

Bush Requests \$87 Billion to Fight Terror

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On September 7, President Bush asked congress for a substantial amount of money to fight the war on terror, \$87 billion to be precise.

Less than a year into this operation, the bill for Iraq is already up to an astronomical total of \$166 billion. This consists of the \$79 billion the President received to fight the war, and the \$87 billion he has just requested to fight for peace in Iraq, and in Afghanistan.

Bush explained his objective behind this complex issue.

"We will do whatever is necessary, we will spend what is necessary, to achieve this essential victory in the war on terror, to promote freedom, and to make our nation more secure," the President said, during his Sept. 7 speech to the nation.

This decision, by President Bush, has drawn a wide spread of inevitable scrutiny throughout our nation—primarily, with the Democrats, that believe this will be the first of many money requests from the President.

"I think the Democrats are doing what they should do: providing constructive criticism on current policy in order to maximize the best interests in those involved," ACC History and Political Science teacher Tim Kuehnlein said.

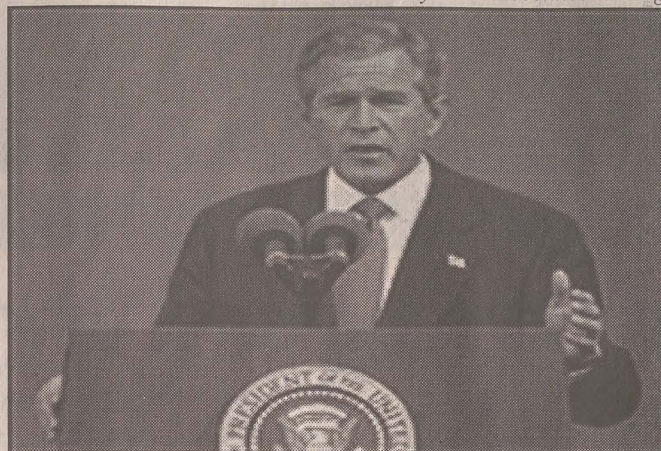
Kuehnlein also believes it is imperative that Americans keep this highly disputed issue in perspective.

"One must keep in mind that invariably the U.S. was drawn

into World War II at great costs," Kuehnlein said.

"The question for Americans in light of the developments in the Middle East, is whether we get involved before more atrocities occur, and before tyrannical forces consolidate themselves or afterwards."

There are roughly 140,000 troops in Iraq. The government is currently paying for the operation under a \$29 billion authorization that concludes Sept. 30.



President Bush in the midst of an address.

Alpena Search for Board Members

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This November 11th, the voters of Alpena will have a very important decision to make: who will fill three of the seats on ACC's Board of Trustees.

The trustee election takes place every other year and decides who will be in charge of the rules and regulations of Alpena Community College, according to Jay Walterreit, Director of Public Communications at ACC.

Unlike other areas in the country, here the trustees are "members of the community," according to Elizabeth Spragg, Secretary to the Board of Trustees. This enables the seven trustees to have a more hands-on approach when it comes to enacting policies here at ACC.

The trustee seats will be filled by three of the four potential trustees, three of whom have served in the position previously.

The candidates are Marc

Ferguson, Paul Wegmeyer, Roger Bauer, and Judith Grenkowitz. Grenkowitz has not previously served on the Board of Trustees.

Whoever is elected to the Board will be serving on an institution that has a great deal of tradition. A board of trustees is "locally responsive" according to Dr. Newport, President of Alpena Community College.

While having a Board of Trustees may seem complex to other states, it works well for ACC. It is often easier to change and make new policies because the people in charge of policies are so close by and are more aware of what should be done with the college.

Since the Board of Trustees is so important to ACC, it is vital that students vote in the board of trustees election on November 11th. If you are not registered go to City Hall and fill out the proper forms so you will be able to vote in the upcoming election.

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Be sure to vote on November 11th.

Learning Center: Here to Help

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Staff Writer

Here at ACC, many students don't have to look very far for help. In fact, almost all the help they would possibly need is in Van Lare Hall room 101 right here on campus.

The Learning Center is a very warm, friendly environment on campus that offers a great deal for the students here at ACC.

The Learning Center offers many free services such as, tutoring, personal or academic counseling, and the use of its computer lab. The computer lab in The Learning Center is one of three computer labs here on campus available for ACC's students to use.

"We are here to help students become successful," said Jewel Lancaster, the tutoring coordinator in The Learning Center.

Tutoring for any subject offered at ACC is available. If anyone is interested in becoming a tutor, or looking to be tutored, Jewel Lancaster is the person responsible for scheduling the tutoring.

The tutors in The Learning Center are people who have already taken a course and have done well in it, and they are also people who enjoy helping others.

Both academic and personal counseling are available to students. Whether a student has a question about their classes, their career, or if they just need someone to talk to, they are always professional counselors available who would be happy to answer any questions that students have.

The instructors here at ACC also use the Learning Center to their advantage. Some instructors provide The Learning Center with instructor-reserved materials, like videos, notes, or practice quiz questions that the students can use to help themselves become successful in passing their class.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about The Learning Center, they should not hesitate to go and find out more information, there is always someone available that would be more than happy to give you more insight on The Learning Center and what it provides.

The hours of The Learning Center are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday : 8:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

Wednesday : 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.

Friday : 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

For more information contact Jewel Lancaster at 358-7270.

Macabre Evening for All

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News Editor

On October 30th, students of ACC will be able to attend a reading in which students will share stories and poetry that are designed to scare all in attendance. This event is intended to "celebrate the things that frighten us", according to Tom Ray, organizer for an Evening of the Macabre.

