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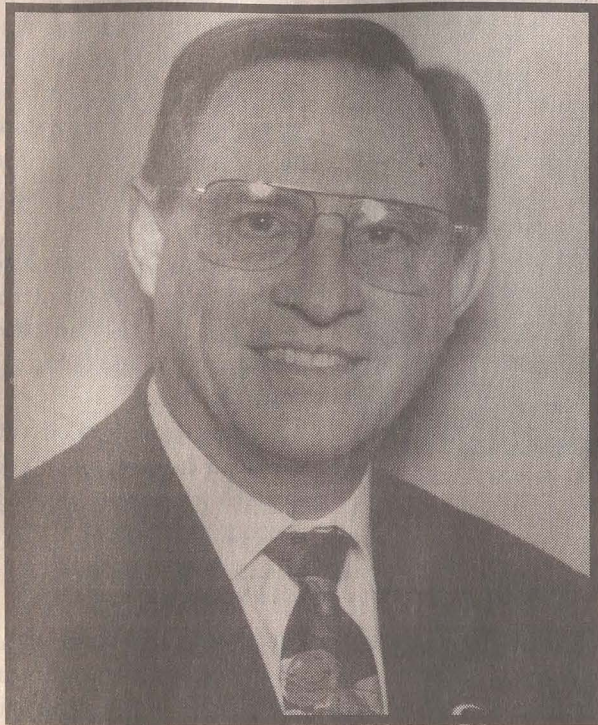
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## The End of an Era and A New Beginning

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Dr. Donald Newport.

**COREY DALESKI**  
Sports Editor

Dr. Donald L. Newport is retiring after serving a total of 33 years as college president for a total of five different community

colleges. Sixteen of those years have been at ACC.

Dr. Newport graduated from the University of Michigan where he earned his Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. degrees. He received his first

appointment as a college president at Platte College in Columbus, Nebraska, in 1967, distinguishing him as the nation's youngest community college president at the age of 27.

In 1987 Dr. Newport replaced, then president, Dr. Charles R. Donnelly. Newport's position as ACC's fifth college president became official December 3, 1987.

Dr. Newport's 16 years as president have seen many changes for ACC. During this time ACC has developed a strong transfer program.

It has also seen the addition of the new Park Arena, which enabled ACC to host a National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament.

This process landed the 1998 Region XII Division II Men's Basketball Tournament.

The completion of Harris

Hall in August 2000 and formalizing the World Center for Concrete Technology (named in recognition of a \$400,000 gift from William P. Harris II) were also realized.

The development of programs for updating and retaining employees of area industries was also instituted. These are just a few of the accomplishments

that were finalized under Dr. Newport's presidency.

"All I've tried to do is build on the birthing process, doing all things a comprehensive community college should be doing," Dr. Newport said.

"I've completed my 'plan of work' here at ACC. Plus, it will give me the opportunity, after I retire, to spend more time with my

family," Dr. Newport said.

"Being here at ACC has certainly been the highlight of my career," Dr. Newport confided.

"If I have any legacy, it would be that we have become the community's college," said Dr. Newport.

Dr. Newport's legacy has been engraved in the ACC landscape.



Student Senate Dresses ACC up for the Holidays.

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## Michigan's Community Colleges Hit With Heavy Budget Cuts

**CONNIE IRLAND**  
Features Editor

Alpena Community College is facing the loss of approximately \$325,000 in state funds for the 2003-2004 school year.

This is based on the 6.5% cut Governor Granholm proposed in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Hall Meeting in Alpena.

ACC's Board of Trustees is facing the reality of more cuts in funding, effective for the current school year.

The political phase for these cuts is currently underway. There is a lot of conjecture as to what will happen, and what the final amount will actually be; however, cuts are inevitable.

ACC President, Dr.

Donald Newport and others from community colleges in Michigan have been working with the state with the hope of influencing their decision on where cuts should be made.

During the first stage of cuts made for the projected state budget for this fiscal year community colleges received a heavier percentage of cuts than did universities, according to Newport.

They are hoping that this time the universities will receive a higher percentage of cuts.

It is influencing how the Board is responding now. They will hold off some decisions until the actual amount is final.

A decision is expected from the state in early

December.

Newport said the Board is considering a variety of possible cuts.

The college will slow the employment process for the six to eight vacancies currently available, as well as other vacancies that might come up.

The college would not want to hire new personnel only to lay someone off in a few weeks or so due to lack of funds.

"We certainly will be looking hard at travel and all the activities where we have discretion and the ability to make decisions about where we go and how we go about it," said Newport.

Another area being given a second look is

the spring class schedule and upcoming schedules.

They will be focusing on class size. New sections for courses will not be added unless those available are already filled, said Newport.

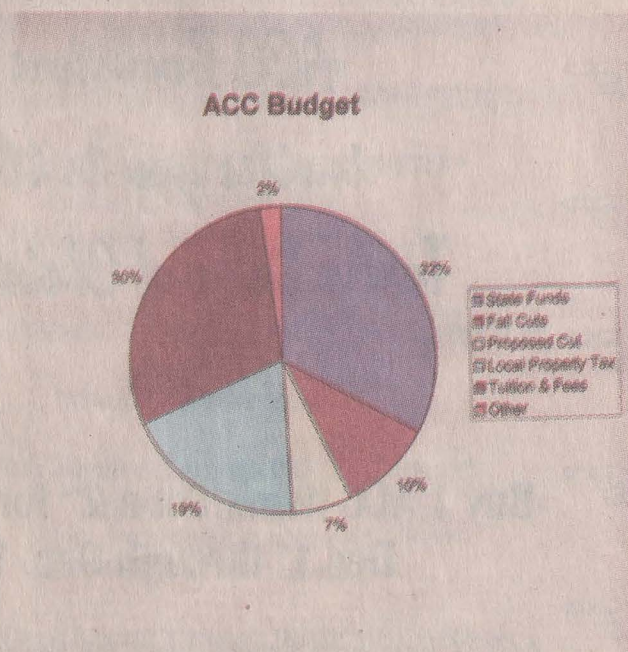
ACC will also be looking at the Rainy Day Fund. ACC has learned from the mistakes the state made and will not rely on this fund too heavily as it may be needed to help deal with future budget crunches.

The Board has reserved the right to raise tuition for spring semester; however, Newport does not believe this will happen.

This assumption is due in part to the fact that the governor is offering incentives to colleges

who do not raise tuition. Another factor that was considered is the fact that many students have already registered.

Though students will feel the effects of the cutbacks, most of the changes will not directly affect ACC students.



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## Governor Granholm Visits ACC to Discuss Budget

CONNIE IRLAND  
Features Editor

Governor Jennifer Granholm addressed the community from ACC's Granum Theater on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. She came to the people with the current state budget crisis.

Granholm presented the background that led to the current need for cuts. Then she asked those in attendance to vote on the cuts they would be most comfortable with. This was followed by a question and answer period. The meeting then ended on the note of how the state government was moving toward long-term improvements.

Granholm explained that the fiscal year for the state begins in October and runs through the end of September.

Now one month into the budget for this period the state is \$920 million short. This number has continued to change; according to Dr. Newport the latest figure is closer to \$930 million.

Michigan has experienced a 20% drop in revenue since the year 2000. When she took

office in January 2002 Granholm discovered there was not only a deficit, but the Rainy Day Fund had already been depleted.

Cutbacks were made and the new budget was planned based on the projected income of the state for the coming year.

During the Revenue Estimating Conference in October it was discovered that the income for this fiscal year would be less than was projected in July, advised Granholm.

This lack of funds stems from a lack of revenue collected by the state and reimbursements received from the federal government.

Granholm said Michigan has experienced the loss of about 300,000 jobs primarily in the manufacturing sector.

This is reflected in the amount of income tax and sales tax the state is able to collect.

The revenue from the federal government has also dropped due to current economic trends and the war on terrorism. This has affected all of the states not just Michigan.

Illinois is facing a \$2

billion deficit, and California is facing an \$8 billion deficit in comparison to our \$920 million deficit.

Facing further cuts in the state budget, Granholm came to the people with the proposed cuts in an effort to find what the people would be willing to tolerate.

The funds that can be cut are the General Fund and the School Aide Fund. The governor is required to cut approximately \$200 per student from the School Aide Fund.

The other cuts she has more control over. From these remaining funds, 19 cuts were listed.

Those in attendance voted overwhelmingly to cut \$22 M in state funds for laptop computers at and eliminate \$65 M in scholarships for students at private colleges.

Other cuts receiving a majority vote were cutting new state trooper hires, releasing prisoners 30 days early, and revenue sharing payments to local government.

At this point, Granholm

announced that all 19 cuts totaled only \$911 million of the \$920 to \$950 million needed.

During the question and answer period, Senator Tony Stamas put

Michigan's manufacturing losses into perspective. Michigan has suffered 25% of the manufacturing losses for the entire United States.

The bigger question is how to get manufacturing to

return. This is the question the state is facing.

Michigan is a technology state even though it fails to show up in the surveys, which are being done. Granholm plans to change this and is working toward improving Michigan's image in the business community.

"We are number one in the country in industrial research and development. We produce huge numbers of engineers and yet we are not viewed that way by the outside world," said Granholm.

She went on to say *Site Selection Magazine* ranked Michigan the second most manufacturing friendly state.

Job creation is expected to be a hot topic in the political scene during upcoming months.

Photo by Connie Ireland



Granholm discusses the current budget crisis with the Alpena Community.

## Replacement Found, The Search is Over

KATIE PIZZA  
News Editor

The search for ACC's new president is now over.

The Board of Trustees has chosen Dr. Olin Joynton from Texas to replace retiring president Dr. Newport.

Joynton was chosen from a group of 98 applicants, the most ever to have applied for this position.

Dr. Joynton has a great deal of experience as a college administrator.

While living in Texas, he served as the Vice President

of Educational Programs at Montgomery College.

Before serving this position, he was both an English and Philosophy instructor. This accounts for his fascination with history's great thinkers, such as Socrates.

There was a lot of preparation surrounding the Board of Trustees' decision to choose Dr. Joynton to replace Dr. Newport.

Each applicant attended a public question and answer period as a way to allow the community to learn applicants' opinions on a variety of subjects.

To better familiarize the board members with each applicant, there was a dinner scheduled for them and their spouses following the public interview.

Overall, the search for Dr. Joynton was considered to be "very successful" by Paul Wegmeyer, a board member who moderated the interviews.

The public interviews received "very positive comments from candidates who had not experienced [this type of interview] before," according to Roger Bauer, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

## Downtown in Need of Some TLC

CHRIS GILMORE  
Staff Writer

Have you ever noticed that downtown is looking more and more like a ghost town?

The sidewalk shops downtown are sitting empty and looking worn down and in need of some care.

As every day passes and the shops sit empty, people may begin to lose interest in the downtown area of Alpena.

Its nostalgic look and old town feel is forsaken forgotten.

In the 1940s and the 1950s the downtown shopping district of Alpena was thriving with the local industries providing a good economic foundation for

the community.

But with the arrival of malls and low-cost department stores, such as Walmart and KMart, the downtown area took an economic hit that the local shop owners were more than likely not fully prepared for.

Downtown Alpena still has a future though. With the arrival of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve expected to bring in annually 50,000 to 75,000 tourists to the area each year, the downtown area could be set up for a rebound.

