offer.

Students in the program have the opportunity to learn through a comprehensive curriculum that includes working on mechanical and electrical components that are exactly identical to the equipment in a company's facility.

The curriculum includes a great deal of hands-on technology. A combination of on the job training and traditional classroom time, give the students a great opportunity to learn while having a simulated work environment.

Started in 1966, the WCCT has been around for 36 years. It was only until August of 2000 that the new, \$8 million center was finished. Harris Hall furnishes WCCT students with a complete working model of a concrete production plant. This allows students to graduate with sufficient skills and training needed to make a transition, from classroom

to work environment, with little or no additional guidance.

Students also have the opportunity to help research various methods to continuously better concrete technology. In addition to helping inventors with new concrete products, students also assist in recycling waste materials into concrete.

Block-makers' Workshops are offered throughout the year for people who are already in the industry to advance their skills and help climb the corporate ladder to success. Also, when the employee returns to work, they can share the learned information and help other

employees in the plant.

The Concrete Technology Program at ACC has been hailed by many industries as number one in concrete education throughout the nation. "Students who graduate have 100% job placement rating from WCCT," said Jim Hayford, the Executive Director of WCCT.

"Students from all over the United States come to Alpena just for our program," Hayford also said. "There aren't many programs out there like ours. We focus on specialized areas. When a student graduates, job opportunities are everywhere."

Community College and University, Parallel Worlds

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Another difference between academic life at ACC and academic life at a university is the use of the syllabus. At a university, professors may only refer to the syllabus during the first week of classes. Students must remember to consult their syllabi for upcoming due dates of papers, quizzes, presentations, and exams. The professors will expect students to be prepared for all assignments, even when reminders are not given in class. On the other hand, most instructors at

ACC will remind students of approaching deadlines and will often give them time in class to work on assignments.

Student life outside classes is very different at a university than here at ACC. Universities have many organizations in which students can become involved. Students can join groups demonstrating their interests in: politics, academics, their future profession, religion, or their ethnic heritage, to name just a few. "At MSU there are numerous activities to be involved in, allowing students to individually tailor their level of

involvement in specific activities to improve their resumes," said Kyle Gobrogge, former ACC student and current Michigan State University student. Ellis said at SVSU there are after-hours events hosted by the university that provide alternatives to drinking. For instance, there is a rec center/game room open until 2 a.m. in which students may play games or use computers. Because of its smaller enrollment, ACC does not have the large number of extracurricular opportunities offered by a university, which leads

to "decreases in research opportunities and networking," said Gobrogge, but it does offer some organizations that students may join, such as Student Senate, the Bike and Boot Club, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Again, because of enrollment size, a university offers more cultural events that students may attend than does ACC. Events at a university may include: a poetry reading at a café, musical and theater productions, visiting art and historical museums, or taking a walk in the gardens. ACC, while small, does bring

many worthwhile cultural events to its campus: the Spotlight Series, theatrical productions, and concerts featuring the ACC Jazz Band, for example.

Tradition is a major aspect of university life. Waking up at 6 a.m. to go tailgating at football games and cheering your team to victory with the school's fight song are memories shared by current and past students of universities. "There's a lot more tradition at State," said a former ACC student and current Michigan State University student. Even though ACC is a smaller

school, it also has strong traditions. For instance, the events surrounding the annual homecoming: the games, the crowning of king and queen, and the dance.

Students transferring from a smaller college, like ACC, to a larger university will find many changes in their lives both academically, such as larger and more impersonal classes, and socially, like the availability of nearby concerts. For those of you planning to transfer to a university, remember that ACC is a stepping-stone to prepare you for those changes.

Meningitis Invades Student Living

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Meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans and claims 300 lives every year. Out of these cases, 100-125 of them occur on college campuses.

Meningitis is the infection of fluid that surrounds the brain or a person's spinal cord. It is caused by a viral or bacterial infection.

Viral meningitis is less severe and usually follows an uneventful course. The bacterial meningitis can be life threatening. Although not highly contagious some forms of bacterial meningitis are. It can be spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions (coughing, kissing).

The Saint Mary's College Health and Wellness Services stated that college freshmen, those who live in dormitories are at higher risk for meningococcal disease than most people. College living

in behavioral and social aspects is a major factor.

Some symptoms include, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting and discomfort looking at bright lights and sleepiness. Meningitis is often confused with the flu because the symptoms are very similar.

Students should seek medical care immediately if two or more symptoms occur at one time. The infection progresses quickly. If untreated, it can be fatal within hours of first symptoms.

There are vaccinations against meningitis. The vaccination can prevent against four strains of the disease that causes about 70% of the cases in the U.S. The vaccine is safe with mild and infrequent side effects.

Other ways to maximize your body's immune system is to eat a balanced diet, get rest and exercise. Also, avoid making a habit of sharing drinks and cigarettes.

Students and Staff Donate Their Time and Blood

Recently the Red Cross held a blood drive here on ACC's campus. The goal was to have 40 people donate blood. The total that showed up for the event was 51 and 45 were able to give blood.

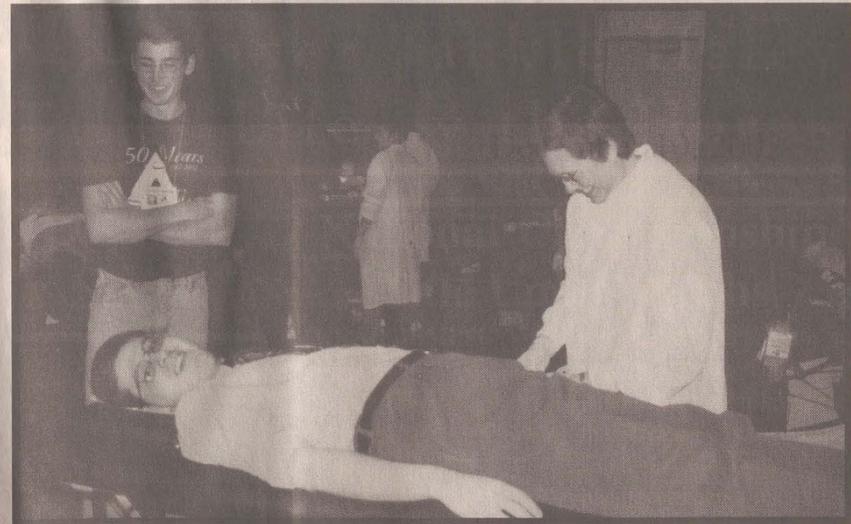


Photo by Israel Munsey

Dan Rothe, math instructor at ACC, entertains Red Cross staff, onlooker as he donates blood.

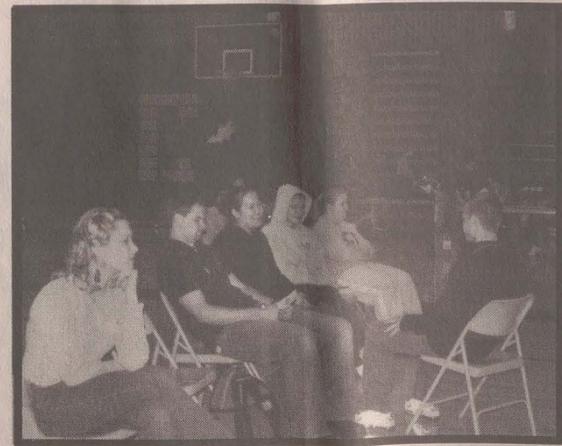


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Student Senate President Jonathon Brege gives fellow students a few words of encouragement before donating blood.

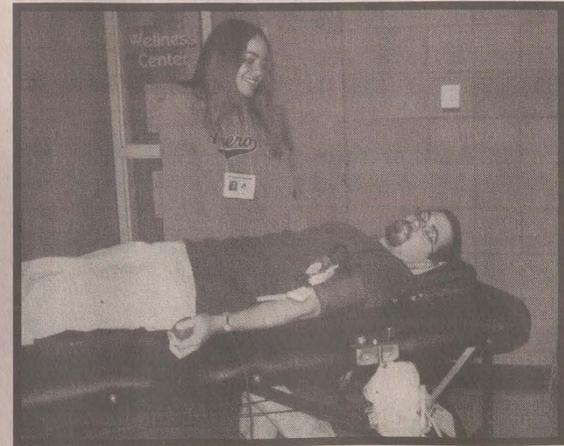


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Israel Munsey, feeling a little faint, gives a precious donation.

Severity of Drinking & Driving Consequences Increasing

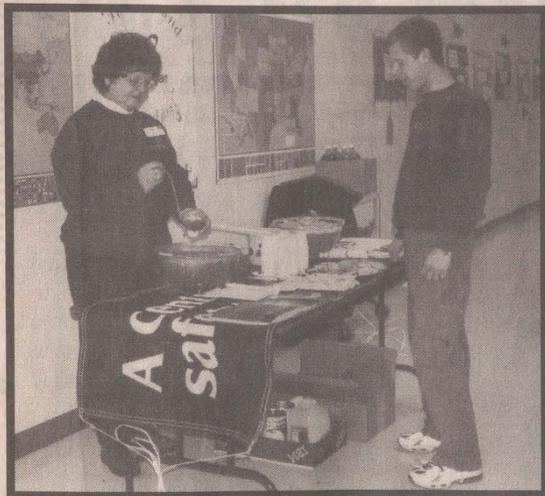


Photo by Sara Lyon

Alice Boyk, Alpena AAA representative, serves Jonathan Brege non-alcoholic punch.

