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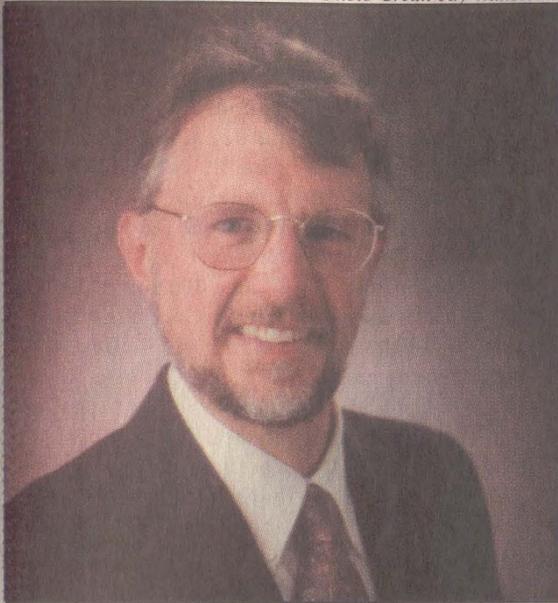
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ACC Welcomes New President

Photo Credit Jay Walterreit



ACC's new president, Dr. Olin Joynton, comes to Alpena from Spring, Texas. Dr. Joynton has held the position of President since January 1, 2004. Welcome, Dr. Joynton!

ASHLEY WEDGE
Staff Writer

Dr. Olin H. Joynton has officially held the title, President of Alpena Community College, since January 1, 2004. As president of ACC, he is responsible for the success of Alpena Community College and giving the students the right environment for them to succeed with their own specific responsibilities.

"I don't teach a class but I can provide the right environment for the students in the class to reach their highest potential," Dr. Joynton said.

"This position was the next step in my career," he said. He said that he liked the fact

that Alpena is a community with a good college that is in good shape and has support from the community. He also likes living in the northern part of the country, which is a stark contrast from the southern climate of Texas.

Before moving to Alpena, Dr. Joynton and his family lived in Spring, Texas, an area due north of Houston. He was Vice President of Educational Programs at Montgomery College. Dr. Joynton is married and his daughter is currently enrolled in classes at Alpena Community College.

Dr. Joynton loves his job. He said that he likes the fact that he can "dream big" at ACC. There's a big picture and in order to reach the big

picture, many small parts have to be successful. He said that he has many tools at his fingertips which he can use to help college and community prosper.

Dr. Joynton is working on many plans, one of the biggest being the Career campaign. This is a 1.6 million dollar campaign and Alpena Community College is almost at 1.2 million dollars right now.

With the money from this campaign, Alpena Community College will be able to construct new biology, chemistry and computer labs as well as a new building for the students enrolled in the arts program. Currently, the students in the art program attend their art

classes at the old Catholic Central building down the street from ACC's main campus. If Alpena Community College, with the help of the community, can reach the goal of 1.6 million dollars, the state will fund the remaining half and students of Alpena Community College will see new labs and a new building.

A second plan is to offer more programs at Alpena Community College so more students are ready for the real work world.

Dr. Joynton said he is off a good start. He would like to give "many thanks to those that have given me the confidence to take Alpena Community College to the next level."

Spotlight Shines on Alpena

JENNIFER KENDZORSKI
Staff Writer

Each year, the Spotlight Series at Alpena Community College brings performers to the Robert and Jacquelyn Granum Theatre. Of the five performances scheduled for this year, two remain: the Jeff Haas Trio and Conga Se Menne.

The Jeff Haas Trio will perform on March 9th along with the Alpena Community College Jazz Ensemble. The group comes from Traverse City and consists of Jeff at piano, Chuck Hall, bassist, and Alex Trajano on the drums. They play a variety of music from Gershwin and Ellington to Miles and Monk. Also in 1996 the group had a national release that was voted top jazz recording.

Then the fifth performance for the year will be Conga Se Menne on May 1st. This group is from Marquette and is the only Finnish reggae band in America. Their music style ranges from haunting waltzes and rockin' schottisches to melancholy love songs and uptempo

polkas.

The other performances that were at ACC this school year were Mark Nizer who is a world-class juggler. He came to Alpena from Washington, D.C. in September. Mark Nizer's performance is one of the most popular theatrical events in the entertainment world today. Then in December, The Chenille Sisters came from Ann Arbor to grace us with their harmony. Then finally the most recent event was Rich Ridenour from Kalamazoo in January. He is a great pianist and ranges in concert styles from classics to ragtime to jazz to rock n' roll.

The person in charge of the Spotlight Series is Florence Stibitz. She stated the whole purpose of the Spotlight Series was developed because the Granum Theatre was built. Since they had a theatre, what better way to use it by having great performers come here and show us their talents and bring the students together with the community. When

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ACC Nursing Trailblazer Retires

DOMINICK MILLER
Sports Editor

When the doors open at Alpena Community College in the fall of 2004, one familiar face will be missing. Judy Beyer, who has been at the college since the start of the nursing program in 1971, is retiring after 32 years on the job.

Beyer moved to Alpena with her husband Duane, and came to the college in 1972, to meet with Frank McCourt, and acquaintance she knew.

The two started talking about the new nursing program that was going to be added that fall. Beyer found that she met all of the qualifications, and received an interview.

She was hired, and one of the main reasons was the experience she had before interviewing for the job.

Beyer started her schooling at the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. Since then she has received a bachelor degree from the University of Michigan, finished her graduate work at

Northern Michigan University, and has received an associate degree from Alpena Community College in science.

On top of the college experience, Beyer started working in a hospital as a nurse aid in North Dakota at the age of 16. While she was in nursing school at Methodist-Kahler, she had the opportunity to work as a practical nurse in a 26-bed hospital in Ashley, North Carolina. Beyer worked as a practical nurse at Olmstead Community Hospital, was a scrub nurse at Rochester Methodist Hospital, moved to Denver where she worked OB at General Rose Medical Hospital, and worked for several months at Alpena General Hospital.

"All of those places provided me with a great background for the things I ended up teaching," Beyer said.

When she was hired, she was one of two full time faculty members in the entire nursing program here at ACC.

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Tom Ray Returns to China

JENNIFER KENDZORSKI
Staff Writer

ACC instructor Tom Ray left for China on May 12, 2003, and arrived during the height of the SARS epidemic. Although his reason for going was to teach at Beijing Union University a Spoken and Written English class, he found time to do some exploring.

When he first arrived in China when all the commotion of the SARS epidemic started, he was told to stay in his dorm because of it. That did not set well with him, and it took him two days to convince the people that he could take care of himself. He said he would risk SARS because he didn't travel that many miles to sit in a dorm all day. It didn't interest him to look at four walls, he wanted to get out and explore.

With SARS being in China, the city of Beijing had cops at all check points making sure nobody left. This went on for about three weeks

until they let people go through, as long as they checked everybody's temperature and no one had a fever. In the meantime, everyday Mr. Ray had to check his body temperature and record it for Mrs. Chen, the Director of International Affairs, so that if he got SARS he could be checked over by physicians immediately.

Ray stated that what we saw on the media with SARS wasn't as bad as it was portrayed. Yes, it is a serious illness, but more people die from the flu in a year. The whole SARS disease was all media hype. The people in China still had a sense of humor while the SARS disease was there, even though the restaurants and businesses were closed.

Then as the SARS epidemic slowed down, the Universities reopened and Ray starting teaching, and continued to explore. He went to Northern China's Inner Mongolia where he rode horses along the trail. He then went to Southern China's Kunming, which is the capital of Yunnan.

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Fundraising Underway for *Pathways to the Future* Project

GLENN LENARD
Staff Writer

Alpena Community College's Board of Trustees has recently decided on expanding the campus. This new project is called Pathways to the Future, and includes two major paths: Laboratories for the Future, and Arts Alive at ACC.

Under the Laboratories for the Future section, there are three sub categories. The Natural and Biological Science Laboratories, Telecommunication Technology Laboratories, and Computer Technology Laboratories. With today's growing need for technology, the Board of Trustees finds that each of these areas is needed to help improve ACC.

As you may already know, ACC's science labs are located on the first and second floors of the Natural Resources Center, which was built in 1972.

Improvement through renovation in the Natural and Biological Science Laboratories, is essential to meet the needs of the students at ACC. New technology is available for our students and faculty, plus new furnishings and equipment will be incorporated into the lab spaces to offer students the best services possible to achieve their academic goals.

As Telecommunication providers are expanding their networks to respond to customer's needs and demands, Telecommunications is becoming one of the more rapidly changing industries in the economy, making training and understanding of this technology more and more important to local and regional industry. Once this area is complete, Alpena Community College will be the only college in Michigan to offer a two-year Associate Degree in

Applied Science of Telecommunication. This Degree will be offering both Technician-Outside and Inside Plant Operations. The new classes will be located in the Besser Technical Center where approximately 6,000 square feet of existing space will be renovated. This will develop into five indoor instructional laboratories for the new program.

Finding ways to incorporate Computer Technology is the key. Computers are becoming teaching tools in the classes such as Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Humanities, Fine Arts, Health Sciences and Industrial Technology, English and so on. The goal is to upgrade, centralize, and expand the ACC's computer laboratories. The college will renovate existing space within the Besser Technical Center and add 4,000 square feet with three 900 square foot computer laboratories, each of which

will have 26 personal computer stations, a centralized printer station and a projection system.

Currently, Alpena Community College's Fine Arts program is located about one mile down the road at East Campus. Before it became home to ACC's Fine Arts programs, the building held Alpena Catholic Central High, and then Central Junior High. The East Campus building is 50+ years old and presently inadequate due to mechanical limitations and handicapped accessibility issues. Providing adequate space for ACC's vibrant arts program would require extensive renovation to the building.

Alpena Community College's Board of Trustees have determined that it would be best to relocate the fine arts program to Alpena Community College's main campus in the former Graphic Arts Building.

Renovation and expansion of the Graphic Arts Building is required to provide various art courses here at Alpena Community College. This new 12,000 square foot Fine Arts facility will include: Sculpture studio, Drawing and painting studio, Design studio, Ceramics studio (with an accompanying kiln room, glazing area and appropriate storage areas), Photography studio (with darkroom, film processing areas and portrait studio), Visual imaging and other Art education.

Alpena Community College puts on two well known and well attended art shows each year, which attracts numerous people from all over. Improving the student's work area will help more students become successful in the Art field. Some places that ACC fine arts students have received scholarships to are; The Art Institute of Chicago, Center for Creative Studies, Kendall School of Design, Michigan State

University, Western Michigan University and Northern Michigan University.

Fundraising for the Pathways campaign began January 7, 2003. To date, 85% of Alpena Community College faculty and staff members have pledged financial support to the Pathways campaign, for a total of \$46,000. This amount will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000 by a generous personal pledge from recently retired Alpena Community College president Dr. Donald L. Newport.

