

# Farewell

## It Was Worth All The While: Lumberjack Staff Says Goodbye

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Features Editor

With the school year coming to a close, many people have to say goodbye. But, with one ending, there is always another beginning.

This year the Lumberjack will be saying goodbye to four people. Three editors, JoBeth Johnson, Sara Lyon, and Jessica Thiem, and Shawn Sexton, the Lumberjack advisor, will be

leaving.

Sexton came to ACC as an English instructor three years ago. He became the Lumberjack advisor that same year, after the previous advisor quit midway through the fall semester. To put it bluntly, he had no experience in journalism. But, like the students, he took the opportunity to grow and learn.

After three years of learning the hard way, he is passing

on his leadership position. "Advising the paper is a full time job. The late nights and long hours don't leave me much time for my other classes or my family," Shawn said. He also stated, "The paper is much improved from three years ago, so I would like to go out on that."

Also leaving is JoBeth Johnson. She is the sports editor for the Lumberjack this year. "Working for the paper has been such a learning experience for me," JoBeth stated. "One thing I've learned from working on the paper is sources don't always tell the truth and you always have to edit and re-edit," she also added.

JoBeth's future plans are to attend Central Michigan University and major in photography. Sara Lyon, co-managing editor is planning on attending CMU in the fall also.

Sara, an Alpena native, started off as a staff writer in her freshman year. She liked it so much that she wanted

to be an editor. "This experience has made me realize that no matter how hard things may seem, if I just apply myself I can do anything," Sara said.

At CMU Sara plans on majoring in journalism or possibly broadcasting. "Writing is something that I enjoy," Sara stated when asked why she chose journalism as a major.

Holding the other managing editor position is Jessica Thiem. She is proud of the way the paper has improved over the year. "Hard work really pays off and the paper is proof of that to me. Although we work hard we have had fun at the same time," Jessica stated.

"Like one night during production week it was super late and we had lots of headlines to finish. All of us were making up some really funny headlines and laughing our butts off. Having that experience really helped us to lighten up and enjoy what we were

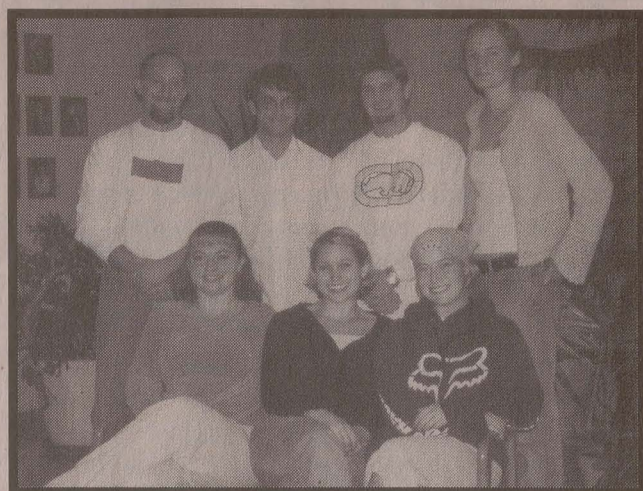


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The 2002-2003 Lumberjack Staff's first picture together.

doing," she said with smile. After this year Jessica does not plan on moving far. "I'd like to stick around Alpena. I plan on interning at the Alpena News over the summer and I'm not really sure what I'm going to do after that. I'll have to wait and see where life takes me," she said.

This year was very successful for the staff of the Lumberjack. Not only did the paper improve a great deal, but also new

friends were made. As the three editors and Shawn move on to what ever life may bring, they should know that the paper wouldn't have been as good and the experience wouldn't have been the same without them.

Thank you for all the hard work, time and passion you've all put into making this paper flourish.

Good luck in everything you do. You will be greatly missed.



Photo by Jessica Thiem  
Sara Lyon patiently waits to receive award the MCCPA.

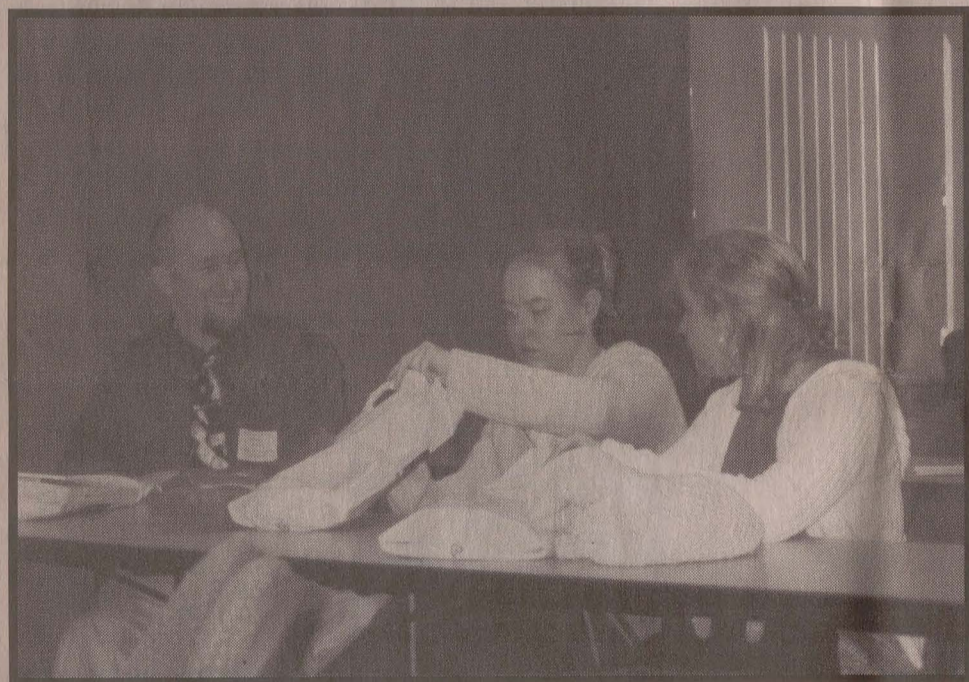


Photo by Jessica Thiem  
Shawn Sexton (left) says something funny to Sara Lyon (right), while Kara Eubank (center) checks out her goodie bag.



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Connie Irland (front right), Doreen Fouchey (center left), Matt Petrovich (center right), Andrew Kowalski (back left) and Jonas Boda (back right) wonder, "Are we there yet?" while on the ride to the MCCPA competition.



Photo by Jessica Thiem  
Kara Eubank (left), Sara Lyon (center) and JoBeth Johnson (right) smile pretty for the camera.

### Exiting Advisor Takes Parting Shot

After three years of reading student articles, it is kind of exciting to write a little something myself; even if the editors would only give me this tiny little space.

Some of the paper's harshest critics the last three years might be nervous by the headline. However, I just want to thank some of the many people that supported the paper during the last three years.

This paper has improved each year. I take the blame for our faults, but all the credit for improvement goes to the following supporters.

Thank you to everyone at

the Alpena News, especially Bill Speer and Tim Gapske-what a long, strange trip its been. Thanks to the heavy hitters at ACC who backed this paper when they did not have to - Dr. Newport, Dr. Davis, Dick Sutherland, Max Lindsay, Roger Phillips.

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Sara, Kara, Matt, Jess, JoBeth, Jonas, Connie - you guys were the absolute best. Thank you. I'm sure I forgot someone, but why stop making mistakes now! I'll miss working with you all.

### The Lumberjack Staff

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- Features Editor: Kara Eubank
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- P.O.V. Editor: Matt Petrovich
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- Advisor: Shawn Sexton

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