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It is estimated that 17,274 people die in alcohol-related traffic crashes every year. That's about one person every 32 minutes. Alcohol is a factor in about one-half of all fatal traffic collisions in the United States, and it is also the leading cause of death among American teenagers.

Being the nation's worst frequently committed violent

crime, drunk driving is a serious crime in all states. Drinking alcohol affects your ability to safely operate motor vehicles or any dangerous equipment.

In every state it is illegal to operate any motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. In most states, if your blood alcohol level is greater than .10, you are presumed to be too intoxicated to safely operate an automobile.

However, there is a big nation-wide push to have more states change their laws to .08 as the blood alcohol level considered legally too intoxicated to drive a vehicle. In Michigan, the law stands as .08 as the illegal blood alcohol level.

In the event of drinking and driving and a person is pulled over and found to have an illegal blood alcohol level, the person will be immediately arrested and charged with "Driving Under the Influence" or a "DUI."

Generally, a first-time offender, which is usually considered a misdemeanor, is ordered to pay a hefty fine and may be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment. A suspension of his or her driver's license will usually occur as well. In Michigan, an officer will cut up the license right in front of the offender.

There are certain programs available to first-time offenders, which allow the defendant's punishment to be decreased under certain circumstances.

On the contrary, there are a

number of defenses to a charge of drunk driving that an experienced defense attorney can raise on your behalf.

If you are arrested a second time for a DUI, you will have to pay the same fines. However, the time you spend in jail may increase from 90 days to one year. Also, you may lose your license for up to 18 months.

Furthermore, a judge may require you to attend an alcohol abuse treatment program for up to a year. The court may also require you to install an ignition interlock device in your vehicle.

Upon a third conviction within seven years, the fines will increase and you could go to prison for 120 days to one year. Your fourth conviction could be charged as a felony.

If the DUI charge involves an injury or a fatality, you will be arrested on felony charges. A felony conviction will bring you the same or higher fines, a longer license suspension, required attendance in a drug/alcohol treatment program and a longer jail sentence.

Consequently, the fines don't include the cost of an attorney and other fees including court assessment fees, which can be as much as 170 percent of the original fine, raised insurance premiums, the cost of court-ordered alcohol treatment programs, and your vehicle impoundment.

All in all, a person's first conviction can reach well about \$3,000 in fines and penalty assessments.

Some other important things to know are that if you are driving in a reckless manner, an additional 60-day penalty will be added to your sentence. Your insurance will increase not only for you, but also for your entire family. If you have to drive for your job, your employer's insurance rates will go up as well, or you could just lose your job.

Also, upon your first or second DUI conviction, your car can be impounded for one to 30 days at your expense. In the event of a third conviction within seven years, your car can be impounded for 1 to 90 days.

If you have two or more convictions within seven years, your car will be sold and the proceeds would go to the city or county to pay for community-based adolescent substance abuse programs.

Furthermore, if a minor is convicted on a DUI charge, they will be sentenced and fined as an adult, but will spend any jail time in a juvenile correction facility.

In conclusion, drinking and driving is obviously an enormous problem in the U.S. Too many people are being killed because of poor judgment and substance abuse. If you or someone you know has a problem with drinking, call Alcohol-Anonymous for help at (989) 354-2728.

ACC's liaison, Mike Roy, is also available for assistance for any situation or problem you may have. He is available in VLH 119, and at (989) 358-7208.

All the information presented in this article was found at <http://www.hwysafety.org>.

New AIDS Test Yields Immediate Results

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Approximately 8000 people test positive for HIV and never return to get the news. It has been estimated that one-fourth of the nearly 900,000 HIV-infected people in the U.S. are not aware that they are infected, according to reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

A new 20 minute AIDS test has been endorsed by the FDA. The test allows individuals to learn the results without the standard wait of nearly two weeks.

This test claims to provide results with 99.6% accuracy.

With the speed of the results, the numbers of individuals unknowingly exposed to HIV should decline.

Certified health workers administer the new test. A single droplet of blood is collected from a prick of the finger. It is then mixed with a developing solution in a vial, and the testing device is inserted.

Much like a pregnancy test, one reddish-purple line means no HIV. Two lines assure that there is a probability and more specific tests need to be done. No lines mean that the test was performed inaccurately and should be administered again.

It's relatively simple to use

compared to other tests on the market. Waivers may be sought from the FDA by Orasure Technologies, the producer of the test, to allow for the use of the test at home.

FDA Deputy Commissioner Dr. Lester M. Crawford says, "It will also be a critical resource in helping identify HIV infection in health-care and emergency workers who are accidentally exposed to HIV-infected blood while doing their job."

This test is not available at Alpena General Hospital, but more information may be found by contacting the CDC's National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-2437.

Calling for Campus Child-care

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It's 6:15 P.M., your children are hungry and your spouse has to work late. Class starts at 7:00 P.M., tic tock, tic tock. Your dilemma: What do I do with the kids? Sound familiar?

Many of our students often experience the need for a quality child-care program. This would enable them to focus and excel in their studies. Currently, campus-services refer those inquiring this service to the 4C's program. This program recommends caregivers in the area.

After conducting a survey of over 40 students and faculty at the Huron Shores Campus, it was determined that there is a desire to initiate an on-site

child-care facility at Alpena Community College.

Why has this not been presented to administration? According to Dr. Curt Davis, Executive Dean at ACC, the topic has been discussed. However, it will probably not be pursued. Dr. Davis stated that, "Most of the needs are being met with at home day-care." He also commented "It would be cost prohibitive for the students. There is also a problem with space availability in which to house this type of facility."

One possibility is that the old graphic art building is currently under renovation. It will become the main art building upon completion, leaving the main art building empty. However, the main art building is out-dated and would need

major work to bring it up to current codes.

The college would have to construct a new building to house an on-site child-care facility, passing the costs on to the students.

It appears that this proposal is not practical. The only possibility for a child-care center would be to obtain funding from an external source.

Here is my food for thought. We are all educated individuals. We can figure this out. For those of us scrambling at night to find a baby-sitter, why not start a support group? Make a list of phone numbers. If enough of us pull together, we can generate a back-up system of family and friends to call on in when that clock goes tic tock, tic tock.

Bovine TB Affects this Year's Annual Deer Harvest Once Again

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Staff Writer

Amidst the hype of deer season, the topic of Tuberculosis still looms. What impact has TB brought to hunting in our area, and are we moving in the right direction to eradicate it?

Dave Smith, the Wildlife

Habitat Biologist serving the counties of Alpena, Presque Isle, and Montmorency, based out of the Atlanta DNR office, said that since 1997 the deer population has been nearly cut in half.

The majority of the blame from spreading TB has been placed on the

deer. Hunters have been very cooperative in downsizing the herds. Smith said that there are two very emotional sides to this issue, the farmers who get their livelihood from their animals being TB free and the hunters. Both sides want to see the problem solved. Some people still refuse to

cooperate, so there is still evidence of baiting in the area. Baiting is illegal in the previously mentioned counties. This is a serious infraction and can keep the disease spreading. The penalty if caught baiting is a monetary fine that varies from county to county,

usually around \$75 to \$100.

The number of deer harvested this year is down about 15% to 20% from about 2000 deer last year to 1500 this year. Three quarters of the way through the season the number of TB suspects out of that 1500 was 13, down

considerably from the previous year.

Smith stated that this was encouraging but reminds us that it is too early to say with any assurance that we have in fact moved in the right direction. The proof will be in the culture test, which will not be complete until the end of December.

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ACC Students, Faculty Bid Mr. Phillips Final Farewell Phillips Leaves Lasting Impression on Students, Staff, and Community

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After thirty-one and a half years in the education profession, Mr. Phillips says goodbye to ACC as students and faculty bid him a final farewell. Teaching English composition and literature courses at ACC for the past 15 years has given Roger Phillips an extraordinary fondness for the college.

"The students are pleasant because they are products of a pleasant community. Staff and faculty are hard working and have a good sense of humor," said Phillips.

The variety of Phillips' teaching experiences has challenged him to grow and adapt throughout his career. It is through these experiences that he claims the re-

spect of staff, faculty and students. He leaves behind a lasting impact. His teaching career started with a full-time teaching position at Bentley College in Lavonia. However, within weeks, he and 267 other new teachers were pink-slipped. That is when he and his wife, Sue, headed north to Alpena, where he taught English, speech, and theater arts at Alpena High School for ten years.

The lay-off axe struck again, and following the infamous "Black Friday" semester, Phillips left Alpena Public Schools forever. He then arrived at ACC and greeted students with positive and effective teaching methods.

His teaching methods include a balanced mixture of teacher talk and student activity.

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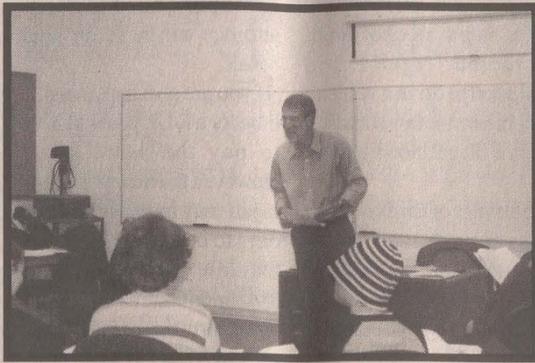


Photo by Sara Lyon

Mr. Phillips leans into an English Lecture.

pectations by teaching them how to think below the surface of things, more deeply than what popular culture encourages them to.

He also believes that teachers are only effective if students respond to their methods.

According to Kristen Pilarski, an ACC student, Mr. Phillips not only demands ex-

cellence of himself as a teacher, but he draws excellence from his students. Many students benefit from having a class with Mr. Phillips; he is a master of his subject.