The Pathways to the Future Campaign funds raised is currently \$715,000. The total completion cost will be around \$3,500,000. If you wish to donate, or have questions contact about the fundraising Executive Director Penny Boldrey at 358-7297.

Tai Chi Instructor Brings Unique Opportunity to the Community

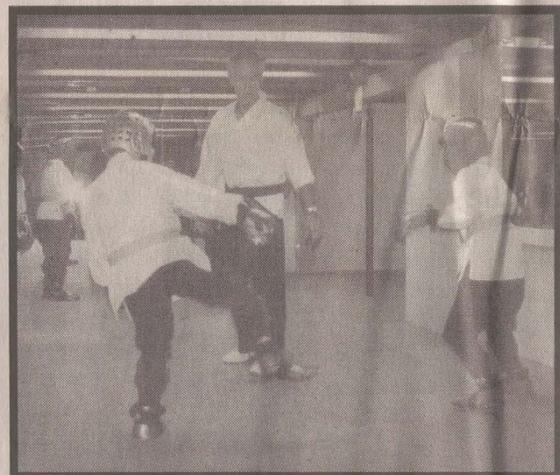
CONNIE IRLAND
Managing Editor

ACC Instructor Alan LaCross is teaching what he loves.

He received his first black belt in Japanese style Shoto Kan in 1964. He never advanced any higher in Shoto Kan because at the time he was a traveling musician. During his years with the band his interest in martial arts continued and he. He worked out where ever he could and gained experience in many forms of martial arts during his travels.

Then he took up Tang Soo Do, or "Way of the Chinese Hand," where he quickly advanced to a fourth degree black belt in 1973. Since then he has been teaching, and for the passed 20 years he has been certifying students through his own certification. This certification is recognized through the Asian American Fighting Federation. He holds a high standard for quality rather than variety.

He teaches Chi Kung to his Life Long Learners class of about 25 students. Chi Kung is a more of a holistic homeo-



Alan LaCross teaches sparring techniques to some of his young karate students. Classes are held in a studio inside LaCross's home.

pathic discipline something he taught at several hospitals while living in Nashville. LaCross said, "I was actually in on the ground floor of St. Thomas Hospital for their Integrated Medicine Center." There he taught Chi Kung and Tai Chi. Research is beginning to show the medical benefits to Tai Chi and Chi Kung. Some of these are lower blood pressure, heart rate, reduced stress, and strengthening the immune system as well as many other benefits. LaCross also said that a test group of seniors taking Tai Chi had 50% fewer

balance related accidents.

LaCross also expressed an interest in teaching advanced level classes as well as summer classes. Those who are interested in these possibilities should e-mail: acclumberjack@yahoo.com and we will pass on the information.

LaCross also teaches a variety of classes in a studio at his home. Some of these include Kickboxers' Workout Karate/Self-Defense, and Self-Defense Training. He offers these classes to college students at a reduced rate. For more information call: 354-5852.

ACC Student's Home Bombed

MATT GIBBONS
Staff Writer

January 7, 2004 Alpena tops the board for Crimestoppers when the home of an ACC student was firebombed.

Around 2:20 a.m. on New Years Eve, an unknown subject or subjects firebombed the house of a resident living on Tawas street in the 400block of Alpena. The bomb proceeded to set the house on fire, with a resident of the house receiving burns on his chest and on one of his arm, while putting out the fire. The resident was then brought to Alpena General Hospital where he was treated and released.

According to a statement from the Alpena Police Department, they are treating the incident as a "deliberate act." The Alpena Police Department is "taking this crime very seriously, with potential of additional property damage, personal injury or death being very high."

Anyone with information about is asked to contact the Alpena Police Department or Crimestoppers at 800-422-JAIL. There is a \$1000 dollar reward for information leading to an arrest.

Judy Beyer Retirement

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As her time draws to a close at ACC, Beyer reflected on what one of her favorite parts of being at ACC. "I like the challenge of taking totally green people, and watching them struggle and then grow and develop into functioning nurses. That is one of the biggest rewards."

The thing she will miss the least? "Grading papers!" Beyer says with a laugh.

On top of taking the trip into the northeast upon retirement, Beyer plans to a lot more traveling. Along with her husband, she plans on traveling to China (hopefully this month), Mexico, and possibly a tour of Europe. "We would like to see as much as we can," Beyer notes.

Traveling is in Beyer's blood. Born to an Army sergeant, Beyer lived in many different areas in the United States. She even lived in Okinawa for a year

and a half.

In fact, when school starts in the fall of 2004, Beyer will be traveling in the northeastern part of the United States. There is a reason she will be traveling at that time of the years.

"It will probably be a bit of a let down (not being there for the start of the school year)," Beyer said. "All of a sudden I'll be done. That's why I'll travel when school starts."

Also, in her free time, Beyer hopes to get back to some of her favorite hobbies: sewing, crafts and arranging flowers.

It is still bittersweet for Beyer as she finishes her last couple of months at ACC. "I came in at the beginning of the program, and I see a lot of myself in the different programs we have now," said Beyer.

Beyer has touched the lives of many students hoping to make a difference in the world.

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Spotlight Series

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 started with smaller bands and now they are into the more high quality performances. When Florence was asked if there were any repeat performers, she answered, "No. She would like to keep asking different groups because there are so many out there, and if they ever did a repeat performance it wouldn't be for a long time."

To see these remaining performances, tickets can be purchased at the ACC Bookstore and prices are usually \$12 for adults and \$7 for students.

Students can also pick up brochures on the ACC Spotlight Series around the campus for a ticket order form.

There are a limited amount of

free tickets available for ACC students. These can be found in The Learning Center, but remember only a limited amount per performance, so if interested go pick up your tickets to enjoy these two great performances left for the Spotlight Series.

Stibitz also added that she would like to see more students at these performances.

She understands that students have busy lives but would like them to take an hour or two out of their busy lives and come and enjoy a performance that the Spotlight Series can bring to Alpena for them.

For additional information you can contact Florence Stibitz at 358-7373 or find out more on the ACC website for upcoming events.

New President's Welcoming Gift

JONAS BODA
Managing Editor

ACC's recently appointed President, Dr. Olin H. Joynton, has been given a welcoming gift from Student Senate. He was presented a fountain made by an ACC student, and a gold pocket watch.

The fountain was presented by the Student Senate, and was electronically picked by votes of the student body via CyberDemocracy, an online group that helps a larger portion of students to be active in college decisions.

Charles Irland crafted the fountain. Mr. Irland is a nursing student who also studies the fine arts. Using an Imitation Reduction Red color on jet black, Mr. Irland comments "I love the

substance for the luminescence."

The piece itself is a testament to the cycles of life as Joynton deems it. Mr. Irland acknowledges that by stating the principle behind it is to give back to everyone, and teach what you know.

Attesting to its beauty, Dr. Joynton said, "Thank you all, for this great piece of art. This makes a great warm welcome." The award was presented on the premise that, "We (the student body) wanted to do something to welcome and honor [Dr. Joynton]."

Also given was a golden pocket watch with the inscription "Thanks for your Participation and Support, ACC Student Body".

The President was overheard stating that this ceremony, and both gifts were a testament to his personal goal. Dr. Joynton hopes to instill life long learning into those at ACC so that they may continue learning even beyond ACC.

The fountain remains on display in the BTC lobby.

Photo Courtesy Connie Irland



Charles Irland, creator of fountain, shakes hands with Dr. Joynton.



Ray Visiting a Monastery

Tom Ray Returns to China

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 round. Ray said it is beautiful there.

Ray also traveled to the Great Wall of China, walking along the tourist portion and the non-restored portion.

In addition, he visited the National Art Museum of Beijing, which he said was a great experience.

He visited many temples that were very nicely built and very fancy in design.

Another unique place Ray visited was Shilin, which is literally a "Stone Forest." It was developed by limestone sediment that eroded over time by wind and rain and into this "forest", which most stones are higher than the trees.

Ray said that the cities like Beijing are very modern and do not lack anything like restaurants, shopping centers, business, etc., but once you leave the city you enter an extremely rural section of China.

For one weekend, Ray spent time with a farming family in a small village in rural China.

Although he could not speak with the family because neither understood the other, they had a little girl that was perhaps 4 or 5 years old that he could understand a little.

For the most part, she would run around saying in Chinese, "He doesn't understand." At this village he also enjoyed some Chinese

dishes like deep fried minnows, red bean and corn mash, and batter fried tree leaves.

The weekend also consisted of a village festival where he was able to view a Chinese dance done by the women. Ray can not wait until he can return again to explore and teach.

A few of the places he would still like to visit are Xi'an, the Islands of Macau and Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

For those interested in hearing more on Tom Ray's China trip, he is planning to hold another presentation on his trip sometime this semester as he did last fall, watch for fliers around campus or check the events calendar.

Photo Courtesy Tom Ray

EVENTS CALENDER:

Theatre Arts: FEBRUARY 10- 12
 Auditions for "The Actor's Worst Nightmare"
 3:30- 5:00pm, 1:30- 2:30pm, and 3:30- 5:00pm respectively
 For more information call 358-7349

Spring Graduation: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th
 Deadline for Register to Graduates This Spring
 Graduation Fee: \$15

Thunder Bay Theatre: THROUGH FEBRUARY 15th
 "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"
 Thursday- Saturday 7:30pm, Sundays 2pm
 Adults \$12, Seniors and Military \$10, Students \$6

Vietnamese Film Festival: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
 "Scent of Green Papaya"
 6:30 pm, Granum Theatre

Alpena Civic Theatre: FEBRUARY 19- 22nd and 26th- 29th
 "Move Over Mrs. Markham"
 Weekdays 7:30pm, Sundays 2pm
 Adults \$12, Students \$8

Social Services and English Departments: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

The Current Incarnation of Character
 12:15, NRC 400
 Copies of the Reading Material Available in Library

Mid-Semester Break: FEBRUARY 23- 27th
 No classes, but college will remain open

Educational Talent Search: FEBRUARY 23, 24, 26th and MARCH 4, 11, 18th
 Career Pathway Nights 2004
 6:30pm

Vietnamese Film Festival: THURSDAY, MARCH 4th
 "The Quiet American"
 6:30 pm, NRC 400

Social Services and English Departments: FRIDAY, MARCH 5th
 Our Common Culture, Our Ambivalence
 12:15, NRC 400
 Copies of the Reading Material Available in Library

Staff Development Day: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th
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ACC Writing Program: THURSDAY, MARCH 18th
 Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry Reading
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Corrections from December 2, 2003 Issue:

The Headline for Childrens' Theatre Troupe should have read "Childrens' Theatre Troupe Entertains 150 Kids"

Connie Irland was mistakenly given credit for a photo taken of Governor Granholm; that credit should have been given to Jay Walterreit

Primaries Heating Up, Candidates Campaign Across US

CHRIS GILLMORE
Photo Editor

With the February 7th Democratic Caucus over and done, Michigan is beginning to show the strength that it had to offer in the nomination of a Democratic candidate for the United States Presidency.

