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Kappa Beta Delta Welcomes President as Inductee

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News Editor

Kappa Beta Delta has been a part of Alpena Community College for some time. This organization involves ACC students who are majoring in Business, Management and Administration and deserve "recognition for their outstanding achievements and potential."

Kappa Beta Delta has been involved with many activities such as Scramble for Scholarships, Habitat for Humanity, The Sunday Supper Food Drive and A Christmas Wish, which is organized by ACC's Volunteer Center. These events help to maintain a connection between Kappa

Beta Delta and the community.

On March 5th, they welcomed 23 new members. Two honorary members inducted were the President and Vice-President here at ACC. To celebrate this event, Kappa Beta Delta held a ceremony. It was held in the Granum Theatre and the public was welcome to attend.

At the beginning of the ceremony, J. Michael Kearly, a certified public attorney, delivered a keynote address on the merits of Kappa Beta Delta. He accentuated the strong link to the Alpena community that Kappa Beta Delta has shown. This helps to give the organization a stronger foundation, which

assists them to serve their members better.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Sheri Cronin, the President of Kappa Beta Delta, informed the guests the ideals embodied by the organization. She emphasized how important it was for Kappa Beta Delta members to be trustworthy, esteemed and to excel in their chosen path.

Those who were inducted into the organization were given a rose, certificate and a pin, which served as a "tangible symbol of excellence" to the new inductees, according to Tiffanie Merrill, the Vice-President of Kappa Beta Delta. These items gave the new inductees a physical

object to embody the ideals held by the members of Kappa Beta Delta.

Those who attended the event also were able to enjoy the reception that followed. It provided members and non-

members of Kappa Beta Delta to discuss the events of the ceremony and to become acquainted with one another. It was also a way for Kappa Beta Delta to thank the community for their continued

support.

Those who wish to find out more about Kappa Beta Delta and upcoming KBD events planned should contact Linda Suneson at 356-7210.

Photo Courtesy Connie Ireland



Dr. Joyton at a fountain dedication which occurred earlier this semester

Photo by Jeremy Oatten



New Traffic Light Shines Brightly

Alpena Installs Traffic Light

JEREMY OATTEN
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When the city of Alpena considered letting Wal-Mart Corporation build a store, the city anticipated traffic problems on M-32. Sure enough, that came to be, especially with the addition of Home Depot, Independent Bank, Applebee's, Advance Auto Parts, McDonald's, and Murphy USA.

Accidents were accruing at an alarming rate and one Alpena citizen came forward to help correct the situation. That person is, Pam Corwin,

Murphy USA.

After witnessing many accidents where she works, Ms. Corwin decided to try to find a solution.

Pam first spoke to people at the various businesses involved in the area and got copies of traffic accident reports on M-32, and talked to several families involved in the accidents. She got charts from Michigan Department of Transportation, regarding crashes on M-32 to Bagley street corridor, and records complied by the Alpena State Police, Township Fire Department and

ambulance service. According to Ms. Corwin MDOT was blaming all accidents on senior citizens, so she made a copy of the crashes and most of the crashes were of young people from teenaged to young adults.

A traffic light would alleviate the problem. Then came petitions to see if there was a consensus of fellow citizens. Corwin got over 4,000 signatures.

Corwin said some of the people who were mostly involved, included: Wanda Gougeon who wrote a letter about her youngest daughter's involvement in an accident; R.A. Townsend who offered many solutions; and told her about the Inter Government Board of Trustees; Gary Quick the Manager of Home Depot had money to pay for Maintenance and power of the light; Phil Ludlow, who went on the local news and talked about the light; McDonald's who made calls; and Applebee's who were generous with their support.

Next to follow were, meetings of MDOT, with state, township, city

and business leaders to work out all of the particulars and perhaps bring the idea to fruition.

Traffic and Safety Engineer for MDOT, Steve Conradson brought figures of the costs of \$70,000 for the light. The Federal Government was to pay 90% of the costs with the remainder paid for by the state of Michigan to pay (2/3) and 1/3 to be paid by the involved businesses. That meant \$3,600 by Alpena County and an annual cost of \$600 for electricity to run the light. The Inter Government Board of Trustees was to act as a responsible party, and to collect these fees.

Many Meetings and decisions were to follow from the beginning of Corwin's work in the summer of 2003 until the light was installed and working in January of 2004.

"The area is already much safer, and there are fewer mishaps", said Corwin.

"I'm very happy that the traffic light has gone in", she said.

Science Olympiad Comes to ACC

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On March 6th, Alpena Community College welcomed high school and junior high students from across Michigan to participate in the 2004 Science Olympiad.

The Science Olympiad is an event that allows these students to highlight their abilities in a variety of science related activities and to learn more about their world as a whole. This serves to emphasize the importance of science in everyday life and helped to open student's minds to scientific ideals previously not thought about.

One interesting event was called *The Wright Stuff*, which was overseen by ACC staff member Ginger Bohlen, was named after the Wright Brothers.

The Wright Brothers, as many are aware are the two brothers who completed the first successful flight on December 17, 1903. To celebrate this event, the students were invited to create their own miniature planes and to attempt test flights across the gym.