Kelly Boldery, a current student of Phillips added, "he is very thorough in that he makes you want to achieve

more."

Mr. Phillips' intellectual knowledge has not only had a positive impact with the students, but with faculty also.

Nan Hall, who has worked with Phillips for many years, describes him as a hard working, funny, intelligent, kind, charming and loyal person.

"He is a good friend. He is such an asset to the department and his leaving is an extraordinary loss to this institution" Hall added.

Although Mr. Phillips is reluctant to give advice, he encourages new teachers to face students with confidence, but to stay humble, especially about methods.

"What works for one student may not work for another. Most of all, keep focused on students' long-term needs. Never cave into the temptation

to sacrifice their needs for your own popularity."

Mr. Phillips has been a very positive role model and it is surprising to some that he is retiring at all.

Ginger Davis commented that Mr. Phillips loves teaching and students love him so much that she thought he would be walking the halls of ACC forever.

When asked about what his plans are for retirement, Phillips says, "Well, at least for one week, I want to sleep in." He welcomes the break from those early sections.

He will have more time to devote to reading, wood-working, and his exercise regimen to stay fit.

Beyond that, who knows? He may just start another career. Good-bye, Mr. Phillips. You will truly be missed.

Good Samaritan's Act of Kindness Possibly Saved Stranger's Life

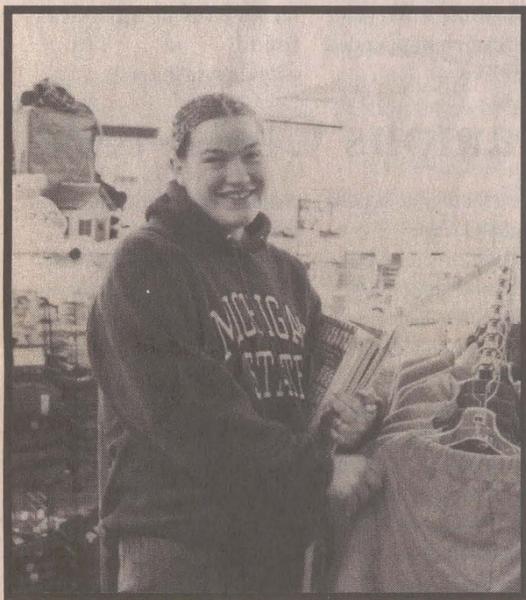


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Lisa picks out a free sweatshirt, courtesy of the bookstore staff

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Staff Writer

Quick reactions by two ACC students and a friend may have saved someone's life recently. ACC students, Lisa Dahm and Ashley Yarrington, along with their friend Andy Groters, were on M-32 on their way to Gaylord from Alpena. At 1:30 a.m. on a mid October morning, they observed a truck that was traveling ahead of them at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the truck went off the road onto the gravel and lost control. The taillights disappeared

were two men involved in the accident and both were thrown from the vehicle. One was lying on the ground with head injuries, and the other was walking around with numerous cuts and a busted up knee. Dahm and her friends had a cell phone so they immediately called 911, reported the accident, and then they went back to the injured and asked how they could help. The man that was walking around had only a t-shirt on. Dahm offered her ACC sweatshirt that she had in her car to him. Meanwhile

the other man was covered with blankets.

The ambulance arrived and transported the injured to Alpena General Hospital. Several weeks after the accident, Dahm discovered that the man that was lying there with a head injury had a to be taken to a hospital in Saginaw and is still there receiving rehabilitative care. The other man that tore up his knee, had to have surgery, and is doing fine now.

Eventually Dahm returned to the ACC bookstore to purchase another sweatshirt, the staff that was working

that day asked what happened and when the incident was explained to them, they replaced her sweatshirt free of charge.

Dahm is from the Upper Peninsula and is a pitcher on the women's softball team here at ACC.

She is currently taking classes to be an elementary School teacher and is in the first semester of the program.

Yarrington is from Gaylord, an ACC student, and plays on the women's softball team as a catcher. Groter is Yarrington's boyfriend.

Alpena Feels the Wonder of Gift Giving

KATIE PIZZA
Staff Writer

This season, at some point between the holiday shopping and feasts, a thought should be given to the less fortunate.

Luckily, for those short of time and strapped for cash, there are ways to show the community that you care. To find an example, one does not have to venture off campus.

The Volunteer Center organizes an event called "Christmas Wish" every year for the holidays.

This event focuses on children and young adults that could possibly receive nothing for Christmas.

Names are taken from community schools and other areas. The young people are asked to create a small list of items that they would like to see

under the tree.

This list is put on file and those who wish to contribute can donate one or all of the items on the child's list.

The items are as varied as the children themselves, ranging from dolls to sports equipment and winter clothes.

The potential Santa can then purchase the gift that will be promptly wrapped and delivered to the child in need.

It is not just students that get involved with these charities; many local businesses are also feeling the Christmas spirit. The businesses contribute in "a big way" according to Katie Bruski, a volunteer coordinator from the Volunteer Center. They often donate because they may not have a program of their own, but still would like to help make a difference.

Besides "Christmas

Wish," there are many other local charities that students can participate in.

One such charity is The Salvation Army, which collects both toys and food for those in need.

An example of these holiday collections is the Angel Tree. This tree is located in the Alpena Mall and is composed of the names and Christmas wishes of local children in need.

To participate in this program, all you need to do is purchase the gift from a local retailer and present it to one the Salvation Army offices, which are located in the mall and across the street from the mall.

The toys are then wrapped other Salvation Army branch.

These baskets are distributed at East Campus to needy families on the 20th of December.

The purpose of charities is to assist the less fortunate in the area.

"If young people know and understand the cause, they will support the cause," according to Major James Mungai, of the Salvation Army.

There are people in the community that need assistance year round, and the holiday season is a good time to be aware of and respond to this fact. There are many ways to show that you care this season.

Most of these ways are inexpensive and take little time, yet can brighten someone's holidays.

For information about "Christmas Wish," contact Katie Bruski or Elaine Rudolph at the Volunteer Center at 358-7335. To reach Major James Mungai of the Salvation Army call 358-2769.

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HUNT Delivers Anti-Drug Message to College Student Population

ERIN SHARP
Staff Writer

HUNT is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics team of officers from state and local levels, operating under an inner-local agreement. This team works in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties.

HUNT's primary objective is investigating narcotics manufacturing and delivering. They are information based, utilizing confidential information from various sources.

Detective/Lieutenant Rick Schultz of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team is a twenty-three year veteran of the Michigan State Police. He is the Unit Commander, as a result of a May 2002 promotion.

Previously Schultz had served the Alpena area as the Post Detective Sergeant

for twelve years. During his career, Schultz served as a Trooper in New Baltimore and Flat Rock. He also served as the Post Detective Sergeant in Ypsilanti.

When asked about the relationship between narcotics and the ACC campus, Schultz said, "Based on our investigations here we have not found it necessary to target the ACC campus.

But there have been cases where we have been able to establish a link to certain students. It is that 2% that ruins it for the whole bunch."

Information obtained through public records indicate Nicholas Howe and Matthew Szymoniak, two ACC students who lived in the College Park Apartments were arrested for selling cocaine and marijuana.

This investigation took place in the spring of 2002

when Howe and Szymoniak sold to a HUNT operative.

One student was attending college on a student loan, and now that he is a convicted drug trafficker he has lost his student loans and has had to obtain employment in order to continue college.

Neither student is living in the apartments at this time.

"You need to look at the big picture, time is money, first you get arrested, then jail, then bond proceedings, court, attorneys, fines, costs, probation, treatments, your license will be suspended, this will effect your insurance, this all costs money.

This could all be time spent on academics, time spent in the community, volunteering, being a mentor, acting as a role model," said Rick Schultz.

Detective Sergeant Mike

Hahn said, "Nobody wants to hire a convicted drug dealer, much less a user."

There is a theory that drugs also support terrorism. Each year ad campaigns spend an incredible amount of money regarding this issue. If you watch television you have seen all of the commercials telling of the role that drugs play in supporting terrorist activity.

Schultz said, "Hollywood tries to glamorize drugs, but no where does the dope dealer become the hero.

Even after September 11th, narcotics are supporting some sort of terrorist activity. Somebody always pays the price."

Schultz, who had first hand experience in metropolitan drug enforcement, discussed the contrast of suburban and rural areas.

"We are very fortunate up here in the northern area that

we don't have the violent drug problems like they do down state, but it is just a matter of time before it starts, in the homes, in our schools, everywhere," said Schultz.

When asked about cleaning up the drug problem Schultz said, "Very commonly there is a direct relationship between drug use and a variety of other crimes.

This is a public safety issue that affects our schools, streets and property. If you think your friend won't turn you in, you're wrong, they are looking out for one person."

The HUNT Team wants you to ask yourself these questions: Do drugs facilitate higher learning? Do college students have the money to spend on drugs? Are you receiving a college grant that can be retracted if you are caught with drugs in your

possession? What is more important to you, educating yourself and becoming a well rounded citizen or a drug addict that society is responsible for?

Hahn added, "There is no war on drugs, there's more to it than that, there is policy and procedure.

The criminals play their games and we play ours. They don't play by the rules but we have to. We can afford to slip up once in a while, but a drug dealer slips up once, and we've got them. If the HUNT Team is at your door they have everything they need for a conviction."

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Michigan Firefighters, Alpena Quilters Deliver for NYC Firefighters

CONNIE IRLAND
Staff Writer

Federal Express delivered the remaining 342 Firefighters Memorial Quilts in time for Christmas. On December 3rd, Federal Express picked up the quilts made by a group of women in Alpena, and delivered them to the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York.