Being the first true industrialized state to offer their primaries, Michigan is in a

position of influencing the outcome of other state primaries.

Massachusetts Senator John Kerry took the industrial state of Michigan and the state of Washington. This was no real surprise considering the fact that Senator Kerry has been leading the way through most of the states. After taking the Iowa and New Hampshire caucuses, Kerry has been mounting up decisive victo-

ries throughout the Democratic Primaries.

With his aggressive style of campaigning, Kerry a clear front runner throughout the Democratic Primaries. Kerry is currently looking towards a presidential nomination and says that Bush cannot come into the south and expect victory. Kerry further states that he is not afraid to work for the common man. Also left in the Democratic Prima-

ries are retired General Wesley Clark, U.S. Senator John Edwards, and ex-Governor Howard Dean.

Edwards says he is in it for the long haul. He does not intend to be retiring from the elections at this point in the game. He plans further campaigns in the rest of the states left to hold their primaries.

Howard Dean, while not quite done campaigning, has

also mentioned that he would be very much interested in the nomination of the Democratic representative for the Vice-President.

Wesley Clark is still in the running. While taking a marginal victory in Oklahoma, he plans on continuing to campaign throughout the rest of the primaries.

With support from famous movie director Michael Moore, Clark intends to hit

Tennessee hard. He realizes that this is make-or-break time. Clark states on his website, "if you want change, vote for me."

With the primaries heating up and Kerry seeming to be leading the way, the rest of the primaries can be insight into the outlooks for the Democrats putting a candidate that can compete with the current President of the United States.

Navigators: Steering More Students Toward Outdoor Activities

LUKE VANDUSEN
Staff Writer

For awhile now, ACC has enjoyed the activities provided by The Navigators, formally The Bike and Boot.

We've enjoyed a handful of trips sponsored by the group in the fall semester of this year. The group is interested in all sorts of activities including camping, biking, hiking, skiing, fishing, canoeing, and anything that the members choose to do within reason.

We, as a college, are fortunate to have the opportunity to go on trips at a low cost, if we choose to do so. This year a new president has taken on the role.

Sophomore Ryan Pokorzynski has been involved in Bike and Boot for his two years at ACC so far. This fall he was given the title

as Navigators' President. Ryan would really like to plan a few more trips than in years past, and be more adventurous.

Despite the blistering cold this semester, The Navigators plan on spending Valentine's Day camping out of town in the subzero temperatures.

The club isn't just about fun, but also testing the elements and seeing what you can endure as a human being.

The group has enjoyed ski trips to Nub's Nob in past years, but would like to head north to the Sault for a few days at Searchmont.

One of the main goals for the group is to bring students together for a good time, at a decent price. Ryan would like to get another camping trip to the Upper Peninsula, like the one to pictured rocks last spring.

It was a cold and rainy time, but it didn't dampen the experience much at all.

The planned events that weekend were changed a bit, but the members of the club made use of the time they had by visiting the Grand Marae Dunes, and Chapel Rock.

When asked about his expectations for the club in the near future, Ryan responded "I'd like to see the navigators expand their horizons and travel out of state on a larger scale trip, and plan more frequent getaways."

The preparation that goes into these trips can be quite draining sometimes, on top of getting personal and academic stuff done.

Often there are phone calls, meetings, and reservations made well in advance of the trip. It takes cooperation from everyone in The Navigators

club to get the ball rolling on events, and help with the details of events.

"The neat thing is, everyone has a say in what kind places they travel to, and what they plan to do," said Ryan.

Student Senate president Sara Townsend had nothing but good things to say about the club in general, "The Navigators gives students a chance to participate in something if they can't get involved with sports on campus, it's good to see."

This spring semester looks bright for the club, and they seem excited about the upcoming events.

In years past there has been a better turnout for the spring semester events, and The Navigators hope that it won't be any different this time around.

Brown Bag Lunch Program Discussion

KATIE PIZZA
News Editor

The Brown Bag Lunch series has been a part of the ACC for some time. These lunches provide a means for students and faculty to freely express their opinions on a variety of topics and to hear different viewpoints on subjects that they may not be aware of otherwise.

However, recently, the Brown Bag Lunch series has a new purpose: to debate literature.

The Social Science and English Departments

sponsor these events. The program, entitled, "Conversations with Educational Leaders," seeks to create awareness about problems within the society and the proper method in which to solve such problems.

The first of these meetings held was to discuss the book, *The Quest for Truth and Justice* by Kevin Ryan.

The ideas expressed in this particular book relate to how students are taught both here at ACC and around the nation.

The author feels that the proper way to educate

students is to teach them morals and ethics in order to help them to become better adults. This development will assist students in their college careers and whatever path they choose to follow after that point.

According to Matt Dunkel, who teaches history here at ACC, "We end up with Enron scandals because someone is not discussing the ethics of life."

These discussions occur every two weeks, with the next "Conversations with Educational Leaders" planned for February 20th at 12:15 in

the Natural Resources Center Room 400.

The book that is scheduled to be discussed at this event is Alan L. Lockwood's *The Current Incarnation of Character*, which will build upon many of the comments that were brought up during the course of the last Brown Bag Lunch meeting.

Students and faculty are encouraged to attend and will be able to find copies of the reading materials in the library. For more information on these or other Brown Bag Lunch events, contact Tim Kuehnlein.

Student Senate Update

ASHLEY WEDGE
Staff Writer

Here at Alpena Community College, we have an organization that plans activities for the student body using the fees paid at the time of registration. In this organization, you as the student body of ACC can have opinion in the activities. The organization is called Student Senate.

Student Senate is a group of elected students of ACC that represent the larger student body of ACC. The Student Senate uses the monies collected from the student assessment fee at the time of registration to help the student body. The Senate then selects a staff member to be their advisor. The advisor is Tim Kuehnlein.

The Student Senate is planning many neat activities for this spring semester. The activities are: a survey, they will sponsor homecoming activities, planning a casino night on campus, an awards night in April to recognize those with academic achievement and finally the biggest activity being planned is a trip to Germany in May.

Student Senate plans activities for the student body of the college to "create a greater sense of community, and develop a fabric of interaction between the students that come from different backgrounds and have different goals," said Kuehnlein.

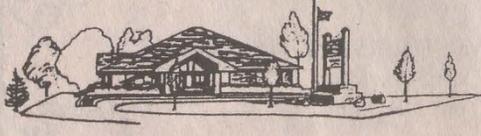
There are many duties that come with being on Student Senate. The president of Student Senate conducts the

meetings, keeps the group focused and on task. The vice president helps the president perform the tasks. Secretary keeps the minutes from the meeting. The treasurer handles about \$15,000.00 from student assessment fees for the activity funds. The sophomore and freshman representatives represent the student body and get concerns, suggestion from the student body. The other students that are on Student Senate do the advertising and promoting of Student Senate and its activities.

The biggest challenge for Kuehnlein as advisor of Student Senate is to back off and leave the students to make the decisions. "I'm there as a source of information and advice, to provide encouragement and develop basic leadership skills," said Kuehnlein. Kuehnlein is a silent observer and enjoys the position of advisor of Student Senate so much he wants to participate. Kuehnlein said, "It is a pleasure working with Student Senate and I enjoy it a lot."

For those who are interested in joining Student Senate, you are the criteria. First you must have a certain G.P.A. You must also be an enrolled student and finally you need to be elected. You must be able to obtain fifty signatures from the student body. There is also a financial compensation! Any student of the college may attend the Student Senate meetings. They are held on Thursdays in the boardroom located on the fourth floor in the Natural Resource Center building at 4:00 p.m.

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Surf's Café: ACC Students Open Upscale Coffee Shop

Photo By Chris Gillmore



Surf's Café

CHRIS GILLMORE
Photo Editor

Surf's Café located at 113 S. Second Ave. just west of the Royal Knight Cinema, recently opened to bring a bit of class to Alpena. With its New York style sandwiches, flavorful coffees, and upscale ambiance, Surf's Café brings to Alpena a place where one can eat, drink, and enjoy the pleasures of a true

artistic treasure. When first entering the establishment, the cascading brick wall that sweeps the one side of the café sets the mood. This wall is adorned with local artwork that is being shown and sold on a consignment basis by the owners of the café, Joe and Tim Prevost. Joe is currently a student at Alpena Community College and Tim is a recent graduate.

The main floor itself stands out in the building, with stylish tables and chairs set on a hardwood floor. The room provides a sense of purpose.

When coming up to the counter, the wood-floor has a beautiful rug with a magnificent couch decorating the corner. The end tables, coffee table, couch, and artwork in this corner is enough to take ones breath away.

Moving up to the counter, Joe is typically found hard at work behind the dark emerald green counter.

When perusing the menu a wide variety of items can be found. They carry eight kinds of bread, six kinds of cheeses, and a wide variety of meats, including roast beef, ham, chicken, turkey, pastrami, and salami. Drinks range from espressos, coffees, cappuccino, and lattes, to bottled drinks of

various flavors. Also on the menu are Danishes, soups, salads, and desserts.

The prices range from \$5.05 to \$7.43 for a Euro Combo (Bavarian ham, salami, prosciutto, Swiss and muenster cheese) on your

choice of roll. Drinks vary from \$1.00 for coffee to \$5.00 for a tall mocha.

Lastly, Surf's Café offers an environment suitable for chatting with friends, working on schoolwork, or using one of the high-speed

Internet computers to browse the net. Alpena is truly lucky seeing some of the students from the Alpena area staying and putting something back into the community.

Photo By Chris Gillmore



Open Dining area of Surf's Café

Local Marine Returns From Iraq Enlisting In ACC's Criminal Justice Program

Photo Courtesy of Brad Niedzwecki



Brad Niedzwecki poses by munitions cache.

CHRIS ENGLE
Staff Writer

As Americans, many of us feel we should help support our government's efforts to ensure liberty and freedom and to help those in need. By buying savings bonds or hanging an American flag from our porch, we help the cause. When the events of September 11th unfolded, thousands of Americans went so far to protect their country that they enlisted in the armed services. Brad Niedzwecki, got to experience firsthand Operation

Iraqi Freedom.

Brad graduated from Alpena High School in 2002 and joined the United States Marine Corps one month later. He learned that between 75% - 80% of Michigan State Troopers are former Marines, so he figured he would be a better candidate for law enforcement with some service under his belt. He recalls his reason for joining:

"I was originally going to join to gain experience in order to pursue my Criminal Justice degree. But September 11th gave me another rea-

son to join. I signed up for delayed entry and joined the Marines the following year."

Brad became Private Niedzwecki in July of 2002 when he stepped off the bus in San Diego, CA and was greeted by the men who would be his drill instructors for the next three months.

"I got off the bus at boot camp with my overnight bag and was immediately getting screamed at by these drill sergeants. They were telling me to put my feet at a 45-degree angle and my hands at my sides and all these other orders I didn't understand. It was awesome!"