Through trial and error, the students learned how to force the propellers to rotate enough to allow the planes to leave the gym floor.

This involved spinning the propellers just enough to tighten the attached rubber band without it breaking. Following this, they would release the propellers and watch the planes fly across the gym. All conversations in the gymnasium would cease as the crowd's eyes were drawn to the small wooden plane's flight across the room.

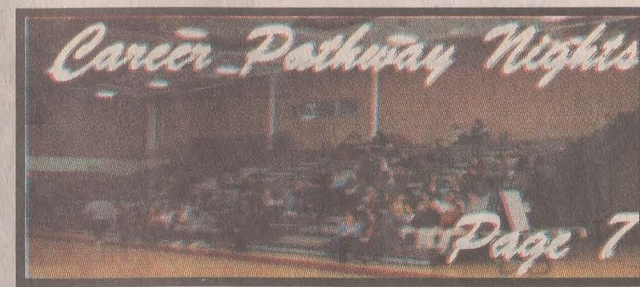
Of course there were tribulations to go along with these trials. Rubber band after rubber band was broken in an attempt to allow these planes to defy gravity. However, this did not dampen the student's spirits, they merely repeated the process, as did so many scientists that went before them.

However, all in all, *The Wright Stuff* along with the other programs that occurred at this event made it a success.

ACC teachers and staff taught many of these programs and enlightened the students on many scientific theorems.



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Board of Trustees Sets Date for Presidential Inauguration

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News Editor

Alpena Community College's first presidential inauguration will take place on April 2nd at 3:30 in the Park Arena. This inauguration will highlight the addition of the new president and will

give the public an opportunity to congratulate Dr. Joyton on his latest position.

Even though Dr. Olin Joyton has been the new president of ACC since Jan 1st, this will serve as a public induction to introduce community members to the new president. As a

community college it is imperative for the community to be involved with changes in the administration.

ACC's Board of Trustees put this idea into action at their last meeting, accentuating the fact that this event will emphasize the future of the college and ACC's new

president.

As for the new president himself, Dr. Joyton has spent a large amount of his career in education. He has served many different colleges throughout the United States.

Many ACC organizations will be involved, such as the Chamber Ensemble,

Collegiate Singers, and Jazz Ensemble. These groups will add a touch of music to the festivities.

Several speeches are also planned for this event. These speeches will serve to allow a few members of ACC's staff and faculty to praise Dr. Joyton on his new

arrangement. Dr. Joyton will also be given an opportunity to comment on the speeches. Following Dr. Joyton's inauguration, there will be a reception in the BTC lobby. For more information about this event, contact Lee Spragg of the Board of Trustees at 356-7247.

Higher Education Debates

Luke VanDusen
Staff Writer

As we sit in our comfy reclining chairs in this two-year college in our corner of the world, are we on our way to a job from here, or just building experience upon the future? Only about ten years or so ago that students such as you and I could think about making a living fresh out of high school, getting our associates degree, and we'd be sitting pretty if we went for our bachelors. The reality is, we live in an age of higher and higher education. Most seek a Bachelors degree these days, but even that has grown into an accomplishment of the past. The modern employer seeks an individual who is dedicated to their field and stands out from the pack. Some would argue that it's not what you know, but who you know. Even with a master's degree you can still find it hard to find a position, especially in the economy we have these days. Many of the individuals who attend ACC are seeking higher education.

Rory Sherwood, a sophomore majoring in Education is planning to study for his masters degree in Education at Grand Valley State. "It seems like it's just necessary these days to go for the highest form of education to better your chance for employment," Rory said.

On top of getting a higher education, importance of a network of contacts to help you with your job search is priceless. It's all about whom you can make friends with and what they can do for you down the road as you wish to seek employment.

In other words, it's who you know, not what you know usually. Without anyone to back you up, you really don't have any credibility besides

your degree.

I got the chance to talk to a small business owner in Alpena just a while ago. James Ray owns Byrdsway Trucking, a profitable truck shipping business. I asked Mr. Ray about what he thought was most important in getting a job, post-college these days.

"It really takes someone who is willing to go the distance with their education, and get as much experience as they can, otherwise they're going to be struggling to find employment," Ray said.

However it's not fair to assume that you can't get a decent job with an associates degree. The more you are exposed the better off you will be, and the bigger edge you will have over your competition. There are students at ACC right now who are finishing up their degree here, and will go on to find a great technical job that will pay good money. For example, Concrete Tech is a highly profitable technical job that only requires a year to two years of training. After you finish your studies at ACC you may find a job anywhere in the world and make an average of 375 to 650 dollars a week in concrete tech. It all depends on what you would like to do with your life, and what your interests and skills are based around. The main goal is to find a place where you're happy, and that may involve a few years in college.

In conclusion, there is no perfect formula for success in this day and age, but it is certain that the more that we can do, the better we look to prospective employers, and the brighter our futures seem to be.

ACC Scholarship Information Update

ASHLEY WEDGE
Staff Writer

The ACC Foundation Scholarship Fund provides various scholarships to the students of Alpena Community College. According to Penny Boldrey, Executive Director of the Alpena Community College Foundation, a scholarship is "an award to assist a student."