One quilt will be delivered to each family who lost a firefighter in the September 11th attack on New York. The inspiration for this project

came from Margaret Quagon. When Quagon realized the enormity of the project she enlisted Betty Harris to help.

Each of these 347 quilts was made from used uniforms that were donated from departments all over Michigan. A patch from the department that donated the material was sewn in the center of each quilt.

Women from the community, including some ACC students, met on Tuesdays for just over a year to complete this project. Community involvement

included local and state politicians, area churches, local businesses, and other community agencies.

Monetary donations, from numerous sources, were spent directly on quilt making materials such as batting, backing, and binding. Earlier this year, Michigan State Representative, Andy Neumann delivered the first five quilts to Engine 214/Ladder 111 Company, in Brooklyn. Federal Express donation of delivery for the remaining quilts brings this project to a timely completion.



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Front row: Alpena quilters proudly display one of the handcrafted quilts delivered to families of NYC firefighters. Back row: Andy Neumann with three NYC firefighters.

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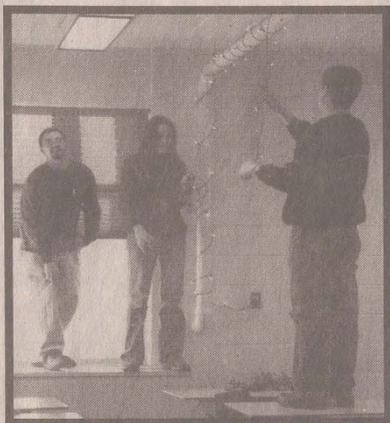
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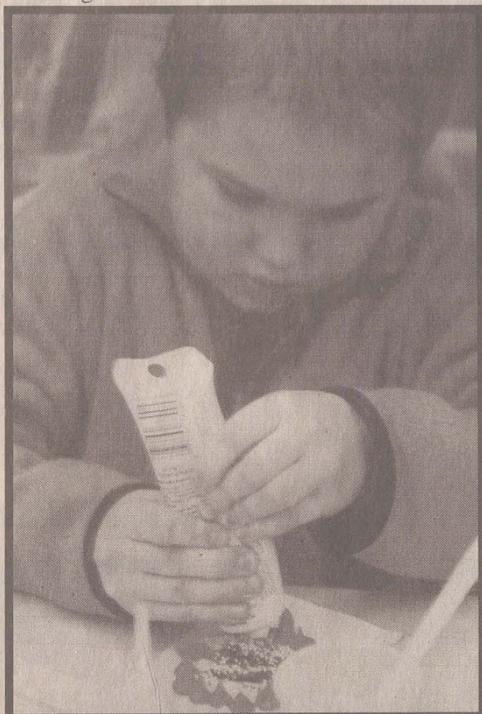
Israel Munsey, Laura Partyka, and Jonathon Brege create Christmas for the kids.



Santa arrives bearing gifts!



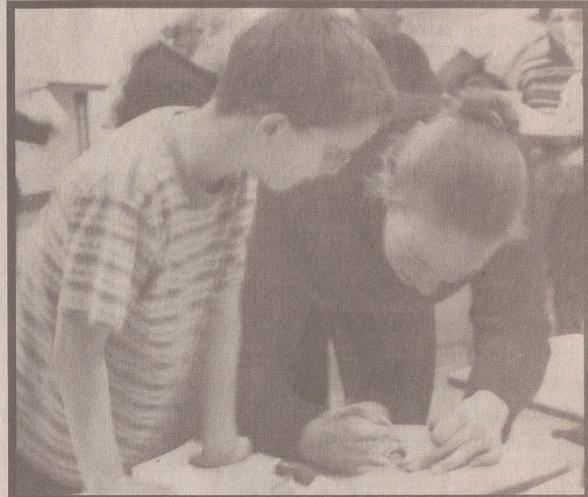
Santa hands out little baggies filled with candy to all the boys and girls.



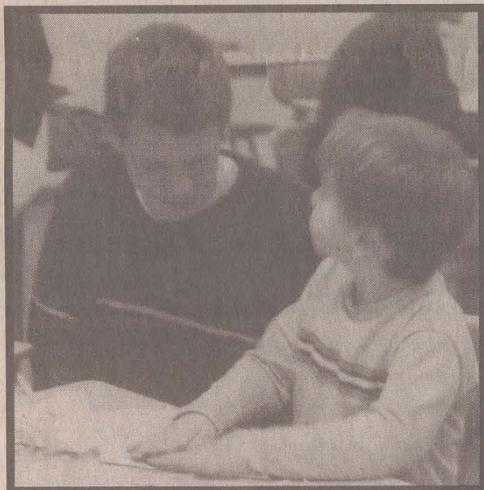
Justin Mepzke, 7, works hard decorating a cookie.



Santa has Kelsey Singer's attention as Gabrielle Riley looks on.



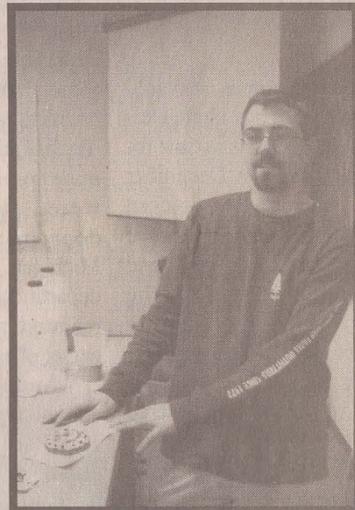
Jerry Riley, 7, instructs Stacey Townsend, a Student Senate Representative.



Charles White helps Student Senate President Jonathan Brege make a snowflake.



Kids from the Singer family tell Santa what they want for Christmas.



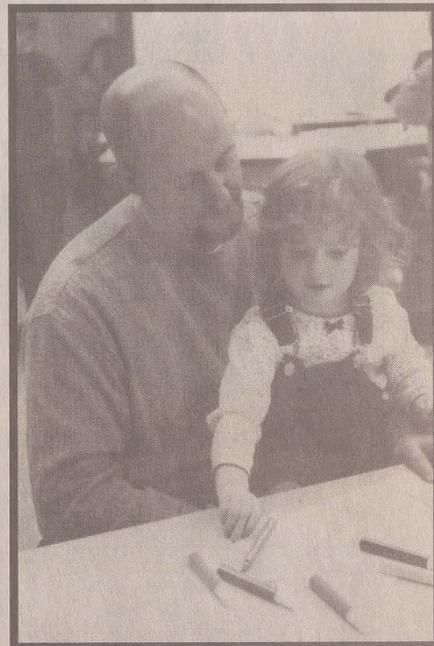
Student Senate Representative Israel Munsey shows off his cookies.



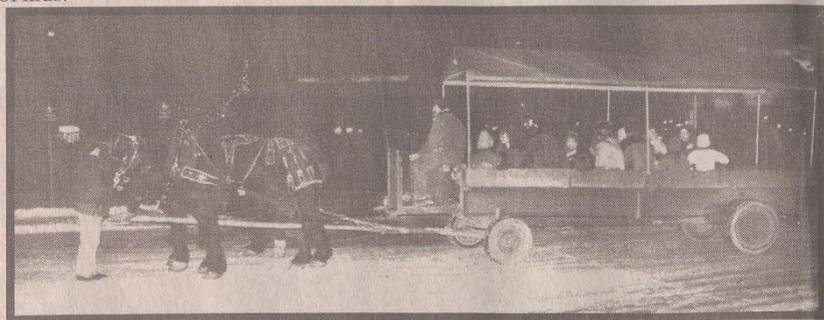
Jonathan Brege passes on skills to an attentive group of kids.



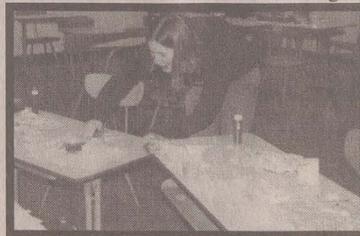
Israel Munsey shows Katie Cook the finer points of cookie making.



Shawn Sexton admiring his daughter, Shelby, 2, for her great artistic skills.



After arts, crafts, and cookie making, everyone enjoys a horse-drawn sleigh ride throughout the ACC campus.



Tina Farrier volunteers to clean up.