Boot camp was pretty much what it is portrayed to be, with constant exercise, drill, no sleep, and the drill instructors yelling at him and the rest of the platoon the whole time.

"The drill instructors would mess with us and do anything they could to pound our egos down and rebuild us into uniform troops."

After boot camp, Brad

had a 10-day leave and returned to infantry training at Camp Pendleton. He recalls one of his fondest memories of infantry training when he got to meet former Marine R. Lee Ermey, from the History Channel's *Mail Call*.

"We were in a lecture and they told us not to get excited, but that 'the Man' was outside. I walked around back and heard 'the Man's voice. I turned around and there was Ermey himself! I wanted him to yell at me like my drill sergeant, but I got to shake his hand. It was a real honor."

Brad eventually heard the rumor that there was a possibility he would be going overseas. The rumor soon became a reality and he found himself on a plane bound for Kuwait. They landed just before sunset on March 16, the day before Bush issued the ultimatum. He described the landing as "hitting the ground running." They were told they had three hours before "...the shit hit the fan."

The next day, the reality of

war hit Brad's platoon when, during a briefing, a Humvee sped by with a soldier leaning out of the vehicle signaling with his arms, "Gas!"

"There was a lot of panic in the tent as we all scrambled to get our chemical suits on. We were tearing our bags open with our knives and throwing on our suits. In the distance, we could hear explosions. It was pretty chaotic."

Even though he never saw battle to the extent of gun fighting and bombs exploding, Brad and his platoon still had the dangerous job of protecting the largest ammunitions stockpile in Marine history, as well as providing protection to convoys running from Kuwait into southern Iraq.

"The convoys got shot up sometimes. We would stop in the middle of the desert and some of the guys would be freaking out because the glass in their trucks had been shot out."

While the convoys were

a dangerous place to be, the Marines never saw resistance at the munitions stockpile, which they were guarding.

The troops built relations with the locals and participated with each other in games and small trade to pass the time. Brad was shipped out of Kuwait at the end of October and returned home in early November with six decorations.

"It was a real stress relief, but it took me a while to adjust to the affection I was getting. I was glad to be home."

Even though no weapons of mass destruction have been found, Brad still thinks the war was justified.

"It was a humanitarian effort. They were under the rule of a man who tested weapons on his own people and used their money to buy himself palaces. We had to go in."

Brad is now pursuing a Criminal Justice degree at ACC. He would like to find a career involving S.W.A.T., FBI, or the State Police.

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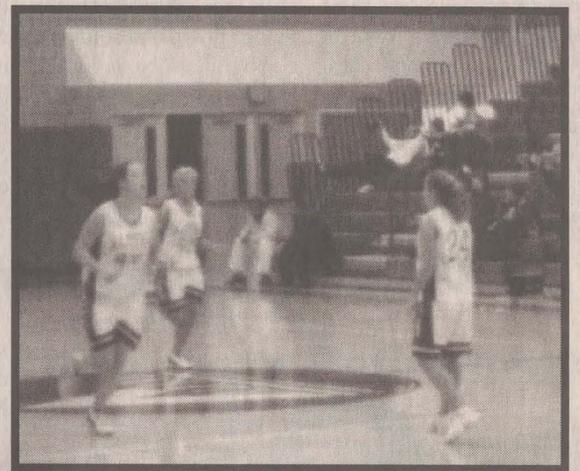
An Inside Look at the Excitement of Lumberjack Basketball



Joni Ames looks to pass to a team mate during a home game against Schoolcraft.



The women's team shows off the 2-3 zone defense during the game against Schoolcraft earlier this season.

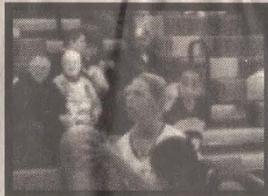


Karissa Kaye and Megan Vanschoten prepare to meet up with Joni Ames in the backcourt after a made shot.

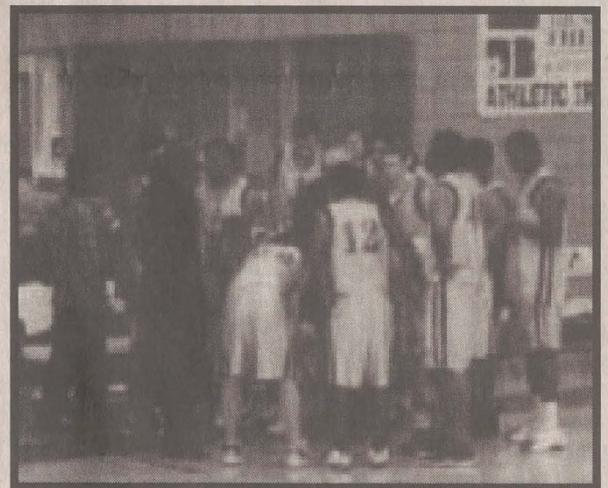
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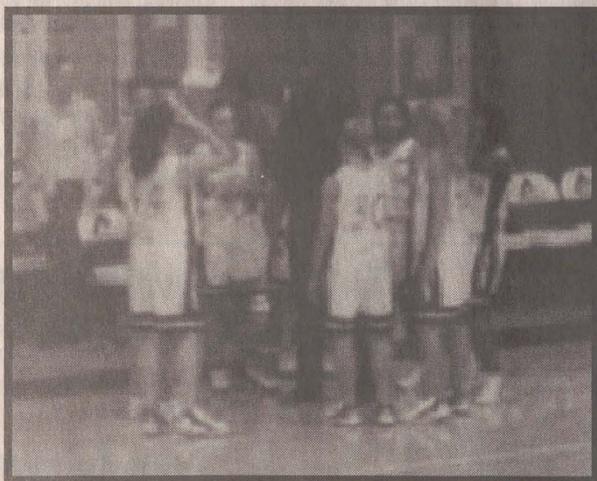
Lynne Grawelski shoots a free-throw, while Karissa Kaye and Anna Bashans prepare for a possible rebound.



Intensity is etched in the face of Stephanie Stanley as she shoots a free-throw.



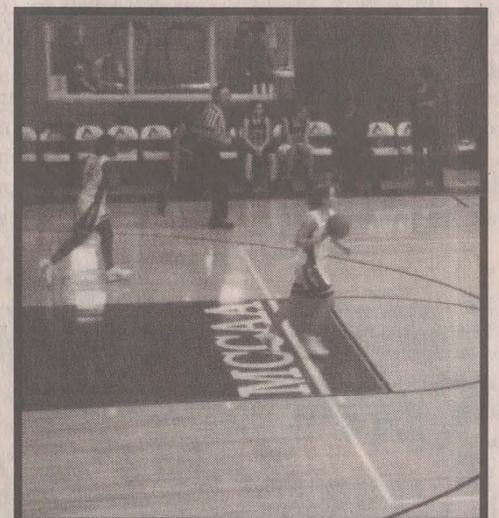
Members of the men's team gather around head coach Frank McCourt and assistant coach Bobby Allen during a timeout.



Members of the women's team gather around coach Bobby Allen.



Sean Seivwright shows his form shooting a free-throw.



Joni Ames brings the ball up, while Tia Brown follows.

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It's Championship or bust for Brown and Pistons

We're in the month of February, and the Detroit Pistons sit comfortably in 2nd place in the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Central Division. From late December to the middle of last month, the Pistons compiled a 13-game winning streak (their longest such streak since Chuck Daly's "Bad Boy" teams of the late '80s and early '90s).

Corey and Sports



Corey Daleski

Ironically, it's Rick Carlisle's Indiana Pacers that sit in the first place.

Oh, and by the way, the Pacers have defeated Detroit all three times the teams have played this season.

Rick Carlisle is a fantastic coach. Make no mistake about it. So why did Pistons vice-president Joe Dumars fire Carlisle last season? Because in his mind, he felt he could drastically improve his team with coaching legend Larry Brown.

Under normal circumstances, coaches are fired because of their inability to produce wins. And winning is clearly the most important ingredient in sports.

So, I ask you this: How in the world do you fire a coach who had back-to-back 50 win seasons and, in the process, transformed a team from doormats of the league, to a perennial power? — which Carlisle did in Detroit in 2001 and 2002.

Larry Brown is a magnificent coach. He is notorious for restoring order and stability to organizations that were seemingly on life support before his arrival. And when you have the opportunity to lure a coach of Brown's magnitude to your team, you do it. Period.

Only time will tell if Dumars, ultimately, made the correct decision firing Carlisle.

And it's no coincidence that Carlisle, in his first year, has guided the Pacers to the best record in the NBA.

But, in the end, you know what this all means, don't you?

It means that the unprecedented firing of Rick Carlisle will only be justified if Brown can deliver the grand prize: an NBA championship.

If Brown doesn't, Pistons fans everywhere will ask themselves this: What would have materialized if Dumars hadn't fired Carlisle?

Still Fighting!

ACC men beat St. Clair in homecoming game, keep slim playoff chances alive

Photos By Dominick Miller

MATT GIBBONS

Staff Writer

The Alpena Community College men's basketball team pulled out a tough and much needed win for the large homecoming crowd this past Saturday night over St. Clair Community College, 81-78.

ACC found themselves down by sixteen points with ten minutes left in the first half, which made the game look like a sure blowout. That was not the case, however, as the Lumberjacks rallied back to take a 41-36 lead going into halftime.

The second half saw ACC and St. Clair Community College exchange baskets back and forth all the way to the end of the game, pulling out the win despite poor free throw shooting and passing in the second half of the game, problems among many that have plagued the team this year.

Coming into the season, expectations were high for the men's basketball team, after finishing 20-10 last year. Unfortunately, that has not been the case.

This year's team has fallen

"We're not playing very good basketball right now ... We need to improve everywhere." - ACC coach Frank McCourt



Starting point guard Drew Kemp brings the ball up floor for Alpena Community College.

all the way to 5-15, and it leaves fans and head coach Frank McCourt wondering what happened.

"We're not playing very good basketball right now," McCourt said when asked what he thought of the team. "The chemistry is bad, and when you keep losing it only gets worse."

"We can't put two halves together," McCourt explained. "We have the lead in the first half, but when it comes to the second half we blow it."

Coach McCourt feels there is no improvement with the team this year over last year. "We need to improve everywhere. We just can't put the ball in the hole".

Individually, McCourt feels a few of his players have

improved individually since last season.

"Local guys Keith Nowak and Eric Muszynski have improved since last season," McCourt said.

The team hopes to keep their slim playoff chances alive when they travel to Mott February 11 to take on the 22-2 Mott Bears in conference action.



Guard Ryan Amesbury (34) and forward Brent Wichtner (11).

Never, ever, stop watching a sporting event early

After watching the first three quarters of the Super Bowl, I decided it was time for me to hit the road. I was in Gaylord, and it's an hour and

It's Miller Time!



Dominick Miller

a half drive back to Alpena during the winter.