Scholarships offered at Alpena Community College range from \$150.00 all the way to full-tuition. For this academic year, fall 2003-spring 2004, 165 scholarships were awarded totaling approximately

\$92,000.00.

Alpena Community College produces a Scholarship brochure and application form that lists all the scholarships available.

The brochure usually becomes available to students of ACC during the second week in January and can be picked up in the Alpena Community College Foundation Office, ACC Campus Service Office and any other counseling office on campus.

If you are unable to pick one up on campus, just make a phone call and a brochure and application form can be mailed out to you.

Read through the brochure

carefully for the eligible on the scholarships, and to see if a short essay needs to be written and sent in. Examples of eligibility are GPA, financial need and program of study.

The ACC Scholarship brochure for the 2004/2005 academic year includes about 90 different scholarship opportunities, which provide over \$100,000.00 in scholarship support.

Penny Boldrey is always working with donor and service clubs to establish more scholarship opportunities for the students of Alpena Community College.

If you send in an application, a letter will be sent to you from

either the collage or the service clubs letting you know that you were the lucky one to be awarded the scholarship. If this is you, congratulations! If this is not you, good luck with applying for others.

The deadline for ACC scholarship applications is April 12, 2004.

There is still time for students to get those scholarship applications and brochures picked up, filled out and mailed in.

Call Penny Boldrey in the ACC Foundation office at 358-7297 for more information about the scholarships that are available to students of ACC.

Orphaned Bears Search For New Beginning

JENNIFER KENDZORSKI/ GLENN LENARD
Staff Writers

When you find wildlife in nature alone, the best thing to do is let nature take its course before you step in and interfere.

A man in Montmorency did not take this advice to heart. He was working at a logging site when a skidder scared away a mother black bear. He then went to the den and discovered 3 baby black bears, one of which was already dead by the impact of a skidder.

The landowner and forester proceeded to tell him not take the cubs, in the hope the mother would return. However, since it was cold and the cubs were shivering he thought it would be better to take them home.

Over a week later, the news of the cubs was received by the DNR office and they decided to take action. DNR Officer Elaine Carlson said

"I was very excited to hear about the cubs and being able to reunite the cubs with the mother."

The DNR Officials decided to try to locate the mother to attempt to reunite them.

It is crucial to sedate the sow to see if she is still producing milk. This did not go as planned. They did

indeed locate the mother but they could not get a good shot to sedate her. Once spooked, she had run into the deep of the swamp.

Once they realized the DNR could not reunite the mother with the cubs they had to search other options.

The two month old cubs, Bonnie and Clyde, were in the temporary care of Betsy Willis at the Northeast Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Willis said that she would be willing to build a pen suitable for the cubs; however the DNR denied the offer, stating that the cubs could escape when grown and be a nuisance to society.

As an animal lover, Willis would be a great person to take care of the cubs. She already has bobcats, elk, deer, wild turkeys, and other wildlife, what would be two more baby cubs since she is experienced in animal rehabilitation.

From there, the DNR searched for further options and this led to the Potter Park Zoo in Lansing. When the news got to the zoo that the bears were found in a high TB area they were no longer suitable to be taken. Bovine TB, an infectious disease, threatens wildlife. Currently there is no TB test for live bears to rule out this possibility that the cubs are TB positive. This would put their zoo in

danger of being closed down if the bears were determined to have TB after deceased.

After the zoo denied the bears, the zoo along with DNR officials figured the last resort would be to euthanize the cubs. Due to a number of concerned citizens, the zoo and the DNR decided to take another look at the options.

The zoo worked with the DNR to find other placement for the cubs, and the zoo located another zoo out East that was willing to take the chance.

Once guidelines for the zoo were gone through, it was then realized that they could no longer accept the bears. Everyone on the case was back at square one.

The bears were moved to The Rose Lake Wildlife Center in Bath Township. There, they were held in isolation from human contact as much as possible to make the release back into the wild as easy as feasible.

The bears are going to hopefully be returned to another mother at a den in the near future.

They have collared sows in Michigan but none in the area where the cubs were taken.

A mother needs to be located in the same area where the cubs were found because Montmorency County is a high TB risk area

and thus can not be taken into a non-TB area. This causes another problem and the DNR are out on foot hoping to find one soon.

"This is something that we do not do often, but it is possible to find, perhaps, another female with cubs and introduce these, essentially, orphans with this other female," DNR biologist Elaine Carlson said. "It is a long shot, but it is something we can work on."

The new mother will accept the cubs as her own if all goes well. Usually for bears they do not realize the cubs are there until she is up from hibernation and if they put them in before she wakes she will never know the new cubs are not actually hers.

If the DNR does not find a mother sow to take in the cubs then they have an alternative option of a Michigan Private Zoo operator that is willing to care for them.

The DNR has worked with this individual before and know the bears will be well taken care of. The bears will live.

Editor's Note:

At last report, the bear cubs have found a new home at Jewel and Dean Oswald's Bear Ranch, located about 8 miles north of Newberry in the Upper Peninsula.

Corrections from the February 10th, 2004 Issue:

In the Surf's Cafe Article, Jim Prevost was mistakenly referred to as Tim; he was also credited as graduating from ACC, which is untrue.