With the arrival of the Fletcher Mill being transformed into a thing of pride for the community and new condos coming into the area, the downtown

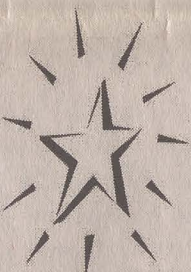
experience is on the verge of exploding.

The Downtown Development Authority is leading the charge into the uncertain future with promotions and events to bring life back into the historic and once livley downtown area.

They plan to hold concerts in the streets and strive to bring new business to the area that will compliment its already diversified array of stores.

Ron Chatfield, owner of In Other Woods, believes that the downtown area has much to offer.

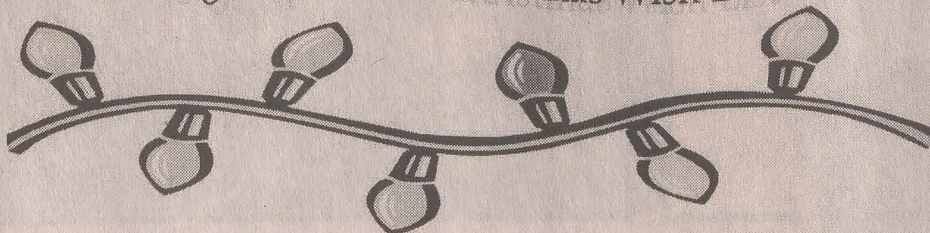
Chatfield said, "downtown Alpena is historic and has a built in character and ambiance that will help draw people into its close-knit community."

  
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## Student Senate has a Great Deal Planned for ACC Students

Photo by Connie Irland

**HEATHER BUDNIK**  
Staff Writer

So far this year the Student Senate has already done a number of things. In September, there was a welcome-back party with free food and drinks that was put on by the Student Senate. They have also helped with Scramble for Scholarships.

In October they were very busy. They helped with Habitat for Humanity on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The next day, even though they were tired and sore, they got up early in the morning, in the freezing cold and went out and held a bottle drive to collect, sort, and take bottles to be processed.

Then on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Student Senate helped decorate for An Evening of the Macabre. Then the next day they organized a Halloween party for the students of ACC.

November was a more relaxed month for Student Senate, they only had two events planned but, unfortunately they were both happening on the same day. They had a blood drive and also helped with the

Governor Jennifer Granholm's speech at ACC. On the 16<sup>th</sup> Student Senate stood outside of our local Wal-mart and asked the people of Alpena for donations.

That so far is just the beginning of what they are doing. To many it may seem like a lot, but it is nothing compared to what is to come in the future months for Student Senate.

December is a hectic month for the members of Student Senate. Before the semester ends, they will be putting on a Christmas party. They also plan to have a bake sale. The last event that they have planned for the month of December is to ring bells for Salvation Army on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

January is a very calm month for Student Senate, they only have one event planned: a bottle drive which is scheduled to occur sometime after the beginning of the New Year.

In February, they have two events in the works. The bigger of the two events will be Homecoming on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>.

After that, Student Senate would like to have singing telegrams and to sell flowers on Valentines Day.

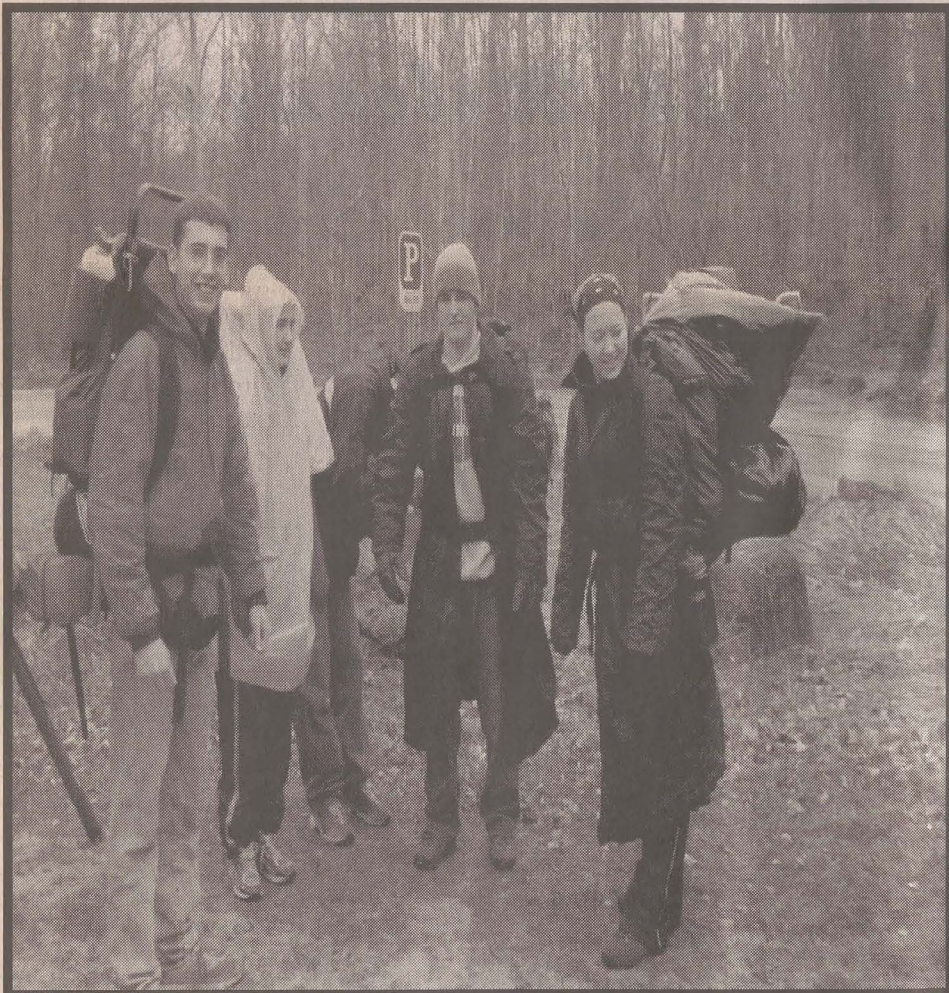
During the month of March, Student Senate hopes to have a Silent Auction. They would also like to organize a casino night for the students of ACC that would be called "Lucky."

In April, they are going to try to organize a few events that have to do with spring. One example of this would be a bulb sale. They also want to have an Easter Egg Hunt.

During our last month here at the college, May, Student Senate wants to put on some events to get back at the teachers for all the rigorous hours of homework that they gave to the students throughout the school year. They plan to organize a Teacher Torture Carnival at the college.

They also plan on organizing an End-of-the-year-party for the students. Then after graduation, Student Senate will be going on a trip to see the sights of Germany for two weeks from the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Photo by Matt Dunckel



The Navigators members prep for a camping trip.

## Navigators: Outdoors and Outstanding

**KARA MCDONALD**  
Staff Writer

The Outdoors is something a lot of us enjoy through hiking, skiing, camping, and the works.

The Navigators club organizes these activities at ACC. The original Bike and Boot club now has a new name and different purpose.

"Bike and boot gave people the impression that all we did was hiking and biking," President Ryan Pokorzynski commented. "We're really more than that. We are outdoor enthusiasts, with all

levels of intensity. We'll try just about any outdoor activity."

So far this year the Navigators have had two events. First, they went on a camping trip on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan. There, they encountered wildlife up close, and also learned about this historical island.

They also made a trip to Cheboygan for a paintball experience at the Action Paintball Field, which a lot of the members have never done before.

Any ACC student or staff can join. All you have to do

is come to one of their posted bimonthly meetings.

The Navigators Club is currently in the process of planning several trips for this year. They will definitely be going on a ski trip this winter and are looking at doing a spring/summer trip to several places.

Ideas or suggestions for trips are welcome. Contact any Navigators member.

Or you can contact the Navigators President, Ryan Pokorzynski at rpokor@yahoo.com



Members of Student Senate pose after decorating for Christmas.

## EVENTS CALENDER:



### Spotlight Series: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

The Chenille Sisters

7:30pm

Tickets can be purchased from the Bookstore: Students: \$7



### Christmas Party: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

The Lobby in front of Dr. Newport's Office

11:00-2:00pm

Free Food and Drinks



### Department of Fine Arts: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

An Evening With the Arts

7:00-9:00pm, East Campus



### Children's Theatre Troupe: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

Fantastic Fables

11:00am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm

General Admission, adults by donation and children FREE!



### Alpena After Five: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuning Up for the Holidays

6:30-8:00pm, Alpena Holiday Inn

\$12, Includes Dinner, Orchestra, and Lecture



### ACC Classical Chamber Music: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

Concert

7:00pm, Granum Theatre



### Alpena Civic Theatre: Through DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Waiting for Godot

Dec 4-6: 7:30pm, Dec 7: 2:00pm, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>: 2:00pm

Call 354-3624 for reservations



### Thunder Bay Theatre: Through DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

"The Christmas Schooner"

Thursday-Saturday, 7:30pm, Sundays 2:00pm

Adults: \$12, Seniors and Military: \$10, Students: \$6



### Spotlight Series: THURSDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rich Ridenour

7:30pm

Tickets can be purchased from the Bookstore: Students: \$7



### Facets: JANUARY 24, 2004

Deadline for applications/submissions no later than 3pm

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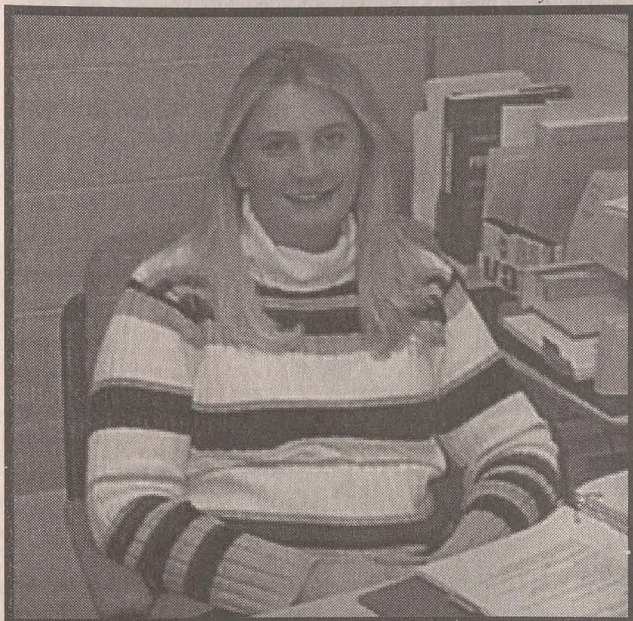
Located at East Campus room# 109. Also can be sent via campus mail, stop by any ACC office.





## Dr. V Makes First Impression on ACC Students

Photo by Jon Reid



ACC's newest faculty member.

**JON REID**  
Staff Writer

Dr. Amber McLarney-Vesotski is one of ACC's newest faculty members.

"Dr. V" began her educational career at a community college. From there she continued at St. Bonaventure University, where she earned her Bachelor and Master degrees in psychology, and finally ending at the University of Toledo where she earned her PhD in behavioral science and social psychology.

Her doctoral work and thesis were based in the area of

first impressions, the first impression upon meeting a person. Since having obtained her degree she has taught for six years at various institutions, including St. Bonaventure, the University of Toledo, Hidelburg College, and Owens Community College.

Here at ACC she teaches Psychology, and next semester will be teaching General Psychology, as well as Behavioral Psychology.

When asked for any advice for aspiring educators, she answers, "Be open to new ideas, and approaches."