The first three quarters had been pretty lame, with an absolutely bizarre halftime show in the middle (I don't think I need to elaborate). I walked out the door just as the game went to commercial, with the score still 14-10.

During the drive back, I thought I had come up with the perfect angle for this column. I was going to write about how the NFL had just enjoyed one of their best playoffs in recent history, with games destined to head straight to ESPN Classic. But, I was going to write, the whole 2003-04 playoff run was going to have an unhappy ending: fans had to sit through a horrific Super Bowl.

I arrived home with the satisfaction of knowing one of my chores for the week was finished. I got up to my room and quickly turned the TV on to find out how badly the game had finished.

I found my way to CBS just as their coverage was finishing up. I heard things like "best fourth quarter in Super Bowl history," and "quite possibly one of the greatest Super Bowls of all time." I began to panic. My carefully crafted idea of a column was quickly turning into garbage.

I turned to ESPN just in time to see Chris Berman and the gang begin talking about this "wonderful" Super Bowl, and how this game had turned into a classic.

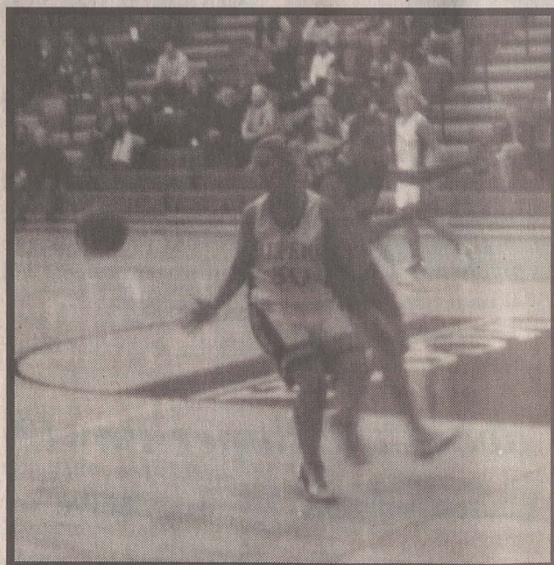
From what I could tell, during the fourth quarter Tom Brady had lived up to all of the Joe Montana comparisons, and Jake Delhomme somehow turned into Johnny Unitas.

I sat at my desk gaping at the TV with a completely dumbfounded look on my face. I couldn't believe that I had just missed one of the greatest quarters in football history, not just the Super Bowl.

I guess I kind of deserved it, though. I had committed one of the greatest sins in all of sports: I left a sporting event early. I was being punished or something. I won't make that mistake again next year, however.

ACC Women Look to Finish Strong

Photos By Dominick Miller



ACC forward Stephanie Stanley fights for a loose ball.

COREY DALESKI

Sports Editor

It was over before it even started.

Missed shots and bad execution would, inevitably, be the Lady Lumberjack's ultimate undoing.

The St. Clair Lady Skippers set the tone from the opening tip, and cruised effortlessly to an 82-41 victory over the Lady Lumberjack's last

Saturday at Park Arena.

St. Clair never trailed. The Skippers lead 45-15 at halftime.

ACC's defeat to the hands of St. Clair could prove to be costly. Questions abound weather the Lady Lumberjack's (4-16, 2-10) will qualify for this year's Conference tournament.

To propel ACC to the tournament, they would

essentially have to win out, plus, get some much-needed help along the way. Perhaps that is too much to ask for.

But first year coach Bobby Allen remains optimistic.

"It's still possible that we could get into the tournament, but we have to finish the season strong," Allen said.

In order to qualify for post-season play, ACC would have to finish in the top six in the conference—they are currently ninth.

Unfortunately, it's been a nightmare of a season for ACC. A season plagued by inconsistency and the inability to sustain a high level of play for 40 minutes. But Allen said regardless of their record, he is proud of his team.

"They've played hard all year; they haven't laid down. They have given me 100% effort the entire season, and I'm extremely happy about that."

Undoubtedly, as ACC celebrated Homecoming, the highlight of the evening was a ceremony held after the women's game in honor of

"They've played hard all year; they haven't laid down. They have given me 100% the entire season, and I'm extremely happy about that." - ACC coach Bobby Allen

former ACC basketball player, Justin Chapman, who drowned last summer on Lake St. Clair.

With Justin's parents on hand, ACC retired his jersey—the first Alpena

player to ever receive such an illustrious honor.

"He was a great basketball player, but more importantly, he was a great person," ACC Athletic Director Max Lindsey said.

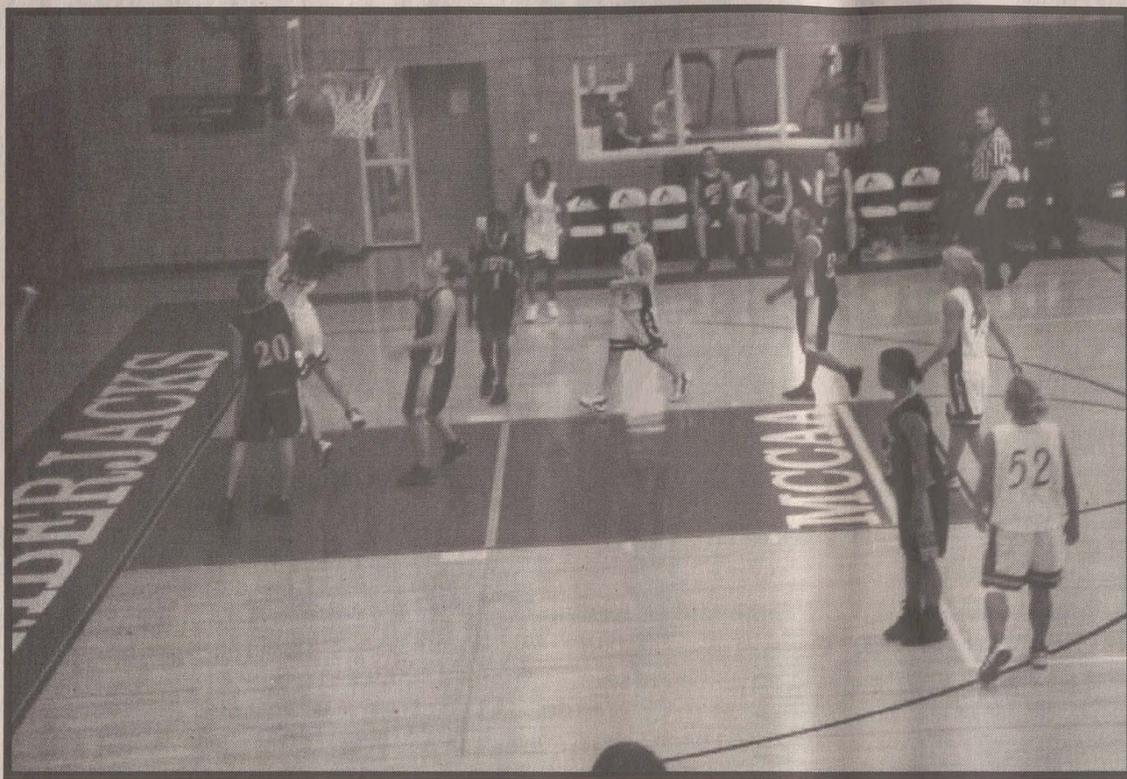
The Lady Lumberjacks' next game is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th, at 5:30p.m. as ACC travels to Mott Community College, to take on the Bears.

Mott was able to narrowly beat the the Lady Lumberjacks on the home floor by a 59-53 score. ACC will look to return the favor.

Sports

Sports Photo of the Month:

Photo By Dominick Miller



ACC FORWARD
Megan Vanschoten goes between three Schoolcraft defenders to put home two points for the home team. Vanschoten and the rest of the Alpena Community College women's basketball team will be in action next on February 11, when the team travels to Mott. The girls narrowly fell to the Lady Bears the first time the teams met, 59-53, and the Lady Lumberjacks will hope to turn the tables this time.

Basketball Standings

Men's Hoops Standings
Eastern MCCA
School Conf., Overall

1. Schoolcraft 9-1, 18-3
2. Mott 9-1, 20-2
3. Wayne 5-3, 9-6
4. St. Clair 6-4, 12-9
5. Macomb 5-5, 7-13
6. Oakland 3-6, 7-12
7. Kirtland 3-6, 12-8
8. Delta 3-6, 5-13
9. Alpena 2-8, 4-14
10. Henry Ford 2-7, 8-12

Recent Scores and future games:

- January 3 – Macomb 68, Alpena 47
January 6 – Wayne 87, Alpena
January 8 – Oakland 74, Alpena 71
January 10 – St. Clair 81, Alpena 69
January 15 – Mott 93, Alpena 66
January 17 – Alpena 70, Henry Ford 52
January 21 – Kirtland 75, Alpena 73
January 24 – Delta 80, Alpena 73
January 31 – Wayne 92, Alpena 76
February 4 – Schoolcraft 97, Alpena 51
February 7 – St. Clair 82, Alpena 41
February 11 – Alpena 81, Mott 78
February 14 – Alpena at Henry Ford, 7:30
February 18 – Alpena at Kirtland, 7:30
February 21 – Delta at Alpena, 7:30

Women's Hoops Standings
Eastern MCCA
School Conf. Overall

1. Oakland 8-1 13-6
2. Schoolcraft 8-2 14-6
3. Wayne 6-2 13-4
4. Delta 6-3 9-10
5. St. Clair 6-4 12-9
6. Mott 4-6 8-11
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9. Alpena 2-8 4-14
10. Kirtland 1-8 5-16

Recent scores, and future games:

- January 3 – Macomb 66, Alpena 43
January 6 – Wayne 100, Alpena 74
January 8 – Oakland 76, Alpena 44
January 10 – St. Clair 90, Alpena 41
January 15 – Mott 59, Alpena 53
January 17 – Alpena 56, Henry Ford 43
January 21 – Alpena 75, Kirtland 72
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Alpena Outdoors with Chris Engle

Lake Avalon Splake:

Trout fishing on Lake Avalon in Hillman has improved over the past few years, and the fishing is at its best this year. Splake, which are a genetic cross between rainbow trout and lake trout, are planted regularly in Avalon by the DNR, since they are not able to reproduce naturally. The trout have increased in size, and the DNR has raised the size limit from 10 inches to 12 inches, with no more than 3 fish over 15 inches. The daily limit is 5 per person. Splake can be caught in depths ranging from one foot to 30 feet or more, but the bigger fish will be found in deeper water. Try jigging a silver and blue or silver and orange spoon tipped with a medium-sized minnow. Using a longer rod with a spinning reel will give you better odds of landing the fish, along with making the

fight more exciting.

Fletcher Pond:

The heavy snow the area received recently has kept vehicles from driving out onto Fletcher Pond this season, but it hasn't kept the fisherman away. Pike fishing has been steady this winter, with most fish being caught on large minnows with tip-ups. Perch, bluegill, and crappie are also being caught on small teardrops tipped with wax worms or wigglers. If you have kids or younger siblings, take them out to Fletcher Pond. The panfish will keep them entertained for hours, and the excitement of the moment he or she accidentally ties into a big pike is priceless!