The people involved are college students of all ages that are willing to share their talents for writing stories and poems that are macabre, meaning grisly or gruesome.

Tom Ray first discovered the idea for an "Evening of the Macabre" while he was a student at Louisiana State University over 10 years ago.

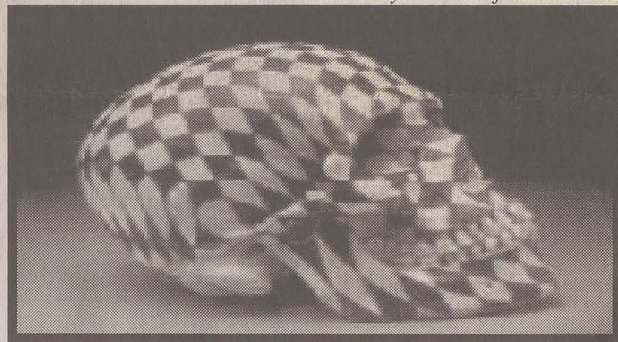
At Louisiana State University, they created the idea of celebrating the macabre based on the

celebrations of medieval times where people performed the Dance of Death in an attempt to keep away the Black Plague.

Now, however, this gathering in celebration of fear is used for entertainment purposes. Both the Student Senate, who will be providing refreshments, and Denise Hill, advisor for Facets, support this event. Tom Ray said that he was "extremely grateful" to both Denise Hill and the Student Senate for their support.

An "Evening of the Macabre" will take place on October 30th from 7-10 pm in room 106 in the Center Building. Anyone who would like to read poetry or a short story for an "Evening of the Macabre" or would simply like to obtain more information on the event should contact Tom Ray at 358-7250.

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Macabre Art

How Did the ACC Student Cross the Road? By Using the New Island To Get To the Other Side.

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When it's all over, Johnson Street will have 3 lanes, a new curb and gutter section, and a pedestrian island in the center lane at the main pedestrian crossing in front of the college. The project will provide a new surface for Johnson Street, from Chisholm Street to Walnut Street.

Due to the recent deterioration of the street, The City of Alpena wrote a Small Urban Grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation to secure funds to reconstruct Johnson Street.

Other funds for the project came from property owners who did not currently have curb and gutter on their Johnson Street frontage, and the Major Street Budget from the City of Alpena General Fund. The project will cost close to \$500,000.

Bolen Asphalt Paving Inc, out of East Tawas has been hired by the City of Alpena to do the work. The supervisor of the company, Bruce Bolen stated that the construction will begin at the end of September and will only last a month or even less, depending on the weather and other factors. It is scheduled to be completed on Nov. 1st.

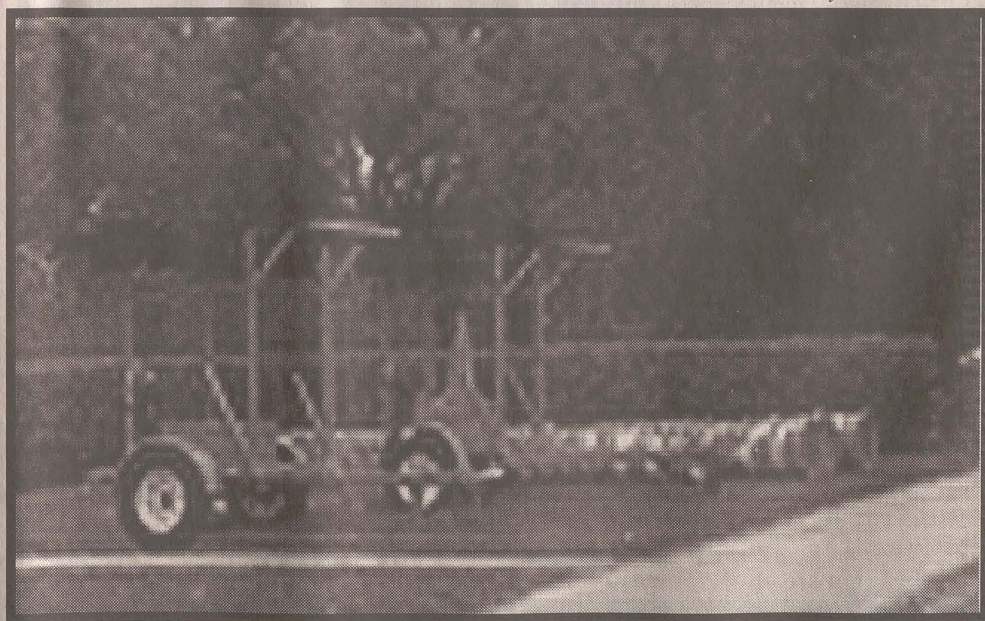
Once the construction starts, work will be done daily at an average time of 7:00am to 7:30pm, although work could begin earlier or end later. The road will not be closed at any time, however there will be times when there is a lane closure, in which only one lane will be open and traffic will have to be directed.

Bolens has hired three subcontractors to help with the process.

Cordes Excavating will do the underground work. Hunt Brothers will do the concrete pavement and the curb and gutter section.

Bolens will do the asphalt paving, and then PK Contracting will do the painting on the road. When asked if any other roads in Alpena were getting work done on them, Shannon Smolinski who is the Engineering Inspector for The City of Alpena, stated that, "the City of Alpena is currently resurfacing 40 blocks of streets in Alpena, including 9th Avenue. We have several other projects that are considered major reconstructions, including Lake Street and Long Rapids/Pinecrest that will be started this fall."

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Markers illustrating the construction on Johnson Street

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An Evening of the Macabre Oct. 30, CTR 106, 7-10 pm.

Contact Tom Ray (NRC 304, 358-7250) for information.