Dr. V enjoys the intimate environment ACC offers, especially the student-teacher interaction which is very different from large universities where classes can have enrollment in the hundreds.

A small school like ACC offers much more student-teacher interaction simply because of the limited enrollment.

Dr. V enjoys West African dance, and is a co-coach of ACC's Barefoot in dance squad.

In her spare time she enjoys playing tennis and watching DVDs. Somehow she finds time to publish research, as

reflected in work recently published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* on optimism and persuasion.

She describes herself as a pleasant, friendly, and supportive person. Originally from upstate New York, Dr. V enjoys the change of scenery and is amazed by the beautiful surroundings in northeast Michigan.

"All the staff members are more than helpful," she said. "I have no complaints." An easygoing and likeable person, her love of psychology is apparent.

## Lack of Sleep Contributes to Cancer

**JESSICA MILLER**  
Staff Writer

With exams just around the corner, some ACC students are loaded with homework, studying responsibilities, jobs, and whatever else is on their every-day agendas.

To get things done, some students may even sacrifice their sleep. Pulling all nighters not only makes you tired, but also less energetic.

And now, new studies suggest that ignoring the need to sleep could increase your risk for getting cancer, giving students yet another reason to stay caught up on their Z's.

According to researchers at Stanford University Medical Center, a good night's sleep may be one

weapon in the fight against cancer.

Stanford's work is among the first to piece together the link between mental well-being and cancer recovery.

There have been previous studies through Stanford Medical Center that have found that people with cancer, who go through group therapy, fare better than those without social support.

The question has been how social factors exert their influence on cancer cells. David Spiegel, MD, suggests that a person's sleep/wake cycle might be the connection.

The work of this research will be published in the October issue of *Brain, Behavior, and Immunity*.

Spiegel states that "[...] factors affect your behavior patterns, such as exercise,

what you eat and drink, and your sleep."

Of these factors, the quality of sleep that a person gets can change the balance of hormones in their body. Spiegel explains that there are two hormones that may influence cancer progression.

The first of the two hormones is Cortisol. Cortisol, which is released in the body during stressed or agitated states, has come to be known as the "stress hormone."

Cortisol helps regulate the immune system activity (including certain 'natural killer' cells that help the body fight cancer). Cortisol levels typically peak at dawn after hours of sleep.

People who wake repeatedly during the night are likely to have a shifted Cortisol rhythm, along with night

shift workers, whose sleep patterns are abnormal.

Studies show that women who have breast cancer and whose normal cortisol cycle is disrupted tend to die earlier from the disease.

The second hormone that is affected from a lack of good sleeping habits is Melatonin, which is produced in the brain during sleep.

Research shows that the

hormone may have antioxidant properties that help to prevent damage to the body's cells that can lead to cancer.

Melatonin also lowers estrogen production from ovaries. For many ovarian and breast tumors, estrogen spurs the cancer cells to continue dividing.

A lack of adequate sleep can cause many diseases

and illnesses. Why? Because sleep deprivation tends to weaken the immune system which leaves the body open to attack from germs, viruses, and other bugs.

Spiegel notes that, "Although having cancer might be something to lose sleep over, we'd rather help people regain the sleep and lose the cancer."

## Transfer Tips: Making the Most of Your ACC Credits

**JON REID**  
Staff Writer

Taking class at a community college will save you money if you plan ahead. You need to be sure the classes you take will transfer and apply toward your major.

Community colleges have an overwhelming amount of students simply looking to gain credits that will transfer to, yet cost considerably less than a four-year institution.

At Central Michigan University this year, full time students with 15 credit hours will pay a semester total of \$2,613 including fees.

At ACC, a student can take the same number of credit hours and pay about \$1,500, also including fees.

Knowing what university you wish to attend, and your intended major will

help in this transition. The university you choose will determine which type and how many of your junior college credits will transfer.

You don't want to end up paying for classes now that won't transfer later. You also don't want to pay university prices for courses you could have taken at a community college for much less.

Knowing what you want to major in will help you choose which classes to take now.

Find out your intended school's general education requirements. These are courses that will be required for completion of your degree even though they are not part of your intended major.

Next, look at the school's requirements for your major. Take the courses that will fulfill the school's requirements for both general education and your major.

Finally, look up the school's transfer policies. Each school has its own set of policies regarding transfer students, so it's important to find out what your school in particular requires.

It is also important to know what GPA you'll need to transfer. The required GPA may vary depending on whether the class is a general credit course or a requirement for your major. Generally, a C or higher is required for transfer credits.

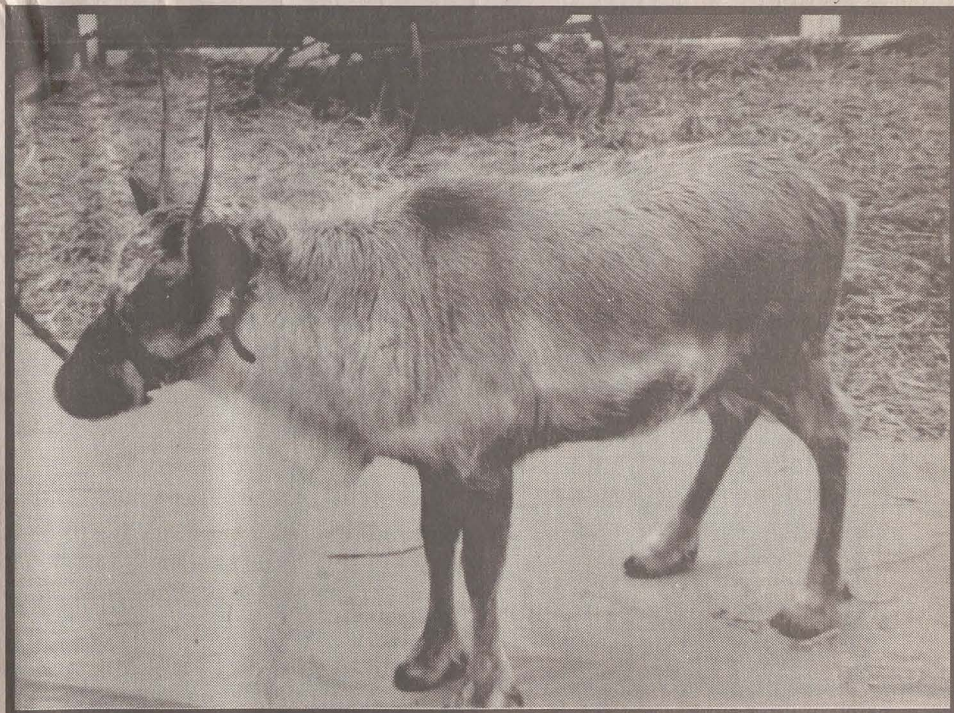
How many credit hours you'll need before you can be considered for transfer is also an important consideration.

Your intended four-year college may also have a maximum number of hours they allow you to transfer.

ACC advisors can help you make the most of your college experience by helping you plan ahead.

## Alpena Welcomes the Christmas Season

Photo by Julie Klein



This baby reindeer is patiently waiting for the snow to fall in Alpena.

**JULIE KLEIN**  
Staff Writer

We all know the holiday time is upon us. People have started their Christmas shopping, the bells for the Salvation Army are ringing, and the local charities are in full swing. You may have noticed when you drive downtown at night the sight is quite amazing.

Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> kicked off Downtown Alpena's Christmas Open House with the lighting of the community Christmas tree at Culligan Plaza.

This is also an important event for Hospice of Michigan. More than 600 of the bulbs on the community Christmas trees are part of the Light Up a Life Campaign.

This is where a ten dollar donation is given for a light in honor of memory of a person.

That was not all that took place Friday night, Christmas carols were sung around the community tree, chestnuts roasted, and cider served. Horse drawn wagon rides were also given for those wishing to see the

town from a different point of view.

The festivities continued on Saturday with Santa's reindeer hanging out on second avenue for everyone to come by and see.

If you were lucky you may have even got to pet the youngest one, baby Thunder.

The day continued with cookie decorating and more horse drawn wagon rides.

The Christmas kickoff wrapped up on Sunday with more horse drawn wagon rides in the afternoon.



## Children's Theater Troupe Entertains 1

**KARA MCDONALD**  
Staff Writer

ACC's Children's Theater Troupe has had a tremendous response from the public's families. The first play "Nathan the Nervous" was performed on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and an estimated 150 children and their families came out to see the humorous tale of an easily frightened King and his mother who is searching for his per-

fect match.

On November 22, performed a new twist on an old favorite, "The Liberated Cinderella". Cinderella is a hip young girl who is not willing to go along with anyone's ideals but her own. This show was full of laughs and surprises, including pies in faces and breaking bottles over heads!

"Fantastic Fables" will be the last in the children's theater series. On Decem-

ber 6<sup>th</sup> come see a play that is full of the classic fables such as "The Tortoise and the Hare" and "The Boy Who Cried Wolf".

The ACC Children's Theater Troupe has something for everyone to enjoy, so come on over to Grahnam Theater and let us entertain you! The public is welcome, children's admission is free and adults by donation!

Collage by Jonas Boda



ACC's Childrens Theater Troupe

## Best Coney Dog in the North

**CHRIS GILLMORE**  
Staff Writer

North Coney Island offers the best coney dog in the north.

Catching a customer's attention right off the bat is the overall cleanliness of the restaurant. The employees seem to take pride in keeping a store clean that was bustling with activity. The restaurant attracted a diverse group of guests.

When entering North Coney Island, a definite 50s diner atmosphere draws your attention to this quaint restaurant. It inspires images of the late 70s T.V. show "Alice" as the waitresses

jump at the opportunity to serve.

I ordered two coney dogs, and order of fries, and a large drink. For dessert I tried the caramel apple pie alamode.

The food arrived prompt and after enjoying my meal the waitress was right on top with the check. The total came out to be just under ten dollars and with the tip it was closer to twelve.

North Coney Island prices range from \$1.50 to \$3.25 for various items. They offer a variety of food combos that includes fries, drink, and an entrée.

North Coney Island offers a variety of dishes.

Available are BLTs and fish sandwiches to even the coveted chili fries.

They even offer classic pie alamode, which is the best food they offer.

The caramel apple pie alamode is the greatest reason to try this restaurant.

Besides serving good dogs, and great desserts, they also serve breakfast all day long.

Portions are respectable and give a great value for the money you pay.

North Coney Island is open six days a week.

Weekdays from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. and on Saturdays from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M..

## New Classes Offered at ACC

**MATTHEW GIBBONS**  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when students at Alpena Community College have to make the decision on what classes to register for in preparation for the spring semester.

This upcoming spring semester the Social Sciences Department at Alpena Community College is offering some new and older courses that have not been offered for students in some time.

The Social Sciences department is offering two new Anthropology courses this spring. The first new class is Anthropology 132, Intro to Prehistoric Archae-

ology. It is a three-credit course that meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The course is designed to look at the Archaeology of prehistoric animals and the evolution of mankind.

The second course being offered is Anthropology 229, the Anthropology of North American Indians. It is also a three-credit course offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

The course takes a look at the culture of North American Indians and their overall evolution through time from their beginnings to present day.

In addition to the new Anthropology courses, there is

also a new Political Science that has not been offered in a long time. Political Science 228, International Affairs is being offered. The course is a three-credit course that meets Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The courses main objective is to look at relations among nations with some historical background to the present day world. It will also look at some international organizations such as NATO and the United Nations.