Gun Care and Maintenance:

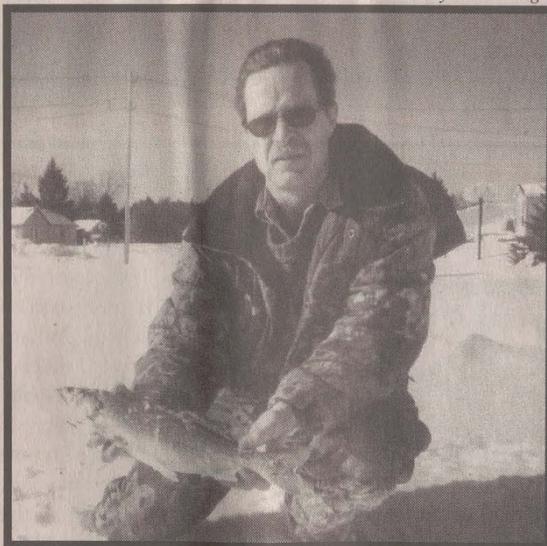
Whether you're a hunter who toughs it out through these winter months with your dogs, chasing rabbits through

the deep snow and frigid temperatures, or someone who frequents the target range to keep your skills from getting rusty, it is important to remember to keep your gun in top shape. Here are a few tips to help you maintain your

firearm: 1. Clean your gun after every excursion. Things like pine needles, grass, and bark can fall into your gun while hunting, and powder residue can build up with a lot of shooting at the range. Simple disassembly and

cleaning of the inside of your gun will help prevent your gun from malfunctioning during future trips to the range or woods. 2. Keep your gun oiled. Cold temperatures will slow down the actions of semiautomatic rifles and shotguns. Apply gun oil lightly to the inside of the action, around the bolt, and even in the trigger assembly. Rub oil on the exterior of you gun with a rag as well to prevent it from rusting in the field as well as in storage. Do this with every cleaning. 3. Check for damaged parts. Gn parts wear out and will need to be replaced. Regular checking for damaged or broken parts will help prevent more serious damage to your firearm or injury to yourself. If you discover a part that needs replacement, take the firearm to a repair shop to ensure the replacement will be done correctly.

Photo Courtesy Chris Engle



A proud fisherman holding the splake he caught on Lake Avalon.

ACC Question of the Month:

What one thing do you remember most about the Super Bowl?

Andrea Rhode

Ryan Pokorzynski

Joe Sparling

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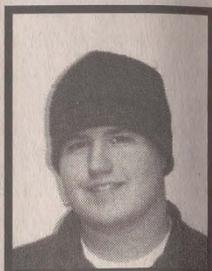
Joe Seelye



"The Patriots guy (Adam Vinatieri) missing the two field goals, and then making the one to win the game."



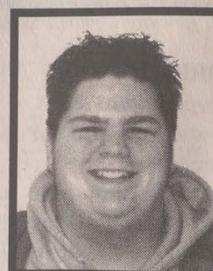
"I don't know. I went skiing."



"The really long pass from (Jake) Delhomme to (Mushin) Muhammad in the fourth quarter. It was awesome."



"Absolutely nothing. I don't like football."



"It was one of the best Super Bowl games ever. It was very close and very competitive. Both teams played well, but the Pats came out on top."

A Lesson in Punk Rock 101

LUKE VANDUSEN
Staff Writer

You search the racks at record stores to find music that you will grow to love, yet you find recycled garbage lining the walls.

For those of you who love music that comes straight from the soul, you may be going through a bit of a withdrawal.

New artists are popping up out of the woodwork, however you can't seem to decipher any distinct difference. The rock music of today is so diluted that you can't tell where Puddle of Mudd ends, and Default begins.

I'm not going to say there is no good music on the shelves, because I'd be a hypocrite to say the least.

I'm just a little concerned with the direction rock music is going, due to the conformity of our society. Bands are no longer going out on

limbs to try new types of music, but rather go with the flow of what seems to be popular. I've been a music fan since I was a little boy, and yes I once listened to pop music.

So what gives me the right to trash rock bands that want to become popular? Well, just recently I came to the conclusion that it's all right for a band to become famous because of their music, however selling out for the cause of someone else, doesn't seem very honorable.

The true artists in the music industry are the humble, yet confident rebels who could care less what people think or say about their music, yet they still appreciate their fans.

In the past year or so we've seen an explosion of "garage" bands that do their own style, and attempt to be rebellious.

I.e. The Strokes, The Vines, The Hives, and the list goes on. Due to this trend, bands such as Phantom Planet, a

southern California band that played lighthearted-rock, is attempting to roll with the success of these "garage bands".

Just an example of how the music industry and their bands seem to function these days. They see something evolves from a few bands, and they leap on the bandwagon, leaving all their ideals out the door.

Bands that consider themselves, "rock", just because they can belt out cliché phrases with tons of feedback behind them, doesn't make them original, creative, or good.

But I suppose that doesn't matter to the genre of pop music, which most "rock" bands try to fit into.

I don't want to mention any other "rock" bands in particular...Nickleback, oops guess that didn't work. Lets get real though, we haven't seen true songwriting since the early

1990's with bands such as Soundgarden, Nirvana, and Pearl Jam. Our "pop rock" bands of today such as Creed take pointers from Pearl Jam on vocals, and guitar.

The lack of originality is evident in Creeds songs, and only a handful seems to have any emotion behind them. What happened to our legends of yesteryear such as Hendrix, Morrison, and Clapton?

I found it rather ironic that 2003 was "years of the blues" yet I didn't see any rock bands that put blues, which happens to be the basis of rock, into their music.

Could the driving force of such rock bands of today simply be about the all mighty dollar? Or is it just the fame that grips the hearts of musicians? What once was love for the music is now just getting good publicity, and the image of a superstar.

On the topic of punk rock music, it really kills to see bands that don't know what

else to call themselves, so the band, or media slaps one on there for them.

For instance, there has been a flurry of really generic teeny-bopper "punk" bands that have surfaced. Good Charlotte, Simple Plan, New Found Glory are smeared across our television screens, brought to you by MTV, or "sellout central".

Punk Rock became revolutionary for its non-conformity and defiance of the world around them, but grew into a substitute for the boy band craze that has just disintegrated before our very eyes.

Joe Beagle, a long time friend of mine, and music critic believes that the "punk/emo bands of today are simply a replacement for the teenage girls who first fell in love with boy bands."

He went on to say, "the music industry always needs a next best thing, that will become what we term, "pop". In the case we have now,

punk rock is watered down and the edges are smoothed to make a more presentable band for the average teen."

Bands such as the Clash, the Ramones, the Sex Pistols, and the Misfits who started the whole genre, are now being replaced by Sum 41, Blink 182, and Something Corporate.

To wrap up all of this commotion about the watered down versions of rock music today, I'd like to add that there are more than a couple bands that are doing their own thing, and building a name for themselves that might stay noble for some time.

I give bands such as Incubus, The White Stripes, and Radiohead, a lot of credit for doing something different and adding a new path to the history of rock. The future is always unpredictable, so whose to say there isn't a turn in the tide for musicians out there, trying to catch a break.

A Call for Variety in ACC's Cafeteria

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Some do it for health benefits, others for moral reasons. Either way, vegetarianism is still growing in popularity, and big companies are starting to take notice. The most notable of these being Burger King, who introduced the BK veggie burger which had vegetarians and non-veggiess alike curious about how this corporate giant pulled off a meatless patty.

One thing is apparent though. Even as bigger companies were putting out vegetarian options to bring in more customers, smaller food distributors, such as school lunchrooms, have not completely followed in their footsteps.

Of course, the salad bar has been a longtime staple for students who wanted a healthier meal, but most of those choices had little or no nutrition. No one could survive on salad alone, especially vegetarians. That's not all we eat.

Some health benefits of a diet sans meat could be a reduced risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke, osteoporosis, clogged arteries, and heart attacks in the long term to name a few. A lot of doctors suggest a vegetarian diet for those who are at risk of such conditions. It also helps prevent and alleviate gallstones, kidney stones, and

asthma. Also, on an average, vegetarians and vegan (no animal products) are said to live up to six to ten years longer than meat eaters.

What of protein though? Some think that cutting meat out of your diet also means cutting out necessary protein. This is not so. Simple sources of protein include whole wheat bread, oatmeal, beans, peas, peanuts, other nuts, mushrooms and broccoli. Amino acids can also be found in all grains, legumes, nuts, seeds, and vegetables.

Products such as nuts, seeds, and oatmeal are simple things that could be sold in a lunchroom for our vegetarian students. I think I speak for all vegetarians on campus when I say, salad is not enough.

We need some healthy meatless options that are also equipped with some good old protein. In addition to my earlier comment on some good choices to offer vegetarians, may I suggest a meatless sub on a whole-wheat bun, or maybe a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, even some refried beans with cheese and soup without meat more often.

These are all food items that the entire student body can benefit from, because when it comes to healthy food choices for vegetarians and others alike, salad just isn't enough.

Black History Month

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"Black History Month" has been recognized annually since 1926. It was first known as "Negro History Week" and later changed to the aforementioned "Black History Month."

The celebration of Black History Month and the study of black history are due to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Woodson was born to parents of former slaves and spent his younger years working in the mines of Kentucky.

Woodson eventually enrolled in high school at the age of twenty and graduated within two years. He later went on to achieve his Ph.D. from Harvard.

While working towards his degree, Woodson was disturbed to discover the lack of educational history of African Americans.

He decided to take on the purpose of incorporating African Americans into national history.

He first established the association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915.

A year later he started the Journal of Negro History. Finally in 1926, he launched Negro History Week to bring national attention to African American people throughout history.

Woodson by far was not the only one to work hard for African American respect and acknowledgment.

On February 23, 1868, W.E.B. DuBois founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He received the World Peace Council Prize in 1952 and the Soviet Lenin Peace Prize in 1959.

February 25, 1870 was a grand day in the scheme of American politics. Hiram R. Revels, of North Carolina, took his oath of office to become the first African American U.S. Senator.

He was a clergyman and educator that was elected to fill

Confederate President Jefferson Davis's position.

Dr. Charles R. Drew was a renowned researcher, educator, and surgeon, former director of the American Red Cross in New York. Drew developed the techniques used in modern day transfusions in 1939.

This revolutionary technique used blood plasma instead of whole blood, which in turn lasted longer than the whole blood. Drew's work in blood transfusions was used heavily during World War II to help save wounded soldiers lives.

Drew's life was ultimately cut short when colleagues and students talked him into attending a meeting held in Tuskegee Institute and fell asleep at the wheel.

In 1976 Drew's portrait was placed in the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health making him the first African American to join its prominent gallery.