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ACC Lumberjacks Jumpstart Season

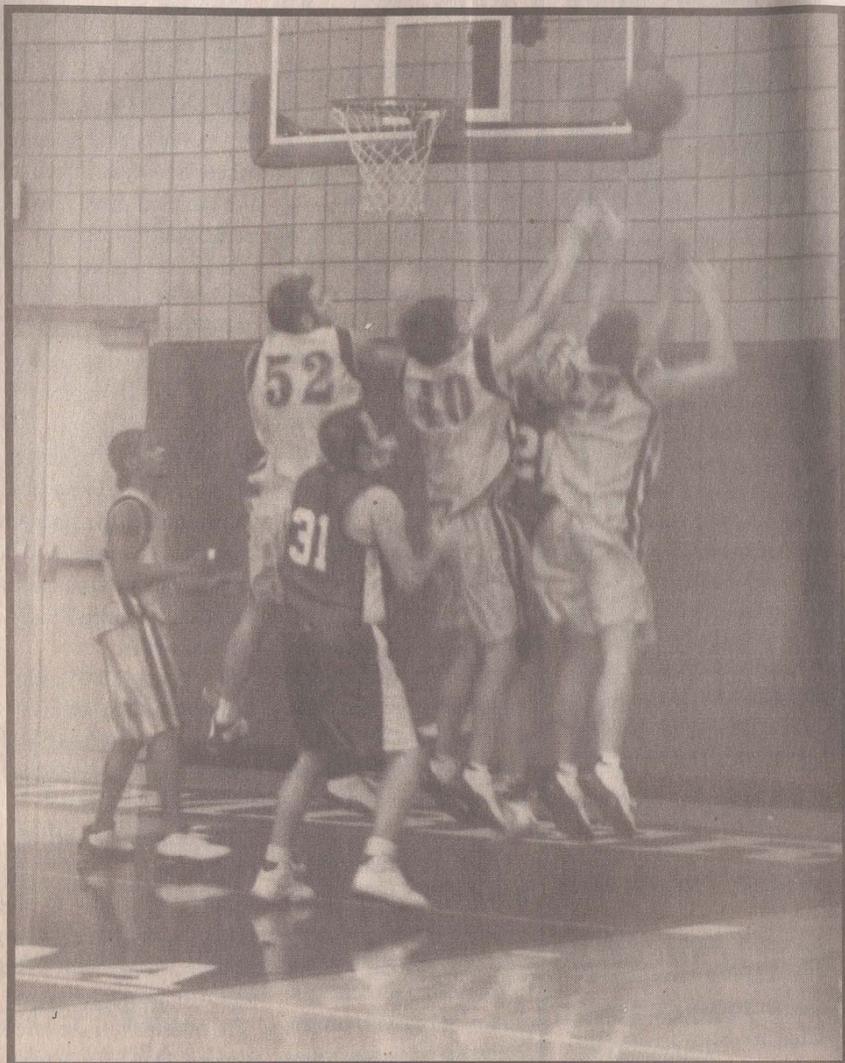


Photo by JoBeth Johnson

Shane Ison (52), Keith Nowak (40), and Eric Muszynski (22) dominate the boards.

JOBETH JOHNSON
Sports Editor

With Tuesday night's win against Sault College, ACC's men's basketball team is beginning to look forward to the nationals in March.

This last win makes the team 6-1, not bad for the first month of the season.

At the start of the season, the men's team had a tremendous win over Algoma with a 65-point lead.

Six of ACC's players scored over 10 points each, with sophomore Justin Miller scoring the most at 16, and Brent Wichtner leading the freshman at 15.

While many of the freshmen were nervous about their first game, they played well and managed to calm down.

In the men's first game against Sault College on Nov. 10th, they were able to win with a 19-point lead.

The team managed to make the points, but their plays were inconsistent.

McCourt stated that the guys play a few minutes of great basketball and then a few minutes of nothing, when

they need to play great basketball the whole game.

The men seemed to take that advice to heart and improved their defense against Rochester on Nov. 12th.

Justin Miller scored 22 points total, with 17 of them only in the first half. Josh Walker followed the second half by scoring 9 points out of his 11.

Another 19-point lead win still didn't make Coach McCourt happy with the offensive game.

The win against Sault College on Nov. 20th made the men 4-0, with Erik Parker scoring a total of 20 points, and Eric Muszynski contributing 16.

The Sault was a better match this time however since two of their best players were back in the game after recovering from injuries.

Still, ACC was ahead of the game with a 14-point lead win.

In the East/West Tournament in Port Huron, the men barely pulled another win with a 55-53 game against Kalamazoo Valley.

However, in the game against Muskegon, ACC was defeated by 2 points. "The reason we lost is not because Muskegon is better, it was because we weren't doing little things we needed to do," McCourt said.

He said that the point guards don't pass well enough and then no one is in place when they do pass.

Last Tuesday's game brought the guys up to six wins, as once again they were pitted against Sault College.

With the score too close for comfort at half-time, the guys were pumped up by McCourt and came back out to win with a 12-point lead.

Josh Walker was at the top with 24 points, with Justin Miller behind him with 10 points.

All in all, McCourt said the team is playing better. "We need better offense. If we play good offense, we'll play better defense."

He says in the upcoming tournament in Muskegon, both teams are good and will be hard matches. "If we can beat at least one of those teams, we'll know we're good."

Player Profiles: Freestyling DJ Rocks the Court; Sugar Shane or Shane the Train?

KARA EUBANK
Features Editor

Lance Edgerton has been playing basketball pretty much his whole life.

He started playing when he was 8 years old on the playground back in his hometown of Indian River. Now he plays at ACC.

Lance injured his ankle his senior year and was out for most of the season.

Due to this injury and lack of playing time during the regular season, Lance played AAU basketball in the summer.

His AAU team came over to ACC and scrimmaged the team. Coach McCourt liked how Lance played and that is what influenced him to come to ACC. He came hoping to get on the team as a walk on.

"I had nothing to lose," Lance stated. He did make the team.

Lance believes the best thing about ACC is pressure. "I like how the coaches push you to be better and they tell it like it is."

In his spare time, when he's not on the court or in the classroom Lance likes to DJ and freestyle. For the past four to five years he has been writing and recording his own

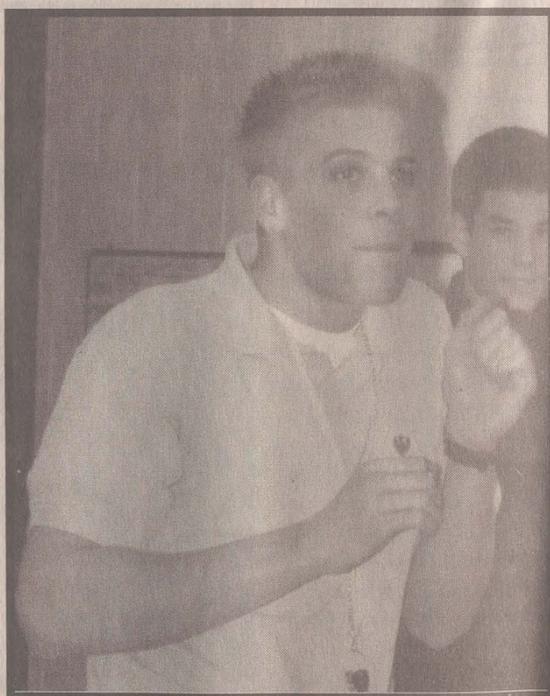


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Lance Edgerton freestyles for the *Lumberjack* editors.

music.

Students can often hear Lance rapping in his bedroom as he mixes and records on the computer. He said his father was a DJ also and that's where he picked it up.

Lance said his dad has tons of records from his DJ days, which Lance borrows for spinning.

"Lance's beats are crazy. My roommates and I love it when he comes over and

freestyles for us," said Beth Short, a fellow student.

Lance also DJ's for parties, mostly for friends back in Indian River.

Professor Shawn Sexton commented that Lance does well in academics as well.

"Lance represents the ACC team well in the classroom. He is an excellent student with good attendance and often leads class discussion," Sexton said.

JOBETH JOHNSON
Sports Editor

At 6'7" and 213 lbs., Shane Ison is one of the new players on ACC's men's basketball team.

He claims basketball was his life in high school and didn't really pay much attention to his studies.

Now, however, he plans on going into criminal justice and eventually becoming a member of the SWAT team.

Ison made the Hall of Fame at Cheboygan High school and won All-state 3rd team for his basketball skills.

He was also in track and cross-country. Shane received his nickname 'Shane the Train' from the way he would run everyone over in his sports.

Before coming to ACC, Ison was two months away from becoming a member of the Air Force before he was called and asked to play for ACC.

He would like to transfer to a four-year university, either Northern or Eastern. After that, he said that the Air Force is not out of the question.

Ison said that college has been better than high school because he has made more

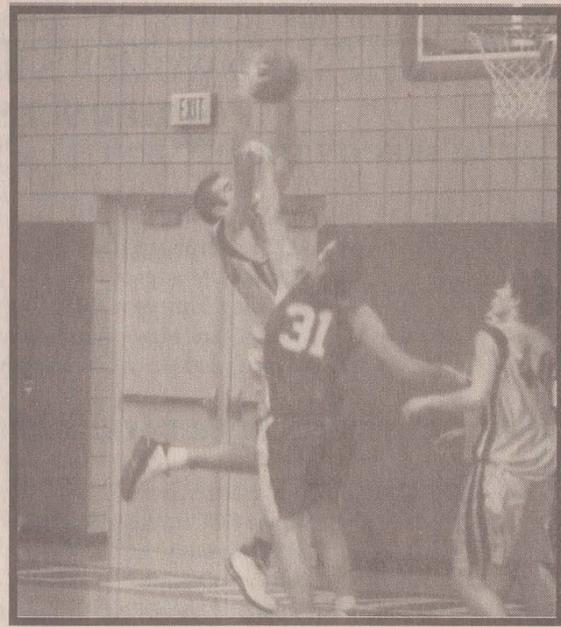


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Shane Ison towers above a Sault player before dunking.

friends here.

Apparently, he's doing well with the ladies, since his friend and fellow team member Broderick Knight has dubbed him 'Sugar Shane.'

Shawn Strickler, another team member said, "Shane is a very intense player and is always looking for ways to improve."

Ison has two younger brothers and one older sister. He enjoys horror movies, rap, R&B, and working on his '74 Mustang.

The Mustang has been a project of his for a few months. He and his dad have done all the work on it.

"It's kind of been a father-son project for both of us, one way we can spend some time together," Ison commented.

All of the work has been done at his dad's auto shop in Cheboygan, a way to get free parts.

Ison also enjoys participating in bump and runs, derbies, and speed races, although he doesn't see himself on NASCAR anytime soon.