The ACC Writing Program Presents An Evening of Science Fiction & Fantasy



March 18th
7pm CTR 104



Readings of Fiction and Poetry by
ACC Students and Faculty

Refreshments Will Be Provided

Student Senate Aims for Germany

LUKE VANDUSEN
Staff Writer

Most students dream of the day that they can go on a vacation from everyday life, away from the books and boredom of our quaint little northern town in Michigan. In many cases though it doesn't involve traveling overseas for a cultural experience of a lifetime. ACC Student Senate is putting all effort into making this dream a reality, and creating a memorable trip for the group to share.

The trip is planned for the end of the spring semester; the date is set tentatively for May 15th, but may change. They are planning to make the most of this trip by visiting not only Germany, but are spanning Europe by making stops in France, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy. Their mode of transportation will be on

train to Paris, and from there they plan on using a bus to get around the beautiful landscape of Europe.

The Europe trip has been in the works for a few years now, but has never gotten the push it needed to make it a reality until now. Initially the Senate was going to contact a sister college that resides in Germany, but that plan fell through, and the group needed to find different means of housing.

The Senate is working to raise the funds for their trip, but it looks like it might involve some out-of-pocket expenses. The total amount that will be expected for the entire trip is around \$2,100, which is well worth the amount of travel that they will endure. However, due to the cost of the trip, some members of the Student Senate won't be able to go, but still look forward to see-

ing their friends have a good time in a foreign land.

Senate member Jessica Angel expressed her excitement for the trip she will be going on by saying "It's something new that I've never been able to do until now, and it's a chance to experience different cultures and see so many landmarks from the past."

The group has put on a number of events to help raise some needed money for the trip. Bakes sales and bottle drives have been the primary events, along with a spaghetti dinner at the Lumberjack Shack in February. They are also hoping to make a profit from the upcoming "Casino Night" at the college. Students are welcome to attend free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated from the Senate. The group would like to have a few

Photo By Chris Gillmore



Student Senate serves up rootbeer floats.

more fundraisers this spring; a car wash is one idea that has been talked about by members of the group.

The Cultural experience to Europe would be a great opportunity for the Senate to witness how the world works over there, and

to observe a totally different environment. Hopefully they are able to fund the trip as well as possible, and fulfill the adventure that they've set forth for themselves. The Senate will be making a presentation on their experience

in Europe upon arrival getting home, to share the times they had.

Student Senate would appreciate any donations that you are willing to give; you can do this by going to the upcoming Casino Night on March 19th.

EVENTS CALENDER:

ACC Writing Program: MARCH 18
"An Evening of Science Fiction and Fantasy"
7:00 p.m. - Contact Tom Ray

Career Pathway Night: MARCH 18
How to Pay for it all - A Financial Workshop
6:30 p.m. RSVP 358-7348

Thunder Bay Theatre Presents: "Godspell"
MARCH 18-APRIL 10
Thur. -Sat., 7:30p.m.; Sun. 2:00 p.m.

Conversations with Educational Leaders:
MARCH 19- Our Common Culture, Our Ambivalence
APRIL 2- Democratize, Don't Professionalize
APRIL 16- Teacher Unions, History, and Professionalization
APRIL 23- Privatization and the Common Good
APRIL 30- An Illustration of Reform

Power of Parenting Workshop: MARCH 20
8:30a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ACC Center Building
Registration is Required

Test Taking Strategies Workshop: MARCH 23
11:15 a.m.; VLH 102
Contact Kim at 358-7329

Last Day to Drop A Class: MARCH 26

Navigators Paintball Trip: MARCH 28
Contact: accnavigators@yahoo.com

Back Roads House Concert Series Presents:
APRIL 3 - Mike Mangione at 7:00p.m.
MAY 1- Tamaras at 7:00p.m.
Call 356-1605 for Reservations

Early Registration Begins: MARCH 29

Spring Break : APRIL 8

ACC Scholarship Application Deadline: APRIL 12

An Evening with the Arts: APRIL 30

Commencement: MAY 6

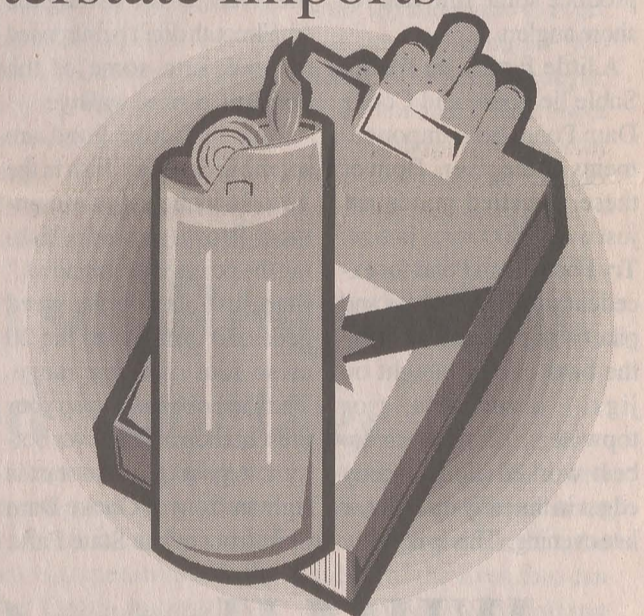
Michigan Imposes \$1,000 Fine on Interstate Imports

CHRIS GILLMORE
Photo Editor

Smokers and drinkers beware. If you smoke just one pack of cigarettes a day, you could be paying up to \$273 more on cigarettes in a year due to the sin tax proposal by the current Michigan Governor.

