

## TLC Students Offered Cultural Opportunity

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The Alpena Community College Learning Center (TLC) offers a wide variety of services to the students here at ACC, including a yearly trip to Stratford, Ontario.

For the past year, TLC has offered this trip to

participants in the Student Support Services. To be considered for this trip an application must be filled out on why the applicant would enjoy going to this event. All applications are reviewed and students are selected and notified.

"We wanted a cultural type of experience that students may not get in Alpena, along

with giving students a chance to interact with others that they may not regularly do so," stated Jane Speers, Developmental Studies Technician for TLC.

Stratford, Ontario is a beautiful renaissance town that is modeled after the birth town of Shakespeare and offers "excellent theatre," according to

Speers. "Romeo and Juliet" played last year, and this year will be "The King and I."

Last year's trip consisted of an entire weekend with students traveling in ACC vans. While in Stratford, students were taken on a tour of the costume warehouse, and also a walking tour of the city. This year differs slightly. Any student at ACC may

apply to attend this trip for a nominal fee of \$45 to \$65.

The trip will be traveled by a chartered tour bus, be provided a travel agent, and be just overnight.

There will be a pre-play presentation by the director of "The King and I." The walking tour of the town still remains.

"A really good time. The trip

gave many a chance to meet new people, with a great opportunity for ACC staff and students to get out of Alpena and experience something new," said Kristen Berles, TLC support and adjunct faculty.

More information and an application may be obtained by visiting The Learning Center in Van Lare Hall at 989-358-7329.

## Hardbacks for Greenbacks

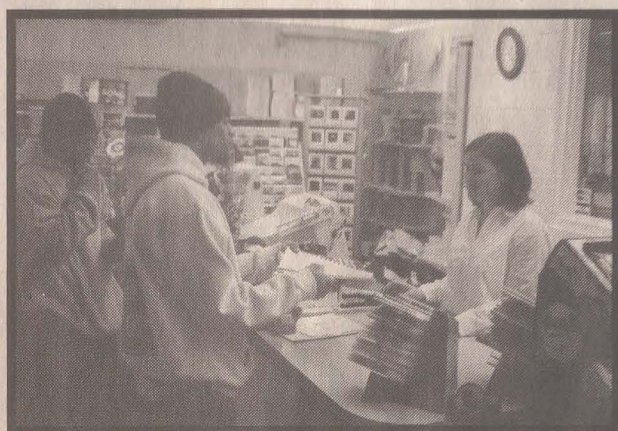


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Anne Radocy reimburses Chris Dorsey and Brodrick Knight.

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"How can I get the most money back for my used books?" This is a question most college students ask themselves. Here are some inside tips from ACC Bookstore Manager, Bill Matzke.

Return books as soon as

you are done using them to study for final exams. If your book is current for the following semester, ACC will refund 50% of new book price for the number of used books it needs for the next semester.

After ACC's quota is met, additional returned books might be purchased, through the bookstore, by another

company that buys excess college books at a lower price.

Include any CDs that came with your book when originally purchased. Some companies will not buy back books without the CDs included.

For students who have experienced problems in buying or selling books during the short time period at Huron Shores Campus, there is some good news.

According to Bill Matzke, a solution is being worked out for a "permanent presence" there.

Plans are to have a bookstore staffed throughout the semester with an inventory of books, clothes, and supplies like the bookstore at the Alpena Campus.

## Searching for Reasons for War A Look at the Iraq Situation, Hussein

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Saddam Hussein is a name that American citizens have come to know very well. We are on the brink of war with the country he rules, Iraq. The question that many Americans are asking is: Why are we going to war?

One explanation is that the United States government has been giving aid to Israel for over a decade. Israel is at war with Palestine, which is supported by Iraq. Palestine and

Israel have been in a holy war for many years. This is one reason why America may be going to war with Iraq.

President Bush's main reason as to why we need to go to war dates back to the Gulf War.

In 1991 Hussein agreed to Security Council Resolution 687, which is an agreement to be rid of all weapons of mass destruction. The US government does not believe that Hussein has carried out his promise.

Oil is thought to be a reason for war by many Americans. The majority of students at ACC

believe oil is not a good reason for war.

"Although I believe in war to provide safety for your country, I do not believe in war to provide your country with oil," said David Jeewek, a student at ACC.

Another reason is that President Bush believes that Hussein supports terrorist groups because he is a terrorist himself. This war may be just a type of preemptive strike against Iraq for what they may do if all weapons of mass destruction have not been destroyed like Hussein says they have.

## ACC Offers Services to Students with Special Needs

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Successfully maneuvering through college and graduating can be a challenge. It is like being on a football team and you are the receiver and there will be passes, tackles and touchdowns. Documented special need students have people and organizations that can join their team. They block and tackle so you can cross the end zone to score a touchdown toward achieving the career of their choice.

What is a documented special need? It is when a doctor has diagnosed a specific

condition that interferes with school tasks, like Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), hearing loss or speech impairment.

Because of a diagnosed condition you may have a few extra blocks in front of you when entering college life. Avoid some of these problems by utilizing the tools that are available to you like books on tape, note taker, a tape recorder, electronic equipment to assist in the classroom, tutoring, and test readers or longer time for testing.

The first step toward success is to get organized. For ACC that means make an ap-

pointment at the counseling office. Have your documentation ready, meetings with your assigned counselor are confidential, so don't be afraid to talk openly. Identify your needs and work together to get the ball rolling.

A second step you can take is contact organizations that provide supplemental services. Your counselor should have contact numbers, and you can find information on the Internet. Supplements such as a hearing aide, adaptive physical aides, technical assistance such as help buying a computer or even some financial aid is available.

One such organization in our

area is the Michigan Department of Career Development. They can be contacted through the Iosco IRESA (Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency). Their program can be initiated at the High school level to help students get a jump-start on getting special needs aide for college.

Here are helpful hints provided by people that are already utilizing the tools available for students.

Talk to your instructors before classes start. Discuss your needs and how they may affect the classroom. The instructor will then be better able to assist you.

If reading is a stumbling block go to early registration so you can order your textbooks on tape. Sometimes getting your recourses will have a time factor.

Know your rights, be knowledgeable and organized when it comes to what you need.

Don't take no for an answer, if you know there is an aide you qualify for, keep asking until you get it.

Get on the Web: stay current on new technology that could benefit your situation. Initiation of these services has to come from the student. College staff will help; you just have to let them know what

you need.

Lori Klatt, a current ACC student said, "The resource room staff at Huron Shores are always supportive and helpful, and the ACC instructors at the Alpena campus are very flexible in giving extra time for taking tests, and finding quiet rooms to take them in."

She has identified her needs and followed by requesting the aides needed to pave the way toward making her touchdown of success. Investigate, ask and advocate for yourself, approach the people that can help you in a polite, timely and organized manner and the winner of the game can be you.

### Spring 2003 Graduates

If you are completing your Degree requirements this semester, Please be sure to complete an **Application for Graduation**. Applications are available in 108 Van Lare Hall.

**\* Still Accepting Late Applications\* Apply ASAP**

**Graduation Fee: \$15.00**

Degrees are issued only if requested Through this application process.

**Spring Ceremony will be held May 8, 2003.**

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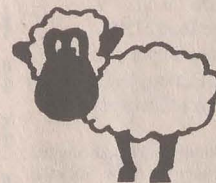
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