Hospitals: What You Don't Know Can Kill You



SARA LYON
Managing Editor

People go to hospitals to get better, but a newspaper investigation found that there are hundreds of thousands of deaths linked to infections that patients received in our own nation's hospitals.

Fatalities by infections contracted by unsanitary hospitals represent the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. These infections each year kill more people than car accidents, fires, and drowning combined.

It frightened me that there is a possibility that a simple surgery could end in a fatality, which could have been pre-

vented. Why are hospitals not meeting their sanitary standards and requirements?

It was reported recently that 75 percent of all hospitals have been cited for sanitary violations, according to the CBS website. Government data show that about two million people admitted to hospitals per year will pick up some sort of infection. Such infections might not be harmful to an average person, but sick people who are susceptible and unable to fight back can't handle them.

It all comes down to one problem: doctors, nurses, and other hospital employees aren't taking the time to disinfect themselves and their environment. A *Tribune* report found that tens of thousands of lives could have been saved if doctors or nurses simply washed their hands.

To me, this is absolutely disgusting. From patient to patient, and with limited time, doctors don't take the time to do a simple procedure that

protects themselves and their patients. Studies show that only 50 percent of doctors make time to wash their hands. This is unacceptable.

In other cases, doctors and nurses wear their scrubs to work, then walk right into the operating room. Plus, some doctors don't wash their hands before surgery because they are wearing gloves, forgetting that they are using dirty hands to put them on.

Not too long ago, I witnessed the aftermath of a car accident. While I was pulled over waiting for the ambulance to pass, I watched the paramedic put his medical gloves on while he was driving. He then put his hands back on the dirty steering wheel. This is unsanitary.

Why should a person have to worry about dying from something that they didn't even go to the hospital for? Case after case has been reported of deaths in hospitals not even linked to the original illness.

This is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed more and a problem that needs to be taken care of.

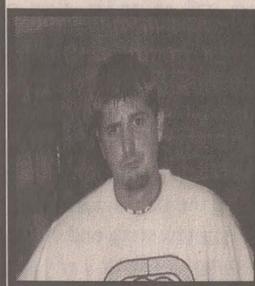
Here are a few tips to ensure a clean and sanitary environment if you need to go to the doctor or the hospital.

Watch your doctor and make sure that they wash their hands before they make contact with you. Also watch to see if they wash after they write in your chart. This is a good sign of how you will be treated in the hospital if they are to perform surgery on you.

Go to the hospital and look around. Make sure that there isn't any garbage on the floor, and if the bathrooms are dirty, it's a good indication that cleanliness is not a priority.

This may make you uncomfortable, but asking the nurses or doctor to wash their hands is a good idea. This could help you stay healthy, or even save your life.

White Powder, Green Dollars



MATT PETROVICH
P.O.V. Editor

For as long as they have been around, collegiate sports have been riddled with controversy. The most recent victims of this growing trend in Michigan are Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Earlier this year, MSU star quarterback Jeff Smoker was admitted into rehab to deal with a growing substance abuse problem. Smoker has confessed to the use of cocaine over the past few years and took responsibility for his problem this year. Smoker hopes to return the following year and be reinstated into the football program.

The question remains- is Jeff Smoker the norm for college athletes? The pressure of school life is enough to crush many student's will power. Add to that the class schedule and a grueling regiment of exercise and training and you end up with one stressed-out time bomb. Still, Despite all the hardships and stress that college athletes face, Smoker's situation does not appear to be that common. A much more common problem with college athletes involves that most elusive of all elements for a college student-money.

People remember the University of Michigan Wolverine's Fab 5 with mixed emotions. Chris Webber, Juwan Howard, Jalen Rose, Jimmy King, and Ray Jackson were the rebels of NCAA basketball. All five started as freshman and led the Wolverines to the National Championship against Duke. They lost, but captured the hearts of millions.

Chris Webber used to joke about not being able to afford his own jersey at the U of M bookstore. As it appears now, he could have not only bought the

jersey, but the store as well. The trash-talking Fab 5 have been brought under scrutiny this year for allegedly taking money from Ed Martin.

While investigating Martin for money laundering, investigators came upon some evidence that suggests the Fab 5 was given a substantial amount of money by Martin. How this money may have affected the performance of the players is also being questioned. In reaction to these allegations, the University took down the banners and other awards for excellence they had achieved during the years in question.

One could argue, as Chris Webber once did, and say that these are college students who need financial support. The disagreement, of course, is that these college students are there for an education, which they receive free of charge, for being outstanding athletes.

NCAA rules clearly state a player is to accept no form of payment for his actions. The rules are there for a reason. When a man like Ed Martin buys a player a car, he doesn't do so out of the goodness of his heart.

It is unclear whether or not Martin asked players to shave points or alter their own game in some way to benefit the point spread, but it has happened in the past. Martin and those like him attempt to buy the loyalty of these athletes. Money is a very seductive lure for everyone (young college students perhaps more than others).

Though it might seem unfair to the student-athlete, college players must be held accountable for their actions just as the rest of the world is. Drugs are illegal and violating that law always carries with it severe punishments. Whether Smoker is allowed back into the football program at MSU or not should depend upon his ability to kick the habit and function as a law-abiding citizen. The NCAA needs to stand by its rules, as well. College players are paid with an education; taking anything else offered is just plain criminal.

Letter to the Editor: Deal With it; Grow Up

PLAINTIFF:

H. APRIL WATSON

Who lied to you and told you that life was fair???

You are absolutely correct when you say that staff should not park in undesignated areas. Staff should adhere to the guidelines set forth and act as role models. Therefore there is no excuse for anyone to park where they should not. On the other hand we do not live in a perfect world where

people always do exactly as they should.

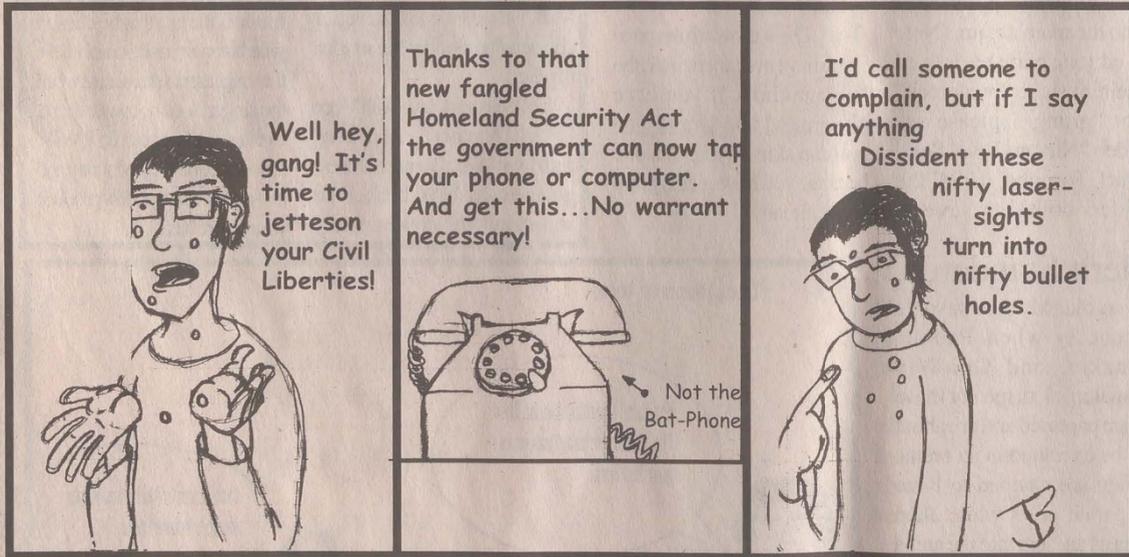
There are more and more students each semester here at the college so maybe you won't get that choice parking spot- deal with it and grow up. This is a college newspaper and all that two of you could think of to write about was life not being fair in the parking lot?? Here is a thought for you, arrive for class early, and then maybe you will get the parking spot you want.

DEFENDANT:

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In defense of the articles that appeared in the last issue, the staff at the Lumberjack thinks parking is a worthy issue for debate. The fact that we had two articles dealing with the same issue did not escape our attention. We felt that if the students believed it was a large enough problem to be addressed in two sections, so be it. One article was, as you

know, a Point of View column while the other was straight news. If it weren't an issue with people, we wouldn't have discussed it in such detail. At no point in the articles did the respective authors whine; they simply stated frustrations with the system as it presently stands. Their frustrations echo those of other students as well. It was obviously a problem worthy of discussion. If it concerns our readers and our staff, it is news worthy.



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Pink Thunderbird Rolls Over Audience With Laughs

ACC Player's Fall Production Welcomes Newcomers, Success

KARA EUBANK
Features Editor

As I walked into Granum theatre, old Hank Williams' tunes filled the room. I sat down in my seat at the same time the lights started to dim. At this point in time, I had no idea what to expect.

Little did I know that the ACC Player's production of *Pink Thunderbird* was about to run full-throttle throughout the theatre.

The first act started and I was a bit skeptical. The scene was the back porch of Elizabeth's house. It was summer, two years after the end of the Vietnam war.

The witty remarks from Hattie Dealing (Ginger Davis), the dreamy thinking of Elizabeth Caulder

(Heather Garant), and the arrogance of Amy Lee Fullernoy (Erica Detro) made the first act immediately interesting and entertaining to watch.

"I loved the part when Hattie was talking about Amy and then Amy shows up wearing the same dress as Hattie. It was something that would so happen to me," said Jamie Scott, a sophomore theatre goer at ACC.

You could see and hear the personalities each character was portraying. Davis, Garant, and Detro each made their characters come alive in a way that the audience could relate to.