Governor Jennifer Granholm is proposing to increase the tax on cigarettes by 75 cents per pack. This would be an increase from \$1.25 to \$2.00 and is estimated to generate \$295 million to help fill the holes in the State Budget to save programs like Medicare and state school funding. It is estimated that this tax will deter over 150,000 people from smoking in the future.

Smuggling can become trouble with the new tax increase as more people go to Ohio, Indiana, and even Canada. This could cause problems for

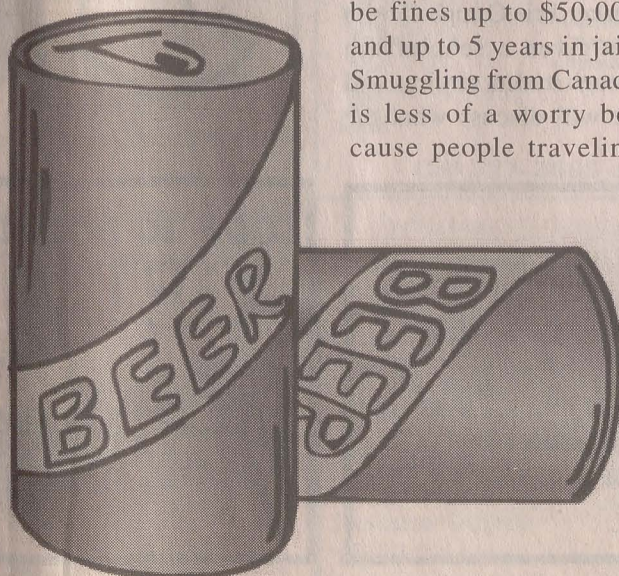


the revenue that is to be generated and to the people doing the smuggling. Michigan cigarettes have a state stamp on the pack to acknowledge that the appropriate tax was paid for the cigarettes. If someone is found carrying packs from someplace other than Michigan it could lead to a \$1000 fine and up to one year in jail for just one carton. Importing large amounts could be fines up to \$50,000 and up to 5 years in jail. Smuggling from Canada is less of a worry because people traveling

are supposed to declare any purchases and they could pay the taxes at the border since 9/11, inspections and security is at its tightest.

Along with the cigarette tax, Governor Granholm is also proposing a tax on beer and wine. Michiganians drink two billion 12-ounce beers annually. That's 286 bottles of beer a year for every resident over the age of 21. With each beer being charged a 2 cents sin tax that should generate over \$40 million.

Along with beer, wine could also feel the sting of the sin tax. Michiganians drink 475 million 4-ounces glasses of wine a year and paying 3 cents for every two glasses, this will generate \$7.5 million annually. Liquor is not included in the initial proposal, but something could be at a later date to generate more state funds.



Fishing For Good Spots Late In The Season Finds Bounty

ADAM HUME
Huron Shores

Now that summer is just around the corner it's time to start thinking about where you'll be fishing. Much of Michigan has good fishing, but the Oscoda area has some of the finest. Within Oscoda and just a few miles outside of town swim an array of game fish. Head to Oscoda this summer to enjoy some of the best walleye, bass, pike, and panfish action Michigan has to offer. With the area's many lakes, and of course the world renowned Au Sable River, anglers will never have a problem finding good water to fish.

Bobby Brown of Wellman's bait and Tackle talks about the Lower Au Sable fishery. "Really good walleye fishing," he boasts. In May through late July use rapalas to score on these sought after fish. According to Brown the best way to catch them is "trolling at night with any white bellied Rapala." Also casting off the piers can produce some fine fish for shore anglers.

A little farther up the Au Sable lie Foote and Cooke Dam Pond, both impoundments of the river. Both of these so-called ponds are just over 1800 acres in size. Try Foote Dam Pond for excellent smallmouth bass and pike fishing. All summer long the bass can be caught on jigs, crankbaits, or topwaters. Topwaters are best worked along weedy edges in the early morning or late evening. This is not only

an effective way to catch them but one of the most exciting ways to hook into this fierce fighter. Later in the day the bass will move to the deeper water in the 12 to 20 foot range, according to local anglers. Fish them on tube baits or crawfish imitations. Many 5-plus pound smallmouth are pulled from Foote every summer.

Along with Foote Pond's excellent bass fishing, you may enjoy some great northern pike fishing as well. To catch a 20-pounder, fish sucker minnows off points and in the old river channel. For the average 20-30 inch northern, fish the outside of weed beds up and down the entire impoundment. Try your luck casting spinner baits or see some amazing strikes on zara spooks.