Ralph Johnson Bunche was born in Detroit, MI in 1904 and achieved his education mostly through Harvard

where he both studied and taught education in political science.

He eventually received an appointment to serve on the United Nations. For nearly two centuries he served as a United States delegate and worked closely with Count Folke Bernadotte as mediator of the Arab and Israeli fighting.

When Bernadotte was assassinated in September of 1948, Bunche took over as head mediator and obtained signatures on an armistice eleven months later that helped him win the Noble Peace Prize in 1950.

Black History Month is part of American History. It encompasses a great portion of everyone's heritage and is the backbone of American society today.

Learning more about this subject is not only important to the past, but can help solve issues in the future. So take time out and learn more not only about African American history, but it is an integral part of American History and always will be.

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Pathway Nights Offer a Variety of Options for the Job Hungry

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Staff Writer

Some teens and adults are finding themselves still questioning their future. At any age that you are still not sure where you are heading career wise, Career Pathways Nights offers a unique and vital service. It's open to all the ACC students.

The future can be yours. You can make of it what you want. What's important to you in a job? What occupation will make you happy in the long run? Which industries employ people in that occupation?

What makes a job good? These are some of the questions Career Pathways will help to answer for you.

For most people, a good job is one that you find interesting, that fully uses your skills, or is something you have always dreamed of achieving. Some people seek a job related to an interest, such as medical care, music, computers, or even journalism. No matter what you are seeking the Pathways Nights is here to help.

This year, the Pathway presentations will be held

at Alpena Community College during the months of February and March for a total of six nights beginning at 6:30 each evening. February 23, 2004 will include information on Health Services. February 24 information on Human Services will be discussed. February 26 Arts & Communication along with Natural Resources & Agriscience will be the topic of conversation. March 4 will be host to Engineering, Manufacturing, & Industrial Technology.

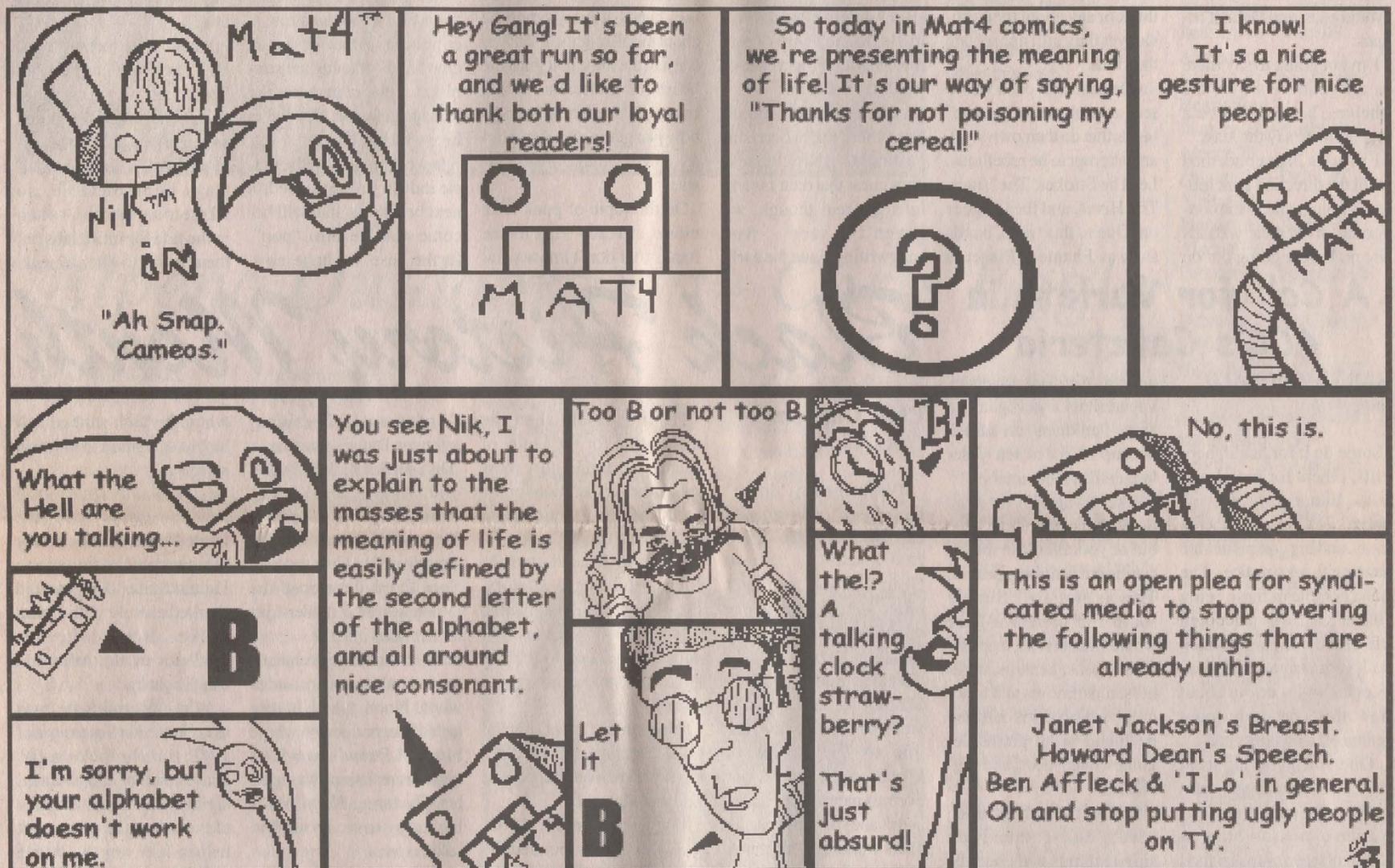
March 11 will explain Business Management, Marketing & Technology. Last but not least, March 18 is the "How to pay for it all" Financial Aid workshop. By attending you can learn about the many different career possibilities open to you.

Last year, there were over 140 presenters, and this year the number continues to climb. Several new subjects will be covered this year. A few of the new areas are: Digital game design, Forensic Biology, Animator, Ophthalmologist,

and Emergency Room Physician.

A segment of the Pathway Nights is dedicated to Job Shadowing. If you find a particular program of study, or speaker that stands out to you, you will be given a chance to sign up, and possibly job shadow with them. It is amazing how much you can learn in just one day of being with someone who knows what they are doing. Be sure to ask a lot of questions while with your job mentor, and get the most out of the

experience. Career Pathway Nights allows anyone seeking career-oriented information the opportunity to explore different, new and exciting career paths. For a listing of what will be covered contact the Educational Talent Search office. If you are planning on attending any of these special career events, make an RSVP, and call the Educational Talent Search office at (989) 358-7348.



Nightmare on Johnson Street

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After the run of their Children's Theater Troupe, it's time to do something for the students and adults. "The Actor's Nightmare," which is being directed by Karol Walchak, is a play about what is an actor's nightmare. "For anyone who has ever been on stage, they know what it is like." Said Walchak.

This short comedy by Christopher Durang, depicts a young man on stage who is completely shocked and confused. He seems to be continually missing his lines and cues and doesn't even realize what play he is even in. To make it worse, it seems the play keeps changing!

This is not the first play Walchak has directed, but

the first for her at ACC. The last production she did was at Broadway Theater in Mount Pleasant. "[This play] Is really funny, and a perfect one to do for a beginner who has been too afraid before." Walchak said. She also says that it is very short, without a lot of lines to learn.

Auditions will be held in Granholm Theater Tuesday February 10th at 3:30 to 5, Wednesday, February 11th, 1:30 to 2:30, and February 12th at 3:30 until 5 o'clock. There are five parts to be auditioned for, 3 women and 2 men.

"The Actor's Nightmare" will open on April 22nd and run until the 25th.

So be sure to come on down for auditions. No experience is necessary.

Judas Priest and the Electric Eye

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With the recent return of longtime singer and frontman Rob Halford, veteran rockers Judas Priest have released *Electric Eye*, a retrospective DVD that collects their music videos, several unreleased TV performances, and a complete concert.

From the start menu you can jump into any of the sixteen music videos that range from the early 1980s to the early 1990s, take a look at six TV performances that start out as early as the middle 1970s, or watch the 1987 "Priest...Live!" concert in its entirety.

The TV performances are from the band's very early

beginnings, and shows us the Judas Priest that was just beginning to break free of the Zeppelin-era of music and start to blaze their own mix of classic rock and hard rock.

The concert is fun to watch just to get the full live Judas Priest experience. The concert was during their glam rock phase, so teased hair and outlandish Michael Jackson-style clothes are everywhere.

But the videos are the most interesting, as they give glimpses into the different phases the band went through over the years. From the hard rock beginnings of the British Steel and Hell Bent For Leather albums, through the height of their popularity with *Screaming for Vengeance* and *Defenders of the Faith*, and finally through

the horrific glam rock phase of the Turbo album and the unrelentingly headbanging *Painkiller* album.

You can sit back and watch the band transform before your eyes, as well as the music, for good or ill. The often over-the-top videos makes you stop and honestly wonder why it took so long for everybody to figure out that Halford was gay.

However, as comprehensive as the DVD is, it lacks almost any and all band input. All there is is a message from Rob Halford in the DVD booklet, explaining what it was like in the very beginning for the band, and what it felt like to watch all the old performances. It would have been nice to have gotten some interviews, either past or present, from the band members. As it is, the only

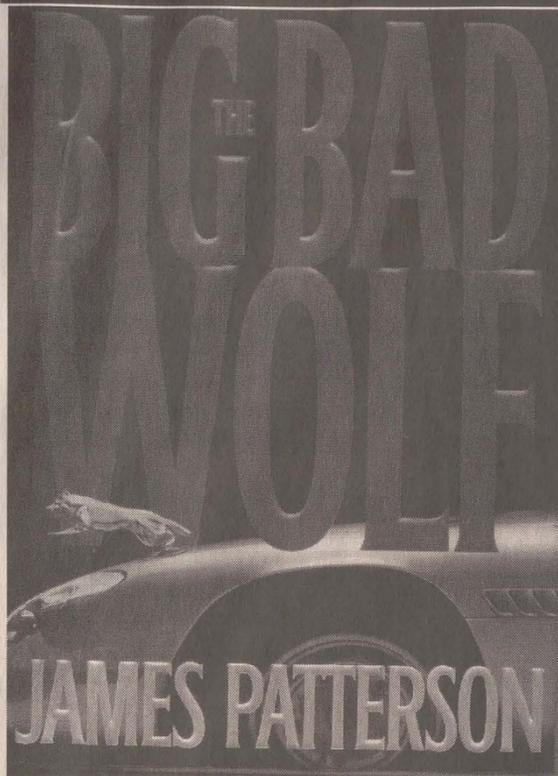
extra is a discography.

As bare bones as *Electric Eye* is, it is still very interesting. The music video's are fun to watch, and the TV performances are interesting and insightful. But with very little else to offer, this DVD is really only for Judas Priest fans.