Often, regional dialects sound like they are coming right off of the script and the characters do not come to life. However, each actress conquered the dialect and gave a believable performance.

The first act is from the female point of view. After the women finish their comic act, in which the male

characters are often mentioned, it became the men's turn in act two. The second act is from the male point of view.

The second act takes place in an alley behind a bar. Roy Caulder (Ben Gougeon) is the husband of Elizabeth and the owner of the 1959 Pink Thunderbird (the play's namesake).

He went off to serve in Vietnam and has not been the same since his return. During the scene, Gougeon does an excellent job of slowly revealing that his character has had a hard time adjusting to post-war life.

During this second act, Roy and his younger brother (Chris Oposnow) sit in the alley and talk about everything from the war to Baby Ruth candy bars. Ray is not the smartest man on the planet, but that is what made his character so hilarious.

Later in the scene, the

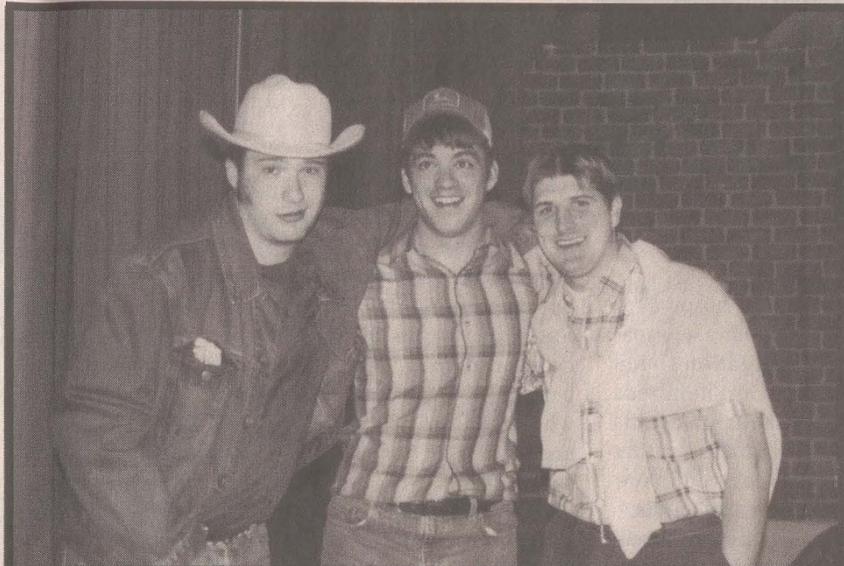


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Ben Gougeon, Chris Oposnow, Matt Petrovich stay in character after opening night performance.

two brothers are joined by Cletis Fullernoy (Matt Petrovich), husband of Amy Lee. Cletis is a shy, preppy, rich boy who wants more than anything to be like Roy. This longing to be like Roy creates major problems and laughs in the play. During the second act, I don't think I

ever stopped laughing.

It was a very funny act and the men acted out their characters well. Beth short, an ACC student, said that "the Baby Ruth candy bar story cracked me up. I did not expect him to say something like that at all. It was great."

On a scale of 1 to 5, I give

an overall rating of 4. This production was definitely worth seeing. I commend the directing, and acting of both the male and female characters. I also want to point out that the background scenery, courtesy of the ACC Theatre Production class, was truly amazing.

Greatest Hits Album Brings Nirvana Tracks Back to Life

ISRAEL MUNSEY
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Nirvana fans and critics alike have awaited the arrival of a new song since 1994 when lead singer, Kurt Cobain, ended his life and the band's career. The new self-titled album, Nirvana's seventh, contains 14 tracks.

The band had several different drummers and guitar players in the short career but the band as the world knows it, the popular band, the band that started the "Nirvana frenzy" contained just three members, Kurt Cobain, Krist Noveselic, and Dave Grohl.

Nirvana starts with the long awaited "You Know Your Right." This song was recorded January 30, 1994, just three months before Cobain's life ended, and never

officially released. If you were online during the Napster and Audio Galaxy days you might already have this track under the name "Autopilot", it is a live version of the same quality. The track was expected to be the best Nirvana song, but to some reviewers this is an incorrect assumption. The song is not Nirvana; it is Kurt Cobain drowning everyone else out. This is very disappointing to the fan who is used to Krist Noveselic's melodramatic bass guitar and Dave Grohl's astounding percussion / back-up vocal performance.

The next three songs are: "About A Girl", "Been A Son", and "Sliver". The versions chose for this greatest hits record were all recorded before the band as we know it came together.

These songs mark a three-year struggle with different drummers and guitarists under the Sub Pop label. The pre-Geffen (David Geffen Records) tracks are performed and mixed differently than the Nirvana versions we are used to and this is evident when trying to sing along.

Track five marks Nirvana days, the 1991 Nirvana that the world knows. Smells Like Teen Spirit is where the album really starts and should have been number one; after all, it is the song that emerged punk rock into the mainstream. (Note to editors: Nirvana defined their music as "punk rock" not "grunge" please see video "Nirvana Live! Sold! Out! Tonight! 1994" the video contains several

interviews)

The record continues with "Heart-Shaped Box", "Pennyroyal Tea", "Rape Me", and "Dumb", all from the *In Utero* album. These songs are again classic Nirvana... great music from an even greater band. The last two, "All Apologies" and "The Man Who Sold The World" (a David Bowie cover), were taken from MTV's *Unplugged* session. The two compilations show how the band came together in the last months of existence. They show progress and Hall of Fame status.

The CD is well worth the price if you have not experienced the Nirvana thrill. If you have *Nevermind* and *Unplugged* you can skip buying this one because you have all the good songs already.

Mark Wills Releases Greatest Hits Album

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Mark Wills' recently released "Greatest Hits" album debuts two new songs along with nine of his biggest hits to date. The CD, which was released November 5, 2002, dramatizes the new style country music with well-known ballads and a few up-beat tracks as well.

The first number, "Jacob's Ladder", spans from Mark's self-titled debut album. The song was a top five hit where "getting caught didn't seem to matter 'Cause Heaven was waitin' at the top of Jacob's Ladder." "Jacob's Ladder" was a triumph in Mark Wills' history and was a great choice as the number one song on the disc.

Mark Wills has toured with Vince Gill, John Anderson, LeAnn Rimes, and Bryan White. Touring with these great artists has helped make Wills an outstanding contemporary

Vocalist who is dedicated to pleasing his fans.

Tracks three, four, and five off the 1998 follow-up record are known as the great ballads: "I Do (Cherish You)", "Don't Laugh At Me", and "Wish You Were Here" all hit number one on the charts and are a must for a greatest hits compilation.

"Back At One" rounds out the good old tracks. The new hit that everyone is raving about is "19 something", this song takes Mark through the seventies and eighties talking about things everyone can remember about their times.

The downfall to Mark Wills' music is the fact that he doesn't write his own music, some believe the songs are not passionate when the singer does not write them. Getting over this minor flaw, Wills' music is the new style country and his singing will probably produce many more hits.

Star Wars Episode II Lives up to Modern Standards

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You don't have to be a Star Wars fan to enjoy "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones". It's basically an action/adventure movie with a bit of romance thrown in for good measure. It has a PG rating, mostly because of violence.

This film takes place 10 years after Episode I. It features Anakin Skywalker as a Jedi in training. He's assigned to guard Padme, who is now a Senator. Those familiar with Episodes IV-VI will notice a lot of foreshadowing.

The characters and scenery are wonderful. George Lucas,

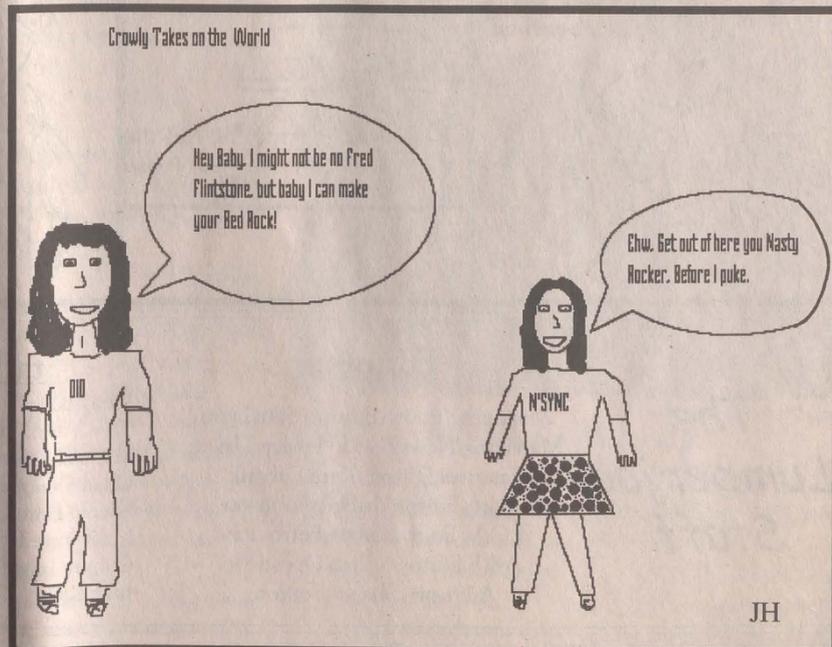
director, producer, and writer, has a good imagination for coming up with alien people and landscapes.

The special effects are entertaining, the acting is great, and the story moves along fairly well. I only found two problems with the movie. There are a few parts that seem a bit slow, and the movie is a little long (142 minutes).