If you have any questions about these courses or any other social science course you are encouraged to contact the social sciences department at ACC.

## December Horoscopes: Here's Your Sign

**KATRINA HENTKOWSKI**  
Staff Writer

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):** Your enthusiasm and positive attitude will make you a fun person to be around this month, but don't forget to be open minded to the opinions of others. This month you will enjoy learning new things, and you will want to explore the different parts of your life. Don't be afraid to speak up this month, you'll be heard, and get results. You might not see many of your friends during your Christmas break, but don't worry you can catch up on things later on.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19):** Expect the unexpected. Your wit and sense of humor will pay off this month, and might even get you out of some trouble. You are a very patient person and it will pay off, especially while you are studying for your finals. If you have the opportunity to do extra credit, grab it, your final grade might get boosted up. You are very committed to your family and friends this month, but it will take you awhile to open up to them

about what has been on your mind. Don't forget you will be rewarded for just being yourself.

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 17):** Your honest approach with family and friends helps you get lots done during this hectic time. Be cautious of coming on to strong, and be sure to think before you speak because you could possibly offend someone with some unsolicited advice. Don't get stressed out about the holidays just take it one day at a time, make yourself a daily planner, it will help you become much more organized and confident. Just remember to keep things simple. Don't be surprised if you run into an old friend you haven't seen in awhile.

**Pisces (February 18 - March 19):** This month you will use your creativity to solve problems. With all the attention your getting you might feel like your in a fish bowl. You can keep your sense of mystery if you are careful about what you reveal to others. Be sure to get together with some friends to study for your finals, you will be surprised on how much it will pay off. Be

careful to not label someone before you get to know them, remember that people are not perfect so don't expect them to be.

**Aries (March 20 - April 19):** You might be exhausted just before the holiday vacation comes around, take some time for yourself to recover. A family member or a good friend might teach you an important lesson that you will never forget. New interests, courage, and curiosity about everyone and everything is in your schedule this month. You may be susceptible of falling into someone's deception, and arguments this month, so be careful.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 19):** This month you will have a lot of suggestions an input on different things, don't be afraid to share them, they will be appreciated. Be careful not to throw your weight around, remember, no one likes to be antagonized. On the up side everybody loves your honesty this month, but it is your amazing talent of listening that wins them over. Use caution and think twice before you tell someone something confidential, they might

turn out to be the person you least expected to turn on you.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20):** New events and achievements will be the focus for you this month. You are so good at knowing what others want to hear, that you sometimes forget that it's what you really feel that counts, but don't be a people pleaser its not sincere. Don't be afraid to show the real you to the world. Now is the time to finish up certain things that you have been meaning to finish for quite some time. Be careful not to blow money, set yourself up a budget and don't forget it's the thought that counts.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21):** When you are unsure of what's expected from you don't be afraid to admit it. By seeking some good advice from a reliable source you will save yourself lots of trouble later on. Be careful not to daydream to much and stop wasting time on thinking about what could happen, but do spend time on making it happen. Stop concentrating on the past and start concentrating on the future. With all of the

pressure at school you are ready to explode, talk to your teachers for some advice or extra credit.

**Leo (July 22 - August 22):** Try to keep in mind that your ego is not your most valuable asset. There might be plenty of new or increased opportunities for adding cash to your wallet. You will feel a little irritated this month but try to ignore it and have a good time anyways. It might not be one of your favorite things to do, but you might learn something important about yourself. Your charismatic personality will make everyone want to know you better.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 21):** Don't be afraid to admit that you might be feeling a little extra sensitive or emotional, be sure to express your feelings to someone to improve your mood. Sluggish motivation in class could cause a desire to do no more than the bare minimum but don't give into it. Instead, strive for a sensible balance between schoolwork and your free time. Be sure not to blow up in the middle of a classroom dispute, this is no time for arguments.

**Libra (September 22 - October 22):** Be careful not to take sides when an argument strikes up between two of your good friends. You may have a tendency to be too dependent on others. People that are inconsiderate and not cooperative can make you angry this month. A friend will look to you for your attention and advice, besides you enjoy listening and giving your input. You might want to get started early and think of some new year's resolutions, but be sure to stick with it this time!

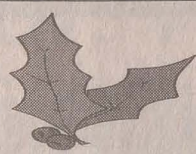
**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):** Just because it may seem things are going easy for you does not mean that you should slack off. Motivation is key. Make a list of things you want to accomplish, then get started on them. Be careful to not let your temper get the best of you, if it does you might regret it later. This month you have the extra confidence and courage to make your dreams come true. Don't confide in someone you don't know very well just to get something off your chest.



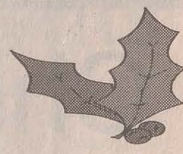
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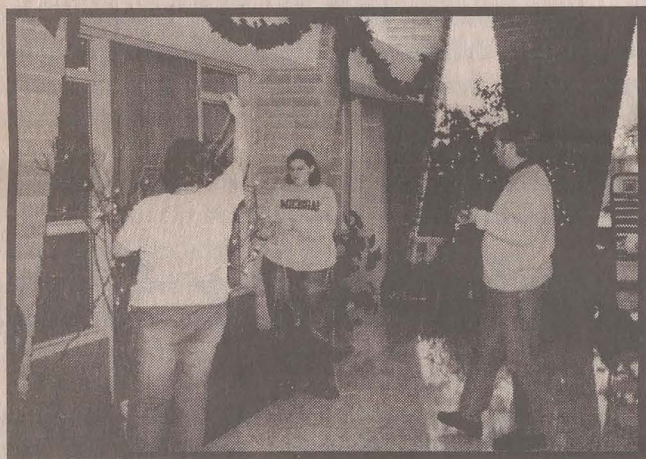
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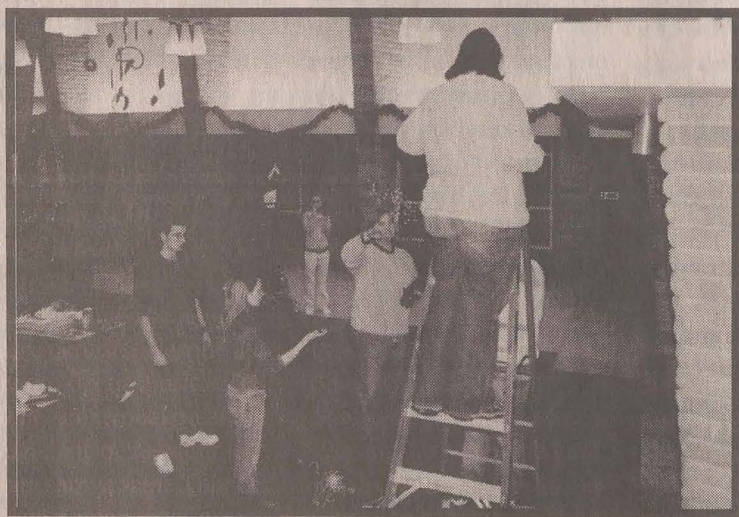
## *Tis' the Season to be Jolly* *Student Senate Spreads Holiday Cheer Around ACC*



Student Senate takes a break to pose for a group photo. Without them, ACC would not be as festive looking as it is during the holiday season.



Tim Kuehnlein seeing what the girls are up too.



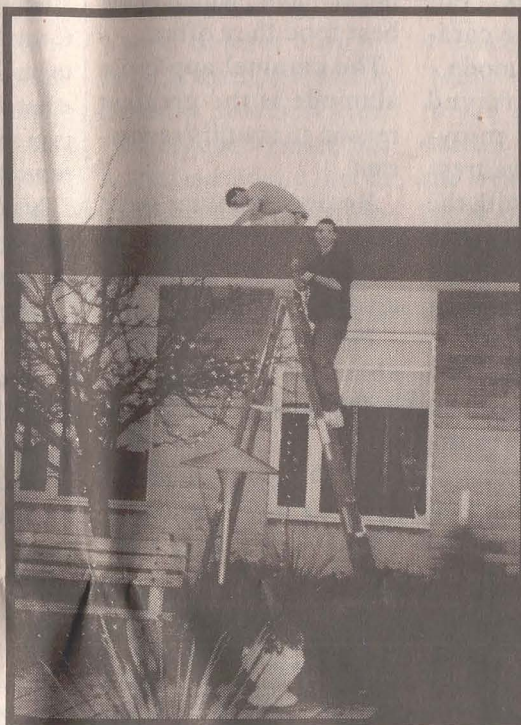
The Senate deciding as a group where to hang what.



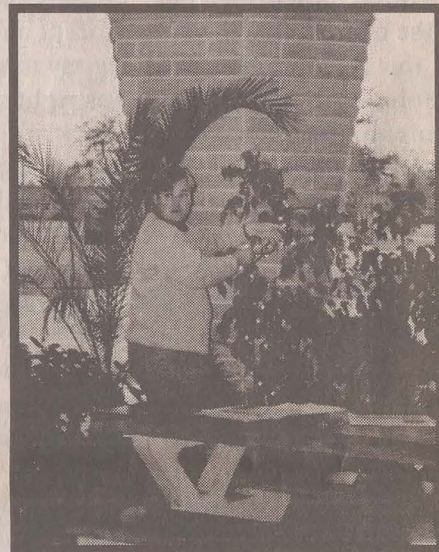
Jessica (left) and Kacey give this meek tree some life.



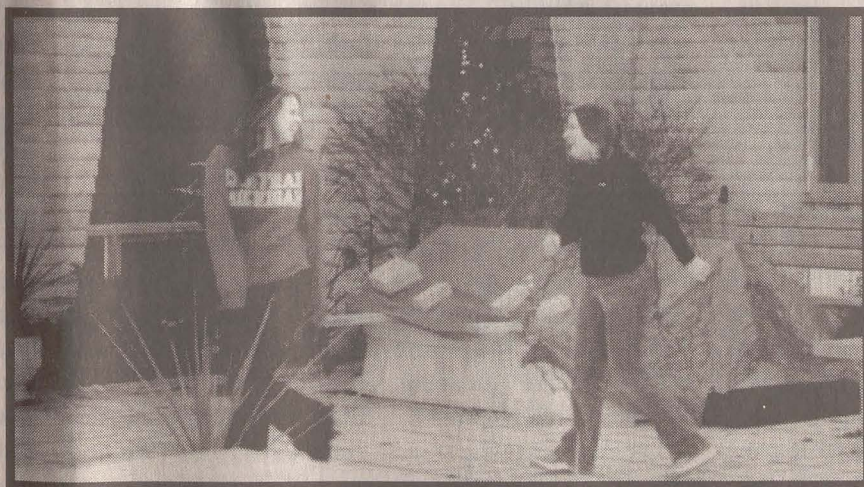
Not only did Student Senate decorate the halls of ACC, they also decorated the court yard and the trees by Van Lare Hall.



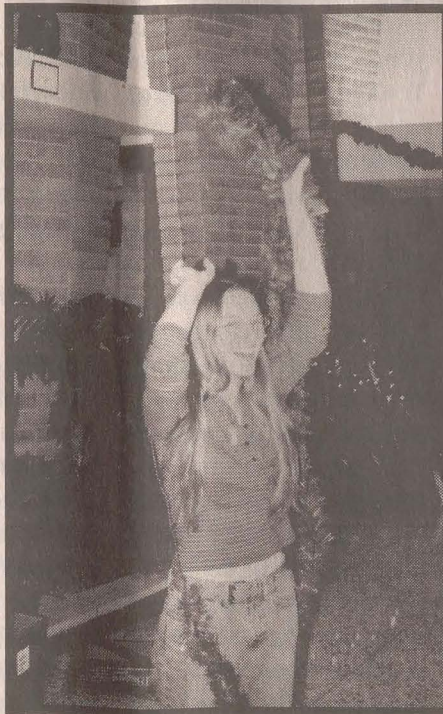
Andrew (on roof) and Ryan are not afraid of heights.