Cooke Dam Pond also holds some fantastic smallmouth bass fishing. Local anglers have claimed Cooke Pond must hold at least one state record small mouth. These bass can be caught using the same tactics you'd use in the Foote Pond stretch of the river. While fishing the smallmouth don't be surprised to hook into some of the ponds nice-sized walleye.

Also in Cooke Pond are some big crappies. Fish in the 12 to 14 inch range are common. Brown suggests, "fishing the points with minnows." Start just outside the weed beds and drift out to the 20 or so foot of water range. Use slip bobbers to keep your presentation off the river bottom. A good place to start is right in front of Cooke Dam or in front of the State Park.

Late evening and into the mid-night hours produce some of the best action.

Yet another lake in the Oscoda area is Van Etten Lake. The perch fishing here has been very good the past couple of years. Most of the fish run in the 7-9 inch range with some reaching 12 inches. Fish the perch in 12 to 25 feet of water on wax worms, wigglers, or small minnows. Bobby Brown stated, "If you're looking for a perch dinner you can get it at Van Etten."

Van Etten also holds a good number of walleye and pike. To land a trophy sized northern cast spinner baits and weedless spoons around the islands at the north end of the lake. Two local anglers landed 11 fish in the range between 28 and 36 inches one afternoon in July. Ask any Van Etten Lake fisherman and they will tell you this lake has an abundant population of well-sized northern pike. Walleye fishing is best in the month of May. These eyes move into the shallow water to feed in their post-spawn time. Try casting brown or black rapalas to score on a nice mess of these fine eating fish. Work the edge along the south end and the air force beach area.

As you can see much of the Oscoda area has fine summer fishing. As in any new area you're about to fish, do your homework. Look at lake maps or talk with the folks at Wellman's Bait and Tackle in Oscoda, (989) 739-2869.

St. Patrick's Day: Myth, Merry, and Mirth

KATIE PIZZA
News Editor

St. Patrick's Day is dedicated to St. Patrick, who is known to many as the patron saint of Ireland. There is much debate about his life and even facts about his death. Because most accounts were passed down by word of mouth, there does not seem to be a way to truly be sure. According to some historians, St. Patrick was born to wealthy parents in Wales around 875 BC, with the given name Maewyn. He was then kidnapped at the age of 16 and sold as a slave. During this time he was able to find religion as a means to calm himself in the midst of the panic that surrounded him. Upon escaping, he was able to introduce Christianity to Ireland.

To reach the Irish people, he began to incorporate traditional rituals into his sermons. The Irish people had a great belief in the power of fire, so to build on this he constructed what is now known as a Celtic cross. This cross is similar to a basic cross, with the change of a small circle in the midst of it, symbolizing the power of the sun. This helped to unite the people of Ireland.

By the time he died in 461, he had established many important schools, churches and monasteries. This helped to build Ireland into a great nation. Because people were so inspired by his life, they began to create myths

about his greatness. One of the most famous of these myths revolves around him forcing the snakes out of Ireland.

Other stories have emerged, such as his using a shamrock in order to explain the Holy Trinity. This use of common objects to explain complex ideals helped to solidify his importance in the eyes of the Irish at that time.

To allow the Irish to remember his death, a *Feast of St. Patrick's "Falling Asleep"* was planned to occur every March 17th, which is said to be the day that he died.

The first American St. Patrick's Day was said to have occurred in Boston in 1737. It involved a parade organized by the Charitable Irish Society. This celebration became an event in which Irish-Americans began wearing green in order to symbolize the lush Irish landscape. Schoolchildren began the tradition of pinching those who were not wearing green on this occasion.

Myths began to thrive in the United States about Leprechauns, a name that is Irish for "small bodies." They are known for making shoes and informing their captors of where pots filled with gold are hidden when caught.

People often see St. Patrick's Day as a time to celebrate the fact that we are able to celebrate. But it is important to remember that St. Patrick's Day has a little more significance than simply green beer.

Local Talent Show Held

HEATHER MITCHELL
Huron Shores

Performers gather to perform at the Ogemaw County Fair talent show, located on the outskirts of West Branch, in early June.

All competitions there are categories that each performer is grouped in. This competition has three talent categories, which include variety, singing, and dancing.

Judges in this competition look at a performer's appearance, their poise, and how well they perform their talent. Also looked upon is your stage presence, meaning how comfortable or how uncomfortable you look while performing.

The show is based primarily around country music although there have been a few special presentations. Such as a young woman who performed tap dancing and one did a performance of a dance that she herself created.

There are two age groups. Those 13 and younger, and then 14 and older. The winners from each group then receive a \$100 cash prize.

Sponsoring the show is the job of WKJC under the direction of the Carol Broadcasting Company. WKJC (104.7 F.M.) is a radio station located in Tawas City, Michigan. In its fifth year of holding the show.

WHM Honor Ceremony Congratulates Students

JENNIFER KENDZORSKI
Staff Writer

"Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility" is this year's theme for the Women's History Month Honor Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 1:00pm-2:30pm in room CTR 104 and 106.

The ACC Women's History Month Committee is putting together the 3rd annual ceremony. This year, the welcoming speaker will be

ACC President, Dr. Olin Joynton and opening remarks will be given by Dr. Maryanne Carlson, ACC's Vice-President of Academic Affairs. A featured speaker from the community, Judy Stillion, the Director of the Alpena County Library, was selected through nominations of outstanding women community members.