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Big Bad Wolf Lacks Bite

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News Editor

In his newest suspense novel, *The Big Bad Wolf*, James Patterson invents a truly twisted world in which rich businessmen purchase individuals for their own amusement. The people are usually of high standing in society, which makes them a more attractive target to their would-be kidnappers. The man in charge of this operation is known to many as "The Wolf". A former member of the Russia mafia, The Wolf feels that "he can go anywhere, do anything" and will still be impossible to catch.

He acts with an air of superiority that is often present in many fictitious villains. He feels as if no one, especially not anyone within the FBI, is smart enough to outwit him.

The Wolf views those in pursuit of him as students, with himself as teacher.

Within a few feet of one of the agents, he said, "I will show you how tough and smart you need to be [to catch me]. I will show you how lacking you are in every way."

Recently recruited FBI agent Alex Cross is in pursuit of The Wolf. Cross has been a main character in many of Patterson's best-selling

books such as *Jack & Jill* and *Along Came a Spider*, which was turned into a major motion picture starring Morgan Freeman.

The Big Bad Wolf has many suspenseful moments, such as the FBI's search for the presumed dead individuals captured by The Wolf and his nefarious cohorts, but often switches from the action to the decidedly less interesting tale of Alex Cross' battle against bureaucracy within the FBI. A third sub-story is also added when Cross' ex-girlfriend attempts to gain custody of their young son. These portions tend to slow the book down, and rarely, if ever, advance the main story.

Those who are already a fan of James Patterson may be interested in *The Big Bad Wolf*. Most, however, will be annoyed by the pauses in the pacing of the story.

This is hardly Patterson's best work; those interested in a good suspense novel should look into two of Patterson's other works: *Along Came a Spider* or *The Beach House*. Both novels have multifaceted storylines that are easily to get involved in.

The Big Bad Wolf has far too many storylines to allow the reader to feel invested in any particular aspect of the book. The action scenes, while well written, are too few and far between. 3 out of 5

Costner Aims for Success in Open Range

MATT PETROVICH
P.O.V. Editor

The name Kevin Costner has not always been synonymous with success.

For the past few years Costner's career has been in question. Surprisingly, *Open Range* leaves doubters slack jawed and silent.

From the first scene of this epic movie to the last, the audience is immersed in a believable representation of

1880s Western America.

Costner lends both his acting as well as his directing skills to *Open Range*.

The story tells the tale of two free-grazing cowboys, Charlie Waite (Costner) and Boss Spearman (Robert Duvall) out to avenge the death of their friend at the hands of the local cattle baron Denton Baxter (Michael Gambon) and his group of thugs.

The townsfolk are reluctant to lend aid to the two outsiders until the two "freegrazers" show they can end the tyranny from Baxter and his lackey Marshal Poole.

Before he can avenge his friend Charlie must first come to grips with his violent past and learn that he can move beyond it.

The movie isn't for those who want nothing but

gunfights and explosions. The story drives the film in a plotted style rarely seen in Hollywood.

There is plenty of action meriting a R rating, but the relationship between the characters takes precedence.

Open Range is a very

adventurous style of film that shows off the best of Costner's talents, with supporting roles played by: Annette Bening, Dean McDermott, Michael Jeter, and others this film is truly an enjoyable piece of Western Americana.

The features section of the DVD boasts an entire disk of relevant and interesting material.

Costner and Buena Vista Entertainment put together an amazing DVD that is well worth the cost of rental. 4 out of 5.

Glorious Burden's Weighty Issues

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Jon Schaffer, leader of the hard metal band Iced Earth, shows his love of history and America in Iced Earth's latest album, *The Glorious Burden*.

Split into two CDs, *The Glorious Burden* takes a winding path through some of history's most famous, and infamous, military men and events.

From Attila the Hun to Napoleon to the Red Baron, and from the US's own Revolutionary War, the War Between the States, Vietnam and the events of 9/11, it's all here.

From the first song, Iced Earth's familiar thrashing, galloping guitars take over, never completely slowing down.

New vocalist Tim Owens soars to new heights with his screams, reaching higher than Judas Priest singer Rob Halford, nor Iced Earth's previous singer Matthew Barlow.

Backing this uncompromising force are surprising deep and intelligent lyrics. This album, more than any previous Iced Earth outing, is a labor of Schaffer's love of history, and it shows in the pinpoint details

sprinkled throughout the lyrics.

In the song Waterloo, Schaffer writes about not just Napoleon, but his rallying the French Army, taking on the combined British, Prussian, Russian, and Austrian forces, and ultimately being defeated by a surprise Prussian force.

In the Red Baron/Blue Max track, the song tells of how the Red Baron came to be, his name bestowed by a Holy Roman, how he ruled the skies, and eventually died in 1918 by a British battery on the ground.

The second CD, entitled *Gettysburg (1863)*, is the album's strongest point. A 32-minute trilogy of songs covering the Battle of Gettysburg, complete with the Prague Philharmonic Orchestra backing them up. At times you can even hear the sounds of cannons and men engaged in battle in the background.

Skillfully, Iced Earth tells the tale of the battle that changed the course of the War Between the States, the battle that would ultimately spell defeat for the Confederate States.

At times taking on the guise of men who were at the battle, such as General Lee himself, Owens conveys

both triumph and defeat and the mixed fury of emotions in the heat of battle.

However, *The Glorious Burden* does have its weaknesses. After a while, on this album especially, Iced Earth songs tend to sound a lot alike. The galloping, chugging guitars and thundering drums making up almost every single track in any given album.

While some may like the unrelenting metal sound, it will probably turn just as many off. One song in particular, Greenface, seems to lose focus halfway into it, and it turns into a whole lot of noise.

Schaffer has always prided himself in never giving in to the pressures of the music industry, never compromising or changing his style of music for anyone or anything. Unfortunately, a little change might have been a good thing at times.

For a true, quality heavy metal experience, look no further than Iced Earth's *The Glorious Burden*.

Superb songwriting mixed with the band's signature sound has produced the first true metal album to come from an American band for some time. 4 out of 5.

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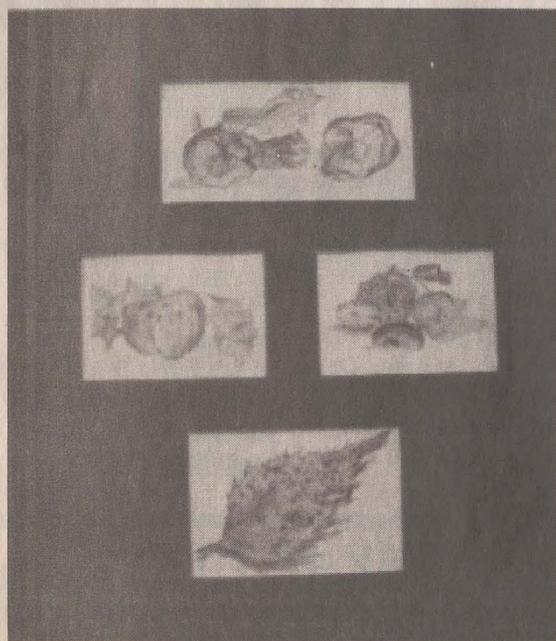
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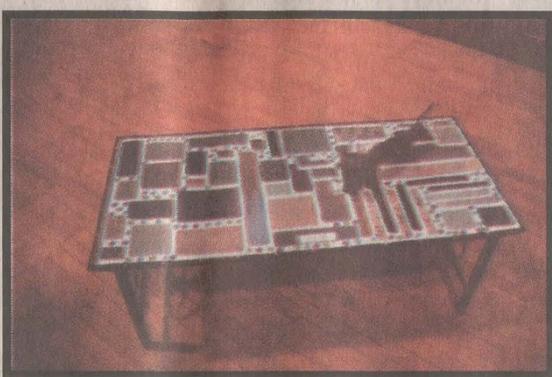
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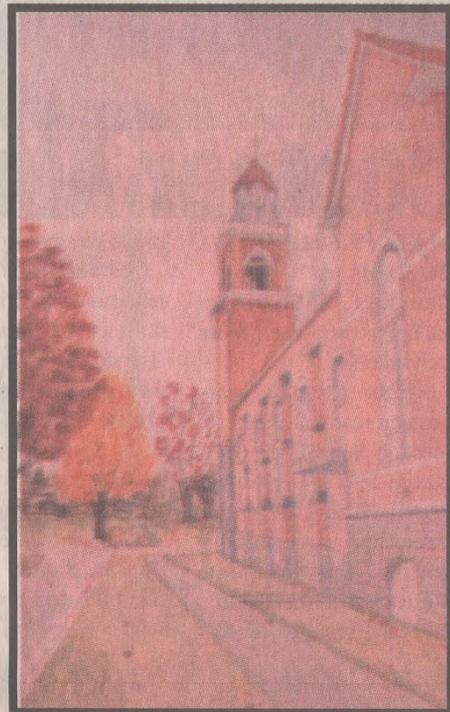
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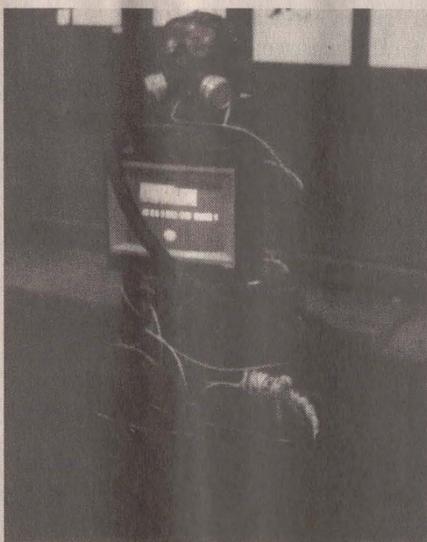
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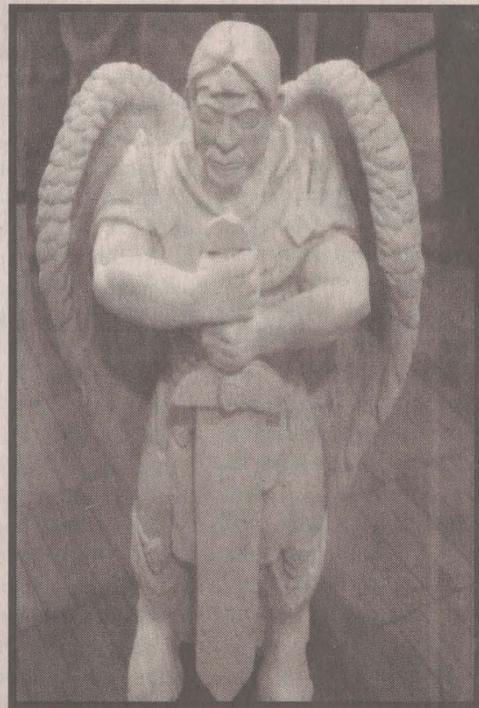
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