Tim Kuehnlein looking suspicious. Is he working hard or hardly working?



Rachel (left) and Jessica take some time out to have a laugh.



Katie displaying her new holiday fashion statement.



Ryan puts up a piece of garland while Katie is making sure he doesn't fall.



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**COREY DALESKI**  
*Sports Columnist*

"I'm telling you Corey, this is the year the Pistons finally go out west and make a statement," a friend of mine told me.

My, my, my. What a statement indeed.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, deflated and woeful, the Pistons returned home, finishing their West Coast road trip 1-3—including their annual defeats at Sacramento and Los Angeles.

You wonder why the Pistons even bother, don't you? Traveling thousands of miles out west, when you already know what's going to happen. Why waste all that jet fuel?

This was more than your basic road trip for the Pistons; this was an exam; an exam they failed miserably.

Let's admit the obvious: the NBA's Eastern Conference—a conference commonly referred to as the "Junior Varsity league" of the NBA—is downright awful.

It has become disturbingly routine, over the last five or so years, for an Eastern Conference power to go out west and get their fragile ego slapped around like a rag doll. So don't feel that bad Detroit, nobody else from your sorry conference can solve the problem either.

The truth is, the only chance the Pistons have of raising the coveted NBA championship trophy this season is to desperately hope—in some inconceivable way—that the Los Angeles Clippers overcome improbable odds, and advance to the finals.

The chances of that becoming a reality, is about as good a chance as John Kerry has of winning the White House.

*Excuse me, Corey. Who on earth is John Kerry?*

Exactly. I rest my case.

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Memo to all college football fans that are not Oklahoma Sooners supporters: forget about it.

Regardless of who Oklahoma matches up against in the National Championship game, it won't make a difference. The Oklahoma Sooners will win the National Championship; mark it down.

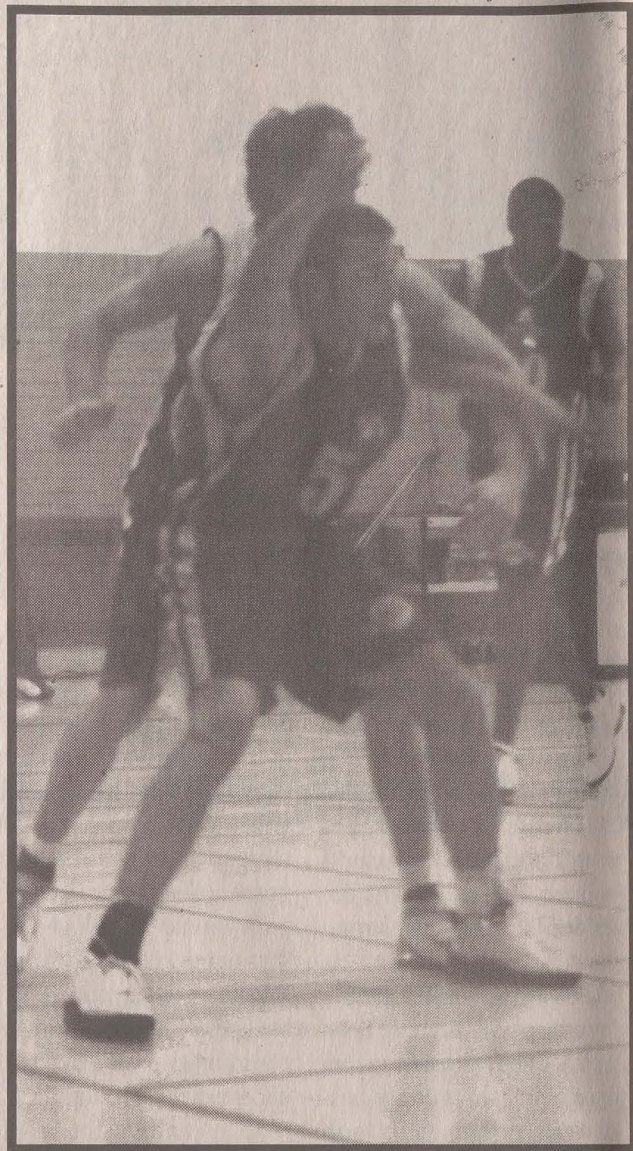
You don't beat a respected Texas A&M program—like Oklahoma did, 77-0—if you're not destined to win it all.

National Championship game prediction: Oklahoma 34, USC 21.

## ACC Men Open Season 2-2

Lumberjacks win opener impressively, 97-69, over Sault College

*Lumberjack File Photo*



ACC Center Shane Ison in a photo from last year. In the opening victory over Sault College, Ison scored 15 points. So far this season, Ison has averaged 9.7 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

**MELISA MUNSON**  
*Staff Writer*

The ACC Lumberjacks men's basketball team put the home court to good use in their home opener November 27, defeating the Sault Ste. Marie Cougars 97-69. Although the Cougars kept pace with the Lumberjacks, never falling too far behind, the team was not able to catch up with what looks to be a great all-around ACC team.

The game started with ACC taking control on the opening tip, giving Lance Edgerton an open shot. After a couple minutes, Eric Muszynski fouled a Soo player, allowing the Cougars to tie the game at two. With the game tied at 15, Jamaal Slappey nailed a three, putting the Lumberjacks up 18-15 with 12 minutes left in the half.

The score remained very close for the remainder of the first half, with Alpena taking a 34-32 lead into the half.

The Soo was able to stick right with the Lumberjacks to the start the second half, as a Cougar player was able to convert on a slam-dunk. Also, the Cougars were

aided by technical foul call on ACC.

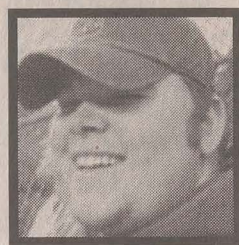
The Lumberjacks were able to score 30 points in the first 10 minutes of the half, but Sault College would not go down without a fight. But, two free throws by Sean Seivwright on a Soo technical foul put ACC up 15 with four minutes remaining, basically icing the game for the Lumberjacks.

Brent Wichtner led ACC with 28 points. Shane Ison added 15, while Seivwright had 14 and David Freeman chipped in with 13. Freeman also had nine rebounds.

Against Algoma on Saturday, November 8, ACC pulled out a 77-50 win. A 9-0 run by the Lumberjacks with seven minutes remaining in the first half broke the game open and gave the team the momentum to hang on and win. By halftime, ACC led 35-17.

Wichtner led the team once again, scoring 20 points. Ryan Amesbury scored 19.

ACC lost to Kalamazoo Valley CC 86-51 November 21, and narrowly dropped a game to Muskegon CC 78-70 November 22.



**DOMINICK MILLER**  
*Sports Editor*

I used to love watching the WWF, and especially Monday Night Raw. I would revolve my Mondays around it. It didn't matter what else was going on, or even if my beloved Bears were playing Monday Night Football. I would watch Raw.

I was in seventh grade when I began watching the show. It caught my attention. I didn't get fully addicted to it until I discovered it was cool to watch wrestling once I was in high school.

I watched it every night until the summer between sophomore and junior year. I then came to the conclusion that it was no longer good for me to watch (also, I had a girlfriend at the time who hated it, and that aided in my decision as well).

Well, out of pure curiosity (and the fact that the football game was absolutely horrible) I decided to take in an action packed episode of Monday Night Raw. Just like in my younger days.

The show started, and instead of waiting to see what happened first, I got confused. "What the heck is the 'WWE,'" I asked myself. I thought I was watching the wrong thing. After watching for a couple minutes, I noticed Stone Cold Steve Austin on the screen. He was somebody I remembered from my earlier wrestling watching. I needed some answers. I asked a friend on my MSN messenger if he knew what WWE was. After talking for a couple minutes, I discovered that the WWF and the WCW had merged, creating this super wrestling federation, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). Whatever the heck that means.

Well, finding out why it was called WWE was the most entertaining part of my evening. I don't know if I just outgrew it, or if this was a bad episode, but I was bored five minutes into it, and it didn't get better.

The acting is terrible, the story lines are old, and Steve Austin, one of their two most recognizable performers, just retired. "You'll never hear old Stone Cold say this, but I love the s\*\*t out of you guys (the fans)." He then cracked two beers open and poured most of it on his face, while the crowd cheered loudly for over a minute. The whole scene was so touching that I quickly turned the channel to check the football game.

## Kaye Happy to be Playing Basketball Once Again

*Photo by Dominick Miller*

**DOMINICK MILLER**  
*Sports Editor*

After playing basketball her junior year in high school, Karisa Kaye thought her basketball career was over. Playing college ball wasn't even on the radar.

It's not that Karisa didn't want to play basketball, or that she didn't have the talent. After playing on the Alpena High school varsity as a junior, she decided that she didn't want to play her senior year, and used her time elsewhere. It was the first year she hadn't played ball since the third grade.

After taking a year off from school, Karisa decided that she still wanted to play. She came to Alpena to try out, and hoped that she could walk onto the team. She was impressive.

"Bobby (Allen, ACC women's coach) talked to some people, and he thought if he could work with me, he could get me to the point he needed me to be at to help the team out," the outgoing 19-year old said.

Allen must have worked quickly, because Karisa became a starter right from the get-go. In her first action in almost two years, a scrimmage, Karisa said it

was intense. "It was a flash back to when I enjoyed playing basketball in high school.

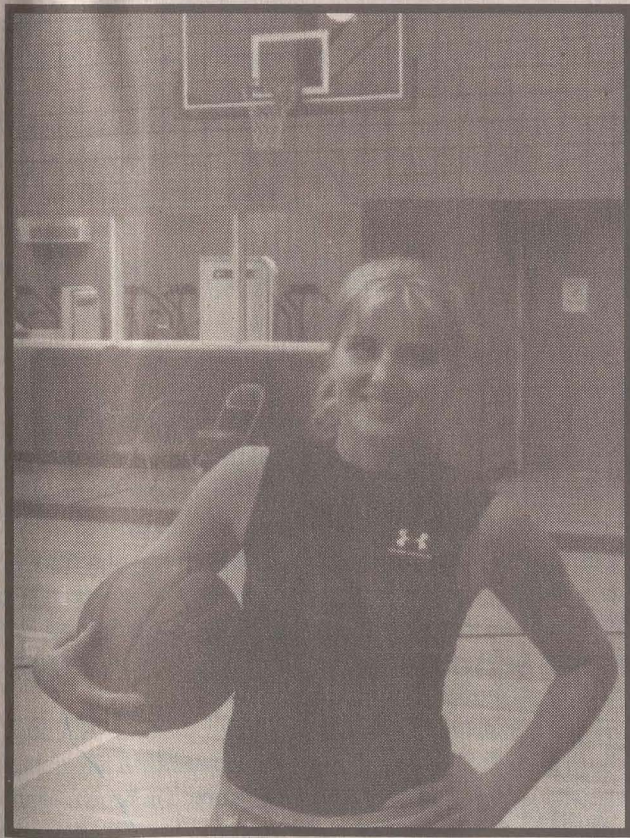
"I was looking at myself with a jersey on, and I thought to myself, 'how cool is this, I get to play basketball again'," she added.