There will also be a student speaker, Erin Campbell, who was given a scholarship through student services, and she will discuss what the



scholarship meant to her and how she is pursuing her goal of getting a degree.

This year, about 190 letters were sent out to women who achieved the criteria for the recognition. To be eligible, women students must have a 3.5 GPA or better, and must be currently enrolled in Alpena Community College with at least

15 academic hours. However, in order to be recognized, they must RSVP so a certificate will be given to them at the ceremony. Alternatively, honorees should RSVP for a certificate if they can not attend the ceremony.

In addition, this year there will also be entertainment by the ACC Dance Team. They are putting together a special performance just for this event that they will perform for the women who attend.

Members of the ACC Women's History Month Committee started this honors ceremony as an

offshoot of an organization of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges.

They had some participation but not quite enough to keep the group going. The Women's History Month Committee was formed to continue this annual event. A member of the Women's History Month Committee, Jane Speer, said "It's been a great turnout in the past."

Attendance at the past events has been very strong and the feedback was very positive and they would like to continue this annual event as long as possible.

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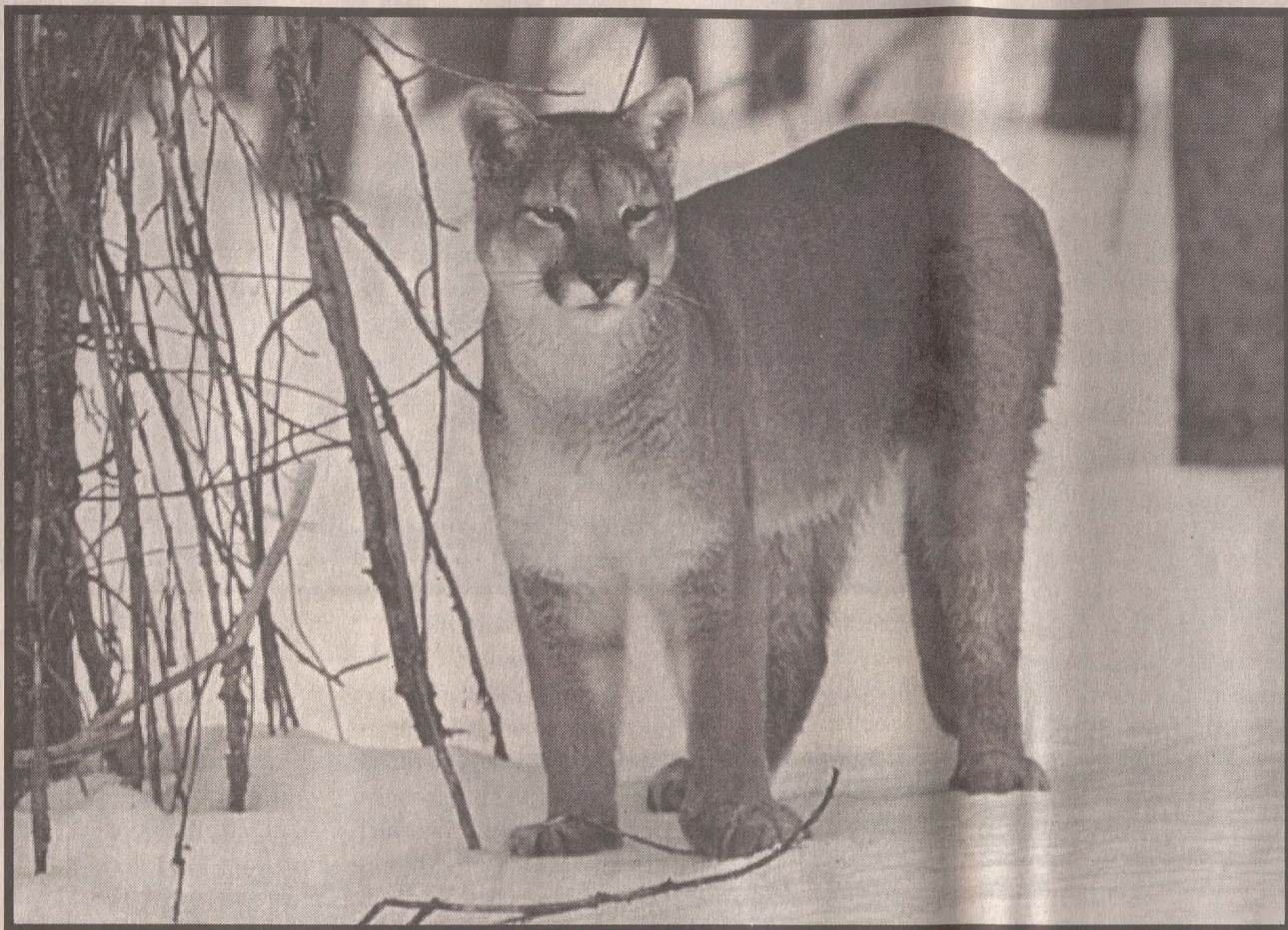
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Cougar Population Exists in Michigan



ADAM HUME
Staff Writer

In recent months there has been a sizzling debate here in northern Michigan. The question everyone's asking is whether or not a population of cougars exists here in Michigan.