I had two favorite scenes in the movie. One is when Yoda, an old Jedi Master, hobbles into a battle scene, leaning heavily on his cane. He then whips out his light saber and kicks some tail! It's just a short scene, but I'd like to be that spry when I'm almost 800

years old. My other favorite scene is when Padme, Anakin, and Obi-Wan (Anakin's Jedi mentor) have been captured and are about to be executed in an arena. They are chained to three separate posts while alien beasts are sent into the arena to attack them. Padme had a pin hidden in her mouth which she uses to pick the lock on her chains. She then uses the chain to pull herself up on top of the tall post she was chained to. While she's doing that, the two Jedi are still trying to free themselves!

If you'd like to find out more about the movie, try this site: www.starwars.com/episode-ii.



Stone Gathers Moss; Blender Purees the Competition

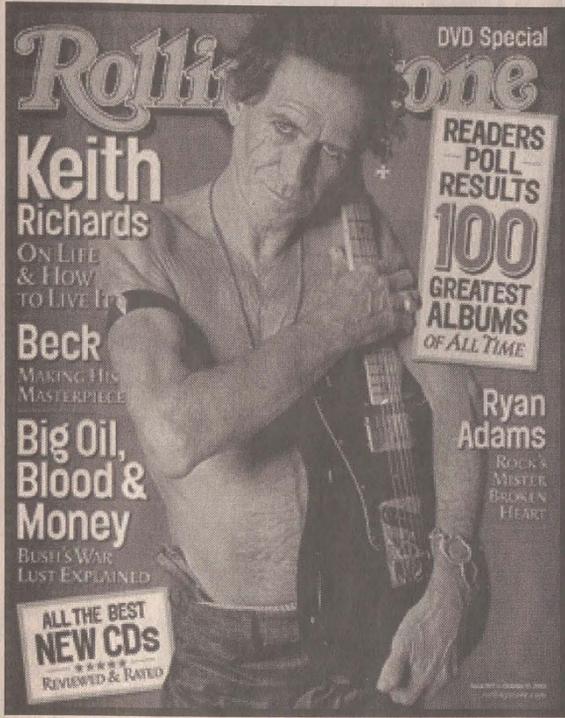


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Rolling Stone has been around since 1967.

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Magazine racks are filled with music reviews, and sometimes it is hard to sort through all of them. No one reviews the reviews for quality and content.

It seems like most mainstream magazines like *Rolling Stone* are not honest, that they are in fact in bed with the music industry, and they are boring in bed. Upstart magazine, *Blender* will sometimes have parallel cover stories to *Rolling Stone*. If they are in bed with the industry, then they not being faithful because between the covers it is a different story.

Rolling Stone has been

around since 1967. It is a dinosaur that has out lived many of its readers, or at least out lived their interest in music. They have become a broken record. Over the last few months, three artists that have been around for over two decades, Bruce Springsteen, Ozzy Osbourne, and Keith Richards, have been on the cover.

They are nursing a culture that will never come up with new ideas. Why bother when they can just recycle the old ones? For music to stay fresh and exciting, magazines have to encouraged growth, and innovation.

Even when they write about fairly recent bands like the Hives or the Strokes, they tie them down to what

they consider their influences like the Stooges, and Television. The connection they make between these bands is usually pretty loose.

Blender sports the same pop stars on the cover, as *Rolling Stone* will do. This actual comes off in a good way. *Blender's* content speaks for itself.

Just because Christina Aguilera was on the cover, it did not stop them from writing "Concerned parents... have their skank meters trained on Christian Aguilera." Despite the fact they think she is a skank they gave her new album "Stripped" three stars. *Blender* is not pretentious.

Blender is published by the publishers of *Maxim* and *Stuff*, which are two other popular men's magazines.

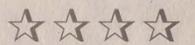
Typical of a publisher of a men's magazine *Blender* boasts about the size of their review section. On the cover it says "World's biggest review section."

Their appeal is that music is a culture, and to segregate it into to many labels would limit the possibilities. It would cause cliques. *Blender* has articles about artists like the Fall, Sleater-Kinney, MC Paul Barman and The Polyphonic Spree. It's not a magazine for people that love rap, punk, pop, or whatever. It's a magazine for people who love music.

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Spinnakers is So Good You'll Forget What You Paid

Enjoy a good meal, but make sure to finish with dessert

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Spinnakers is a restaurant that catches my attention as I'm heading down State Street. The sign outside said, "Come as you are," so I did.

Upon arriving, I was greeted by my server, Joyce, who was very friendly while she showed me to my seat.

The entire restaurant is designed with a lake-view. The menu is well-laid out,

and I quickly decided on a Charred Chicken Breast with fresh herbs. I ordered a Mountain Dew and then my troubles began.

The restaurant is incredibly quiet. There's no music and only one other table that was seated right next to me, which made me feel uncomfortable.

My soup of the day came, which was chicken and rice. It had a very rich broth, and warmed me up. The broth was good, but the ingredients were kind of bland, and it really did not set itself off as being anything special.

The meal came, and I was greeted by a piece of chicken half the size of my fist. I let it pass, and cut into the breast. That's when it hit me; this is worth the price. I was putting a

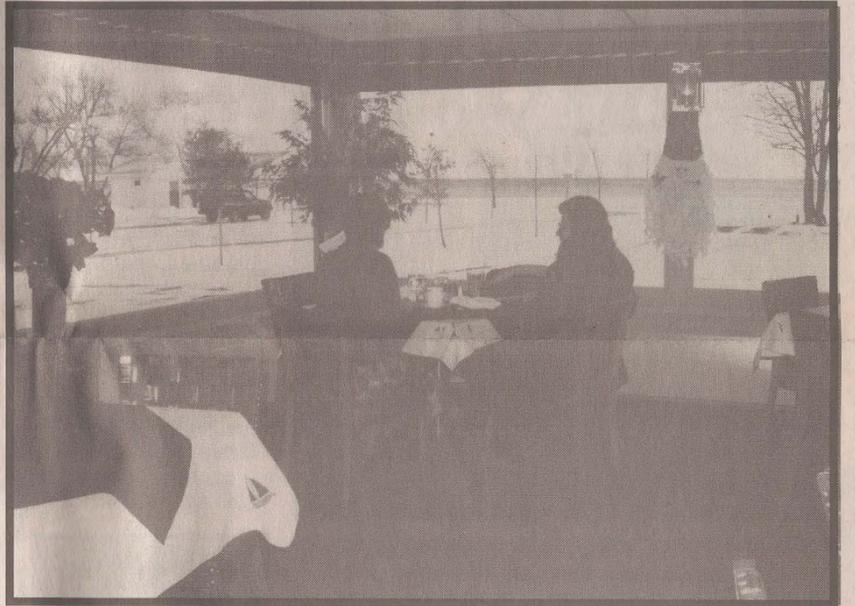
little piece of happiness into my mouth with each bite.

I wondered what the seasoned fries tasted like, as they were more present on my plate than the main course. They were pretty good, but I really could not taste the seasoning.

If the size of the breast had anything going for it, it's that I had enough room for dessert. I ordered a fudge brownie sundae, and after a couple agonizing minutes of silence, it was brought out.

I saw this goblet with whip cream and little else. I dug in, and found that I am a very smart person.

The brownie was hidden inside, and it was good. I'm talking damn good. This thing filled me up so fast that about half way



Enjoy the view from Spinnakers.

Photo by Sara Lyon

through I wondered how much was left. I lifted it up. It felt like I had a pound left.

The bill came, and it was

just over ten dollars. The overall experience was average. If you do decide to go there for lunch, remember to save room for

dessert, and bring someone to talk to.



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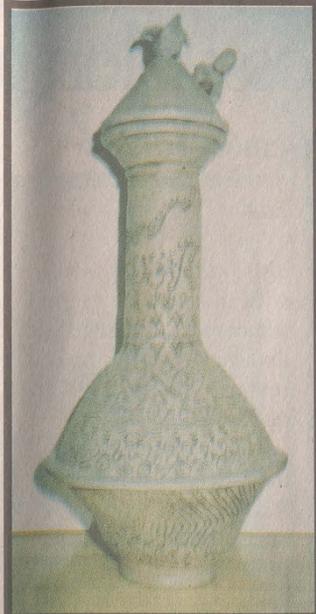
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Tammy Thomson to Sculpt Future in Teaching



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Tammy Thomson, formerly Harmon, is an ambitious artist. She is a third year full time ACC student taking ceramic and sculpture classes. With art experience she plans to become a secondary art/science teacher.

After doing student teaching, Tammy realized she would like to teach high school students a positive way to be creative. She would like to offer students a way to express themselves through art in a positive manner.

Tammy believes that having art and science classes combined could produce some outstanding inventions and future technology.

For as long as she can remember, Tammy has enjoyed the world of art. She loves to create sculpture and ceramic pieces.

Tammy believes that there is nothing better than grabbing a piece of clay and



Tammy works hard on a new project

molding it into the mood she is feeling that day. She tries to incorporate nature with thought and reality.

Her artistic inspirations are Michelangelo because of his life-like art and Picasso because of his abstract art

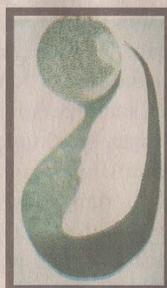
forms. Her son Camren, who is four, has also been an inspiration and keeps her motivated.

One of Tammy's unnamed sculptures won the grand champion ribbon at the Alpena County Fair; her

sculpture *Free Lady* won second place and is featured in *Facets*.

Creative individuals have the ability to create wonderful images and Tammy believes that everyone has artistic capabilities.

Tammy puts some finishing touches on her sculpture



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