Karisa did notice a major difference from high school ball to college ball. "It's hard. My ability kind of stopped at the end of my junior year (of high school) of basketball. Compared with these girls who have been playing, it's tough."

One aspect of being a Lady Lumberjack that Karisa enjoys is the bond with her teammates. "We are literally like sisters. We are that close. We love each other like sisters, and we fight with each other like sisters. You either bond or you're miserable."

Her coach is also enjoyable to work with. "Bobby is intense and awesome. He doesn't settle for anything. He expects the best out of us, and he believes in us."

While her team is 1-3 heading into December, she says that this team is surprising opponents. With the poor record of the Lumberjacks last season, many teams may have



Karisa Kaye poses for a photo after practice. Although she hasn't played competitive basketball in almost two years, Kaye tried out for and made the ACC women's basketball team.

thought that ACC would be an easy victory this season. "People think that we will be walked over. We may be small, but we don't play small. We're scrappy."

Karisa is loving the fact that she is playing hoops again. It's not where she thought she would be.

"It's a huge blessing. I can't even explain it."

While at ACC, Karisa is taking general courses, and is not quite sure what her major is. She does want to move onto another college when her time at ACC is up.

Duke University has always been a favorite of Karisa. After high school, Karisa entered a pre-college program there, and enjoyed it very much.



## ACC Question of the Month

By: Roni Allen and Chris Gilmore

### How will the basketball teams do?

"Good! The women's team will better than last year. The boys are starting off good."

-Kristy VanMassenhove



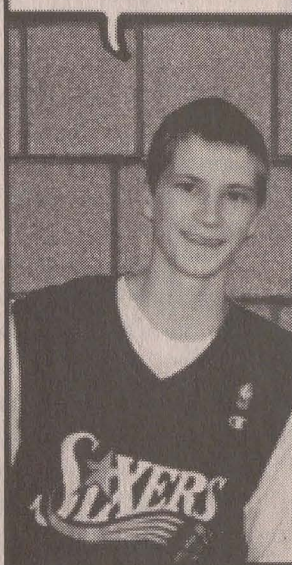
"I don't know. I've never been to a game, but I'm going to start going to watch the dance team."

-Heather Budnik



"I think the guys will be pretty good. I don't know much about the girls."

-Tim Henson



Do you have an idea for a question of the month? Drop off any ideas at the Lumberjack office or e-mail them to [acclumberjack@yahoo.com](mailto:acclumberjack@yahoo.com).

## ACC Basketball Information

The basketball teams are off until December 12 and 13, when they travel to Muskegon to take part in a tournament. The ACC women play Muskegon at 5:15 p.m. on December 12, and the men play at 7:30. There will be a finals match the following day.

On December 19, ACC will be hosting the two day Holiday Inn/Thunder Bay Classic.

On the first day, the Muskegon CC and Wayne County CC women's team will play at 2 p.m., followed by the Muskegon CC and Wayne County CC men at 4 p.m. The Delta CC and ACC women play at 6 p.m., while the Delta and ACC men play

at 8. There is a championship and a consolation game the following day.

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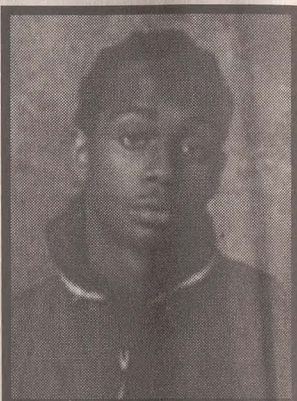
Through four games, here are the stats leaders for the basketball teams, thanks to coach Bobby Allen:

Angela Boutell is averaging 18 points a game, as well as eight rebounds and five steals. Megan VanSchoten is averaging 9.6 points and 11.3 boards, while Joni Ames is adding 10.6 points a game.

For the guys, Brett Wichtner is averaging 19.2 points and five rebounds per game. Sean Seivwright is averaging 11 points a game, while Shane Ison chips in 9.7 points and 5.5 rebounds per contest.

## Sean Seivwright: From Toronto to ACC

Photo Courtesy Sault College



Sean Seivwright has made the transfer from Sault College to ACC this season.

like the basket was bigger than normal," said the twenty-year old. "Everything I put up was going in. I was in the zone!" He tells how those kinds of games are the best feelings a player can ever experience. Plus, as an added bonus, his team won the game!

Sean has a lot of confidence in ACC's team this year because of the size, speed and

scorers. He thinks that if the team comes together and plays as one, they could go all the way to the finals. "I'll contribute to the team with my offense. I'm a pretty good scorer and a good passer. I believe I'm an alright defender, but it isn't my strong point."

Allen Iverson is his all time favorite player because Sean feels that he can relate to him in so many ways on the basketball court. Although Iverson is his favorite player, Sean still cheers on his home town Toronto Raptors. "Vince Carter is one of the top five players in the league," Sean mentioned.

After Alpena, Sean plans to attend a four-year university, either division one or division two, somewhere in Michigan or close to home. Sean plans on majoring in graphic design. He is a good drawer and

a very creative person, plus the need for graphic designers is expected to grow in the next couple years. In ten years, Sean sees himself either in the corporate work force working as a computer graphic designer or playing professional basketball overseas or in America. "I would love to coach a young boy's basketball team within my community for the needy or under privileged children."

Sean owes a lot to his mother, "Just seeing her as a single parent raising three young boy's and holding two jobs to support is inspiring."

So far this season, in helping ACC start the season 2-2, Sean has been one of ACC's most consistent scorers. Through four games, he is second on the team in scoring, averaging 11 points per contest. ACC is next in action December 12.

## ACC Women Showing Improvement Early On

DOMINICK MILLER  
Sports Editor

Although the ACC women's basketball team is off to a 1-3 start, it is not indicative of the type of effort the girls have put on the floor. The girls have played some excellent competition, and have made every team they have played work for their victory.

This season, the Lady Lumberjacks beat Algoma University College on the home floor 67-55. The team's three losses have been difficult. Playing against Kalamazoo Valley Community College, the fourth ranked team nationally in community colleges, ACC put up a battle but eventually lost 88-54. In another loss, against Muskegon, the 'Jacks put up a valiant battle, but ended up on the short side of the stick in a 59-55 defeat. In that game, Boutell scored 17 points, Megan VanSchoten netted 15, while Joni Ames had 14.

And in the opening game of

the season, against Sault College, the gals had many chances to pull out a victory, but the team eventually fell, 44-43, amid a flurry of last minute chances.

The team was playing without the services of VanSchoten and Ames, who have become reliable scorers.

Down 44-40, with under a minute and a half remaining in the game, Tia Brown canned a three to bring the Lumberjacks within one, 44-43. In the last 25 seconds, Alpena was able to steal the ball two times, but was unable to get a successful shot off before the buzzer sounded.

The game started off with Alpena taking an early lead on a Vanessa Wekwert three ball. Sault College, however, was able to go on a 16-5 run in the next 10 minutes, building a 16-9 lead. ACC would not give up that easily, though, and eventually cut the lead to three, 21-18, on a Boutell lay in with under a minute to go

in the first half. 21-18 was the eventual halftime score.

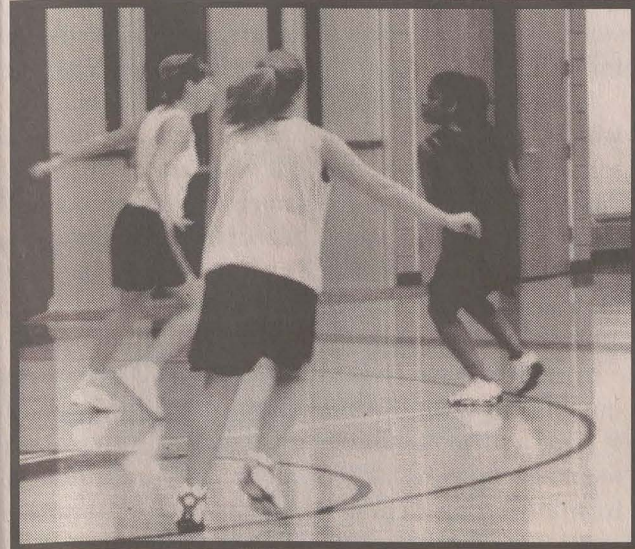
On seven points from Boutell and a free throw from Karisa Kaye, the lady 'Jacks were able to regain and take a three-point lead, 26-23, three minutes into the second half.

From that point on, the game seesawed, with eight lead changes in the next 13 minutes. With 3:28 showing

on the clock, ACC was still holding a slim 40-39 lead, but it would be the last lead the girls would have. Sault College was able to put together five quick points, taking a 40-39 lead, which set up the last minute frenzy.

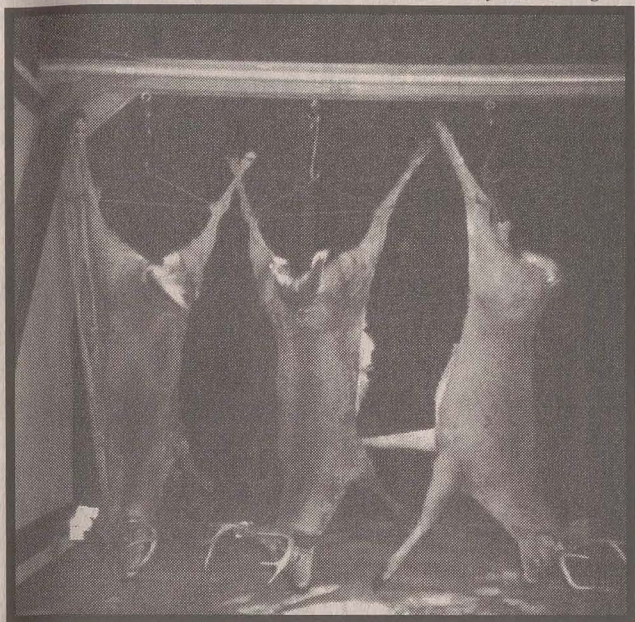
For the game, Boutell led ACC with 19 points. Wekwert, Kaye, Brown and Kim Wagner all had five points apiece.

Lumberjack File Photo



Tia Brown (right) wards off two defenders during a practice. Brown, one of the starting guards, and her team have been noted in the early part of the season for their scrappy and tough play.

Photo Courtesy Chris Engle



Above are three nice bucks taken on opening day and hanging at Bob's Gun Shop. Your outdoor photo could be here too! If you have any outdoors related photos, and would like it featured in this space, drop the photo off at the Lumberjack office, or e-mail the photo to [acclumberjack@yahoo.com](mailto:acclumberjack@yahoo.com).

## Alpena Outdoors with Chris Engle

**Rifle Deer Season:** November 15<sup>th</sup> started off this year just like it usually does with the sound of a war zone ringing through the woods. The deer were on the move and the hunters were plentiful for the opening day of rifle deer season, 2003. The snow the area received just before the opener allowed hunters to track their wounded deer with ease. Bob's Gun Shop on M-32 had several nice bucks swinging from the pole that evening (see photo) and many hunters were making their drive back south with their kill strapped to the roof of their cars or in the back of their pickups. Hunters reported seeing high numbers of young bucks as well as does. Several hunters were taking the first decent buck they saw, especially if they were hunting state land. Congratulations to all you hunters who filled your tags this year! For those who didn't, better luck next year.

**Whitefish On the Bite:**

The whitefish are back again for their annual deer season run. Fish can be caught down the entire river from the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Dam to the mouth. Island Mill, located behind the Boys and Girls Club, and the boardwalk are good spots to float-fish wigglers. Use a #6 or #8 size single hook, or smaller if you use treble hooks. Also, use a float just big enough to support your bait. Whitefish bite very softly and a smaller float will detect it easier. Cast upwind and let your bait drift down the current. If your bait suddenly stops drifting, set the hook. If you fish from the bridge or by the dam, use a 3-way rig with a sinker, #6 or #8 hook, and real or rubber spawn. Use a light sinker at the dam, but a heavy one off the bridge. Keep tension on the line to help you detect the bite better. Stick out the cold! The delicious meat of the whitefish is well worth the weather of early December.

**Cold Steelies:** Fishing the river below 9<sup>th</sup> Street Dam also provides excellent steelheading this time of year. Casting gold and silver spinners or Pixie spoons is a productive method of hooking steelies, but throwing a 3-way rig with a light sinker and real or artificial spawn will increase your chances of catching a whitefish or two. Check your drag before making that first cast. Steelies are hard fighters and will give you a run for your money. It's best to have your drag at a medium setting to ensure a good hook set but also to wear them down before bringing 'em in.



## Alpena Shooting: A Town's Outrage

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Staff Writer

**"Shock, surprise, and outrage were the words of the day."**

The recent drive-by shootings are big news. I remember that night not for the actual event, but instead for the way that the townspeople of Alpena reacted to it.

I've lived in places where everyone acts like drive-bys are so commonplace that nobody even so much as bats an eyelash to them. Nobody reacts because everybody

has become used to them.

And a couple weeks ago, Alpena had its very own drive-by shooting. Within minutes, people were frantically calling their friends and family, making sure they were okay and, more importantly, had heard the news. Shock, surprise, and outrage were the words of the day.

And that's just the way I like it. I like being in a place that still reacts to such incidents. I like being back in a town that is not constantly racked with violence, and therefore hasn't developed a calloused, apathetic attitude.

Despite the ego that some of Alpena's residents have now developed, it is still

remains a relatively small town.

A lot of people don't know how lucky they are to reside in such a small town.

It seems that only after going out into the world, and seeing it for all of its harsh, unyielding reality, can you come back and realize that living in such a small, safe town isn't as bad as you previously considered

it to be.

But now, unfortunately, times are changing. Alpena now faces bigger and badder problems each year, such as the ever-growing heroin, cocaine, and pill problem, and the more outrageous acts of violence popping up all the more frequently here in Alpena.

While we may not be as large as other towns geographically, we are no longer the small and quaint town that we once were, and the sooner that we realize this and stop ignoring of all the problems affecting our town the better.

I believe that Iron Maiden said it best in their song Age of Innocence: "The age of innocence is fading...like an old dream."

## Virtual Reality: What is on your TV?

JESSICA MILLER  
Staff Writer

Picture this. You get done with your homework early. You decide to see what's on TV. You sit back in the best seat in the house, and press the 'on' button with your handy remote. *Survivor*. You flip the channel. *Fear Factor*. You flip the channel. *The Bachelor*. *Joe Millionaire*. *Trading Spaces*. *Queer Eye For The Straight Guy*.

These shows have 2 things in common: 1.) They are all based on so-called 'real life' (we'll get into that later) and 2.) They are the only thing on TV!

Reality TV has been around for a long time with shows like *The Gong Show* and *Candid Camera*, and then *America's Funniest Home Videos*, but Reality Television didn't get out of hand until a few years ago when *Survivor* came out. They took a group of people and threw them on an island to fend for themselves. The last survivor received a million dollars. The show created a reality frenzy. All a sudden reality TV started popping up everywhere. Today you'll see shows like *Temptation Island*, *Big Brother*, *The Amazing Race*, *The Osbournes*, *Jackass*, *American Idol*, *Star Search*, *Meet My Folks*, *Blind Date*, *Change of Heart*, *Monster Garage*, *Orange County Choppers*, *Extreme Makeover*, *Eliminate*, *The*

*Bachelorette*, and *Are You Hot?*. Just to name a few. There are still reality shows coming out as we speak. Reality TV may even be taking over some channels. MTV has shows such as *Punk'd*, *Viva La Bam*, *Wild Boys*, *Jackass*, *One Bad Trip*, *Sorority Life*, *Fraternity Life*, *Rich Girls*, *Room Raiders*, *Dismissed*, *Road Rules*, *Real World*, and that's just off the top of my head. That's 12 reality shows on one channel! It makes me wonder if MTV has room to fit some music in their line up.

Some reality shows are fairly true, but for the most part I think you all know just how real reality is. I mean ladies, would you ever fight with 20 other girls over one man...ok *maybe* you would, but would you stand by while he kisses each one of them? (*The Bachelor*) Guys, do you think it's normal to run into your mom at your bachelor party? (*One Bad Trip*). I hope not!

I'm not saying that I don't watch reality TV. In fact, my favorite show is *Survivor*. I like to see people try to make it through the day with nothing to eat, with insect bites all over their bodies, sleeping on hard wood, getting pinched by crabs in the middle of the night. Call me cruel, but it really draws me in. This may be the reason why most people watch reality TV. People have a desire to see disaster (as long as it isn't happening to them or anyone

that they know). You know what I'm talking about. You see someone on *Fear Factor* eating worms, and you say, *Boy, I'm glad that's not me!* Yet you continue to watch this disgusting array of barbarism. *What will they have to do next!?* The attraction, though sad, is real.

Though I admit to this sad addiction, I really don't want to be interested in such low intellectual shows. It's a waste of valuable time. *Survivor* just may turn my brain into mush. TV used to be about learning, and harmless entertainment. Television shows used to have morals. Today's shows make our society look bad. I mean *Jackass* doesn't exactly show America's brightest side of television. On the other hand, those of us who continue to watch the shows are the ones who have always kept the insane asylum going.

So what exactly is our world of television coming to? Reality television has taught us that it's ok to marry someone that you don't know, and that jumping off a diving board with stilts on is fun. Deceit is ok, and running around naked is accepted. I say that TV should leave the 'real living' to us and stick to the good 'ole fictional stuff.

## Driving While Drowsy: The New Danger

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How would you like to be pulled over by your local police officer and be issued a \$200 ticket for careless driving for perceived driving while drowsy?

This could be happening in the near future. New Jersey recently passed its "Maggie's Law" which makes it illegal to knowingly drive a vehicle while impaired from a lack of sleep.

Maggie's Law originated in 1997, from a traffic crash in which 20-year-old Maggie McDonald was killed when a driver crossed three lanes of traffic and hit her car head on. The driver admitted he had been awake for 30 hours before the accident, and had also been using drugs. In the trial that followed, there was a hung jury and no conviction came from it. At the second trial, the defense stated that New Jersey had no law in the books that stated being asleep at the wheel was a crime. The man received a suspended jail sentence and a two hundred dollar fine.

Maggie's Law was created to combat fatalities while

driving under sleep deprivation. If convicted of an accident where sleep deprivation is a determining factor, the convicted person could receive up to ten years in prison and a hundred thousand dollar fine. For the lesser charge, you can be fined two hundred dollars and receive two points on your driving record for careless driving.

So how would you like to be pulled over while heading to school for being a little tired? You have to go to class and simply you did not get enough rest because you were up half the night writing that essay that was due the next day. While driving along you see the familiar flashing of your local law enforcement coming up quickly from behind. They think you're tired, write you a ticket, and send you on your merry way. Is this right?

So far this law is only in place in New Jersey, but other States can quickly pick up on these laws and form their own versions for their respective States. New York and other States are currently considering their own versions of this law.

When States start making laws that affect freedoms of individuals, people begin to feel as if their toes are being stepped on. This causes resistance and the law seems to be disliked and unwanted.

This could be the problem if the officers trying to do their job begin to abuse their power. They feel they are working to keep the roads safe from drowsy drivers and the people are just trying to get on with their lives no matter what.

If we are tired we still have to go to work, we can't simply go back to sleep to get the rest that might be needed to help us to function properly. We have to pull ourselves together and get ready to make it to the places we need to be and to do the things we need to do.

In the end, state officials have to do what feel that they need to do to make the roads safe. We, on the other hand, have responsibilities that still need to be taken care of no matter how tired we are. Hopefully Maggie's Law can make the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians without making those just trying to survive suffer.

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## Buffy Raises Stakes in *Chaos Bleeds*

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Though the series is now cancelled, Buffy Summers lives on in the form of her new game *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Chaos Bleeds*.

Unlike its predecessor, which was available only on the Xbox console, this time players are able to play as most of the characters found on the series. Which adds a bit of variation from the original game.

There is something to be said about dusting a vamp from the privacy of your own living room that makes this game worthy of at least a rental.

The levels are nicely designed and add a touch of nostalgia as you move from the Magic Shop and across downtown Sunnydale.

The environments are textured and you really get a feel for what is happening onscreen.

For some, though, it may create a tinge of remorse once they remember that the entire town is now a smoking hole in the ground.

The plot, the Scooby gang used as an evil demon's playthings, flows nicely which separates this game from most "beat 'em up" titles. As you complete a level another extra is unlocked which I consider to be a very nice touch. The extras add to the game, though cast photos, interviews, and outtakes from the voice recordings.

Another nice touch is the multiplayer mode in which you can fight with your friends as many of the Buffy characters. The characters from the show lend their voices to the game,

with the notable exception of Buffy.

Her replacement, however, does capture the innocent sarcasm and morbid that Buffy conveyed through the first few seasons which is the timeframe in which this game is based.

Unfortunately the save system leaves a lot to be desired because you need to beat a level in order to save, which I found out after quitting and trying to return to my previously saved version.

And now the bad news, the catch phrases that were considered to be "quirky" at the beginning become downright tiresome as you progress from level to level.

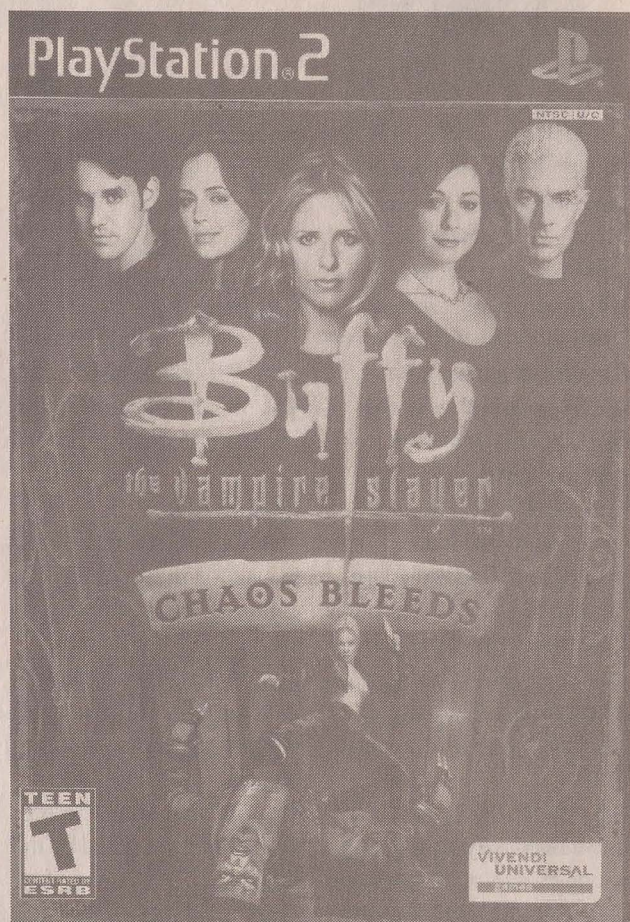
Willow's reaction to Dracula wannabes "you vant and now you aren't" becomes less and less clever

as the game progresses.

Also mildly annoying is the fact that you are forced to play with specific characters during certain parts of the game. For those who have their favorite character, it becomes annoying to have to deal with other characters that may not play as well (such as Xander and Sid the Dummy, who can't jump as high or move as fast as the others).

Overall, I consider this game to be a great stocking stuffer for those who were a fan of the series and missed the opportunity to play the first Buffy game.

However, I will not give this game a perfect score because of the irritating comment repetition and the fact that I wasn't allowed to choose which character I wished to play throughout the game. 4 stars out of 5.



## Rise of the Machines Falls Short of Predecessors

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While not up to the level of the previous Terminator movies, Jonathan Mostow's *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines* is still an action-packed good watch.

Picking up ten years after the events in *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, we see a drifting John Connor (Nick Stahl) alone and haunted by dreams of a future he thought he'd prevented. A motorcycle accident prompts him to break into a veterinarian's office, where he meets vet assistant Katherine Brewster (Claire Danes). Their meeting is interrupted by, surprise, a Terminator (Kristanna Loken) sent back

in time. They are saved by a second Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger), and are barely able to escape. Now hunted by a stronger, faster, and much more lethal T-X Terminator, Connor must find out why the future wasn't changed, how to stop the unstoppable new Terminatrix, and most importantly, how to prevent a Judgment Day that is only hours away.

The story, while adequate, is not up to the weaving tales found in the first two movies. The big surprise ending is fairly easy to guess early on, and much like *The Matrix* movies, the plot is in the title. Unfortunately, the emotional impact and surprising depth of both T1 and T2 have been replaced with visual effects

galore. Take those away, and there's really not much there.

The movie shines in its visual effects, however, giving us very believable fight scenes between the superhuman Terminator, glimpses of the Future War, and just about everything else we would expect from a Terminator movie armed with today's film technology. But while these effects are very good (the car chase near the beginning gives *The Matrix Reloaded* car chase a run for its money), they just can't replace what was lost.

Strangely enough, the familiar thundering Terminator theme is almost completely absent from T3.

The only real throwback from the first two movies is the T-X's theme, which is a revamped version of the T-100's. Aside from that, the music is adequate, and mostly forgettable.

The characters are well done, however. While Schwarzenegger takes center stage in the credits, it is Nick Stahl who shines.

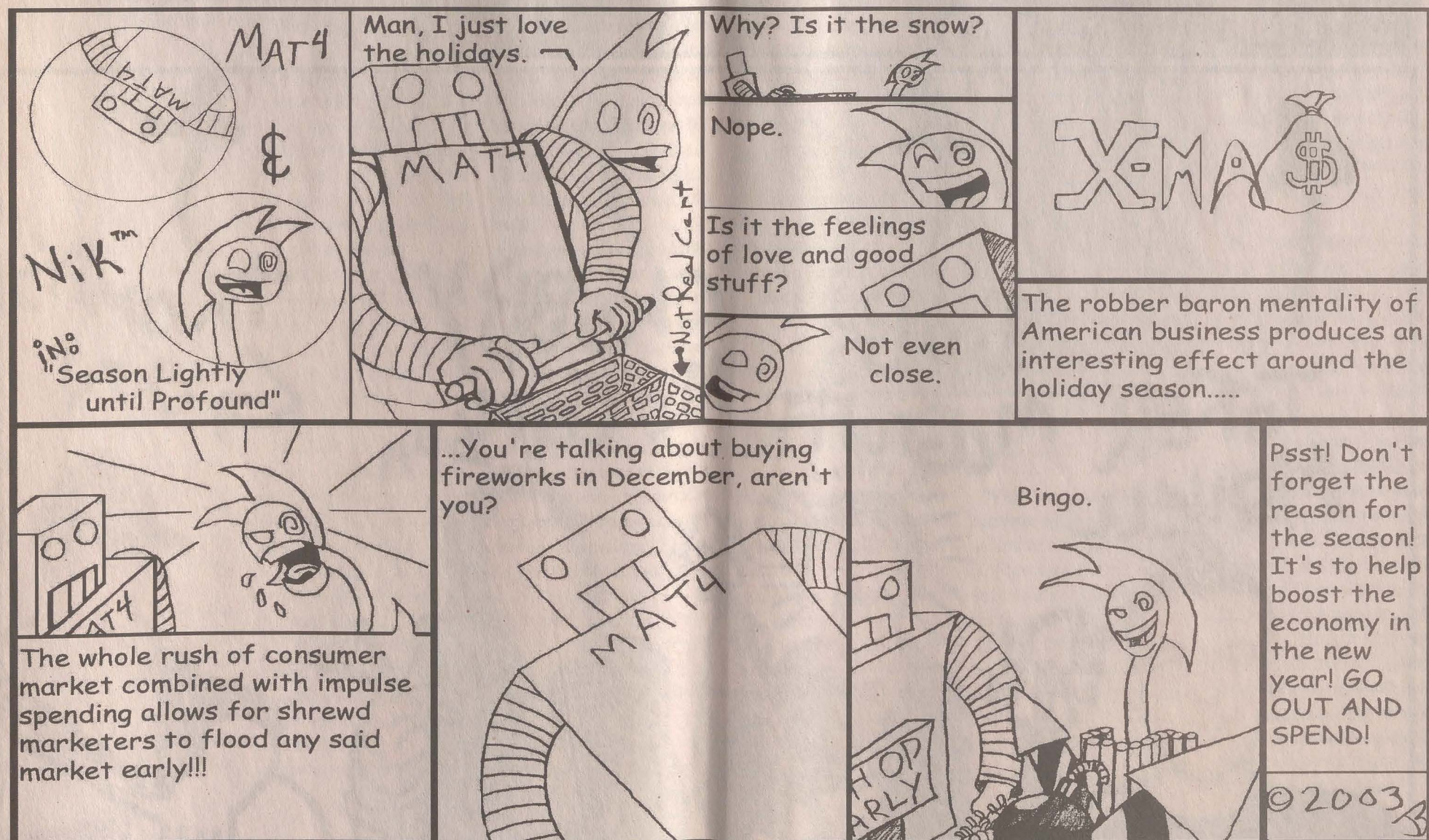
You can really believe that this is a haunted man who has faced too much tragedy for such a short life, and is forced to bear a burden that would easily crush many others. Kristanna Loken also plays her part extremely well, giving the stone faced new Terminator an nearly unflappable, very much unstoppable attitude. Claire

Danes is probably the weakest cast-wise, only because her character spends much of the movie running around and screaming. Schwarzenegger plays the T-850 Terminator as only he can, despite one too many Hollywood-ish catch phrases. Even the pitifully bad second, "Talk to the hand!" scene can't detract from Schwarzenegger's performance.

The DVD special features consists of a few documentaries, two movie commentaries, a gag reel, movie and game trailers, visual effects lab, new footage, and several featurettes about the T3 toys, the game tie-in, and links to T3 websites. While

comprehensive, the special features aren't much more than standard, and aside from the new footage and visual effects lab, there's really not a lot of especially interesting stuff.

In the end, *Rise of the Machines* is a shell of a Terminator movie. It has all the flash, but none of the substance. Its only real purpose is to give an excuse to make the next film in the series, this one about the Future War. It suffers heavily from Hollywood's ever present crap-o-vision filter, which greatly cheapens the franchise. And while T3 may be an above average, and even good, action flick, it is still a mediocre Terminator movie. 3 stars out of 5.





## The Hubies: Making Mayhem, Music, and Merry

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Local band The Hubies have persisted despite the dying Alpena music scene.

The scene peaked at the beginning of this summer, with shows at the Thunder Bay Recreational Center pulling in more than 400 people, and core bands such as Robbery in Progress, In for the Kill, After Autumn, and Smalltown Tragedy going strong.

But since that time, bands have split up for all kinds of reasons, and the fledgling Alpena scene has faltered badly.

Enter The Hubies, who have been playing together since March of this year. 21-year-old Rob "Tommy Gun" Bruce, on guitar, and 19-year-old Adam "Chubby McCarlson"

Neumann, on drums, are the founding members, and had played in several local bands, including Robbery in Progress together. When Shawn "Bubs McGruff" Shafto, 21, moved up from Lansing, he was invited to join as bassist. 17-year-old Chris "Tofer MQuell" Ewell, also on guitars, joined in May after having met Adam while both were working at McDonald's.

They played their first show in Oscoda in April, and had to literally storm the stage in order to play. After they were denied time to play by local band No Left Turn, The Hubies rushed the stage and began to play. They got through three songs before they were unplugged by the promoter.

They played a total of five shows before Tofer was invited in, on the condition that he could learn all the

Hubies' songs in one week. He did, and in July they recorded their first album, "Dead Men Talking."

They have been playing constantly almost every weekend since July. But it has gotten harder and harder for them to play in Alpena. "Basically it's because of lack of support from parents, and lack of respect from the kids for the people that put in all the time and effort and host the shows," Rob said.

But The Hubies are dead set on continuing, and doing what they can all the while. They constantly advertise on their website, hand out flyers, use word-of-mouth, whatever they can do to help promote a show.

Already fairly well known throughout Northern Michigan, they plan to spread their sound down in the Southern Michigan, and

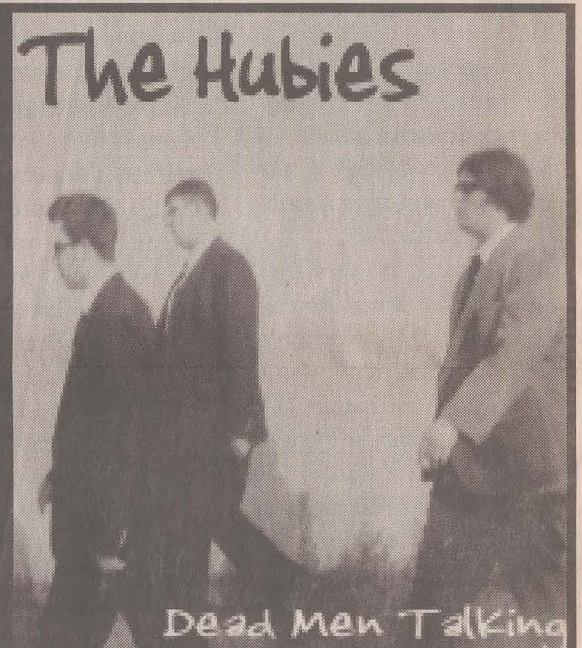


then begin introducing it to bordering states. "It's gonna be a slow crawl," Sean explained.

The Hubies sound is deeply rooted in punk, with a mix of classic rockabilly, hardcore, and even heavy metal.

They have finished recording an eleven song full length CD, *Dead Men Talking*. They can be found around midnight at Dunkin' Donuts of Alpena, and can be contacted through their website: <http://www.thehubies.com>.

For your local band to be featured contact us here at the Lumberjack at [ACCLumberjack@yahoo.com](mailto:ACCLumberjack@yahoo.com) and we'll be glad to make arrangements to try and have you featured.



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