For starters, hundreds of reports of sightings or signs surfaced in the the '90's. In

2002, a picture taken of a wild cougar arrived from Curran. Also, a videotape of a cougar in Wexford County showed up some years ago. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) still disputes that the cougar has existed in Northern Michigan since 1906. The DNR claims the cougars seen are probably pet cougars that escaped from

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videotape of a cougar in Wexford County showed up some years ago. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources still disputes that the cougar has existed here in Michigan since 1906. The DNR claims the cougars seen are probably pet cougars that escaped for their owners. A spokesman on the DNR website states, "scattered

reports of cougars have been received but we have not verified any reproducing population in any part of the state."

What will it take for the DNR to admit the possibilities of reproducing cougars here in Michigan? Confirmed DNA testing, perhaps?

Well, that's exactly what Patrick Rusz, director of wildlife programs for the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, obtained. He collected and verified DNA of cougars from "scat," or feces, found right here in Michigan. Rusz claims there are as many as 20 cougars in the Upper Peninsula and even some here in the Lower. With this number of animals it is highly unlikely, to impossible that the cougars were at one time all held in captivity.

Hunters and outdoorsman have also made claims that the DNR reintroduced the big cats back into Michigan years ago, in order to control the whitetail deer population. They say this could be the reason the DNR disagrees wild cougars even exist in Michigan, a cover-up. This is a ridiculous claim back up by no evidence. You know how rumors circulate at deer camp.

It seems like with all the evidence, a video, a picture,

1500 sightings documented by Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, many DNA samples, and plaster tracks, the DNR could no longer disagree at even the possibility of breeding cougars here in Michigan. Maybe the DNR should take some initiative in the matter, send out a team of biologists to places where a high number of sightings have occurred or simply fund programs like Patrick Rusz's, which would verify the truth.

So what will it take for the DNR to acknowledge that we may have a population of wild cougars here in Michigan? Probably confirmed kills of the animals. Which is not likely soon due to the small population and elusiveness of this fierce predator?

This debate will likely go on for sometime. In the meantime keep your eyes open, for the large tan colored cat, many reports have come from Alpena County. Don't be alarmed though, the chances of an attack here in Michigan, like the various attacks in the west, are about zero to none.

If you, or someone you know, have seen a cougar, drop me a line. Tell me about your sighting or give me your thoughts on the issue. Contact me at ashume@yahoo.com.

A Look at Alpena Community Library's Children's Program

Jeremy Oatten
Staff Writer

The Alpena County Library is located in town at 211 North 2nd Avenue, across the street from The Alpena News. This past summer of 2003, The Alpena Library added a new area to their facility, and is located on the second floor of the library connected by a walkway. The new library space is above Dr. Currier's building. The new library space was originally planned to house more book shelving space, but the library crew got together and decided that they were not going to do that. They decided to use the empty space for their offices and a room to hold meetings or parties. If you would like to reserve the room for a meeting, conference, or anything, then please contact the library at (989) 356-6188 to set up a reservation.

The Alpena County Library hours are, "Monday through

Thursday" they are open from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, and "Friday through Saturday" from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. You can also reach the library at www.alpenalib.org.

There are a lot of activities for all children at the Alpena Library such as, "Story Hour" that is going on March 17th thru April 24th. This activity involves Toddler Story Hour for children ages 2 to 3 years old, and Preschool children ages 4 to 5 years old. A registration is required for this activity. Also for the children, there is a "Parent and Tot Playtime" every Monday on March 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th at 10:00 am to 11:00 am. "Puppet Show/Story Time" is scheduled for Preschool and early Elementary classes thru April only, please call Mary at, (989) 356-6188 to set up a reservation. "Animal Day" will be happening on Saturday May 8th at 10:30 am to 2:30 pm with Horses, Cows, Pigs,

Sheep, and Farm animal galore to view and pet. "Shana Banana" will be coming to town on April 19th for Preschool students. You can also reach her at www.shanabanana.com.

Please feel free to check out the different activities as well as the wide variety of the library has there. The library staff will be happy to assist you with all your questions.

ACC Nurses Respond to Blood Shortage

KATIE PIZZA
News Editor

Alpena Community College has been home to many blood drives over the last few semesters. ACC's own Student Senate has overseen most of these blood drives. On March 19th, however, the Student Nurses Association will conduct the blood drive.

As many people are aware, there is a blood shortage in the state of

Michigan. Blood does not have a great deal of time in which it can be stored so it is imperative that the Red Cross maintains a large amount of donors in order to keep the supplies at safe levels.

In order to accomplish this task, the Red Cross often gives out items such as t-shirts and pins to their top donors. This serves as a visual symbol of the amount of blood that the person has donated.

Another way the Red Cross attempts to get more donors is by informing the public of the lives that can be saved by donating blood. By appealing to a person's humanity, the Red Cross hopes to find more donors and increase their supply.

For more information about the upcoming blood drive contact the Nursing Department at 356-7226 or the Red Cross, located on East Campus at 356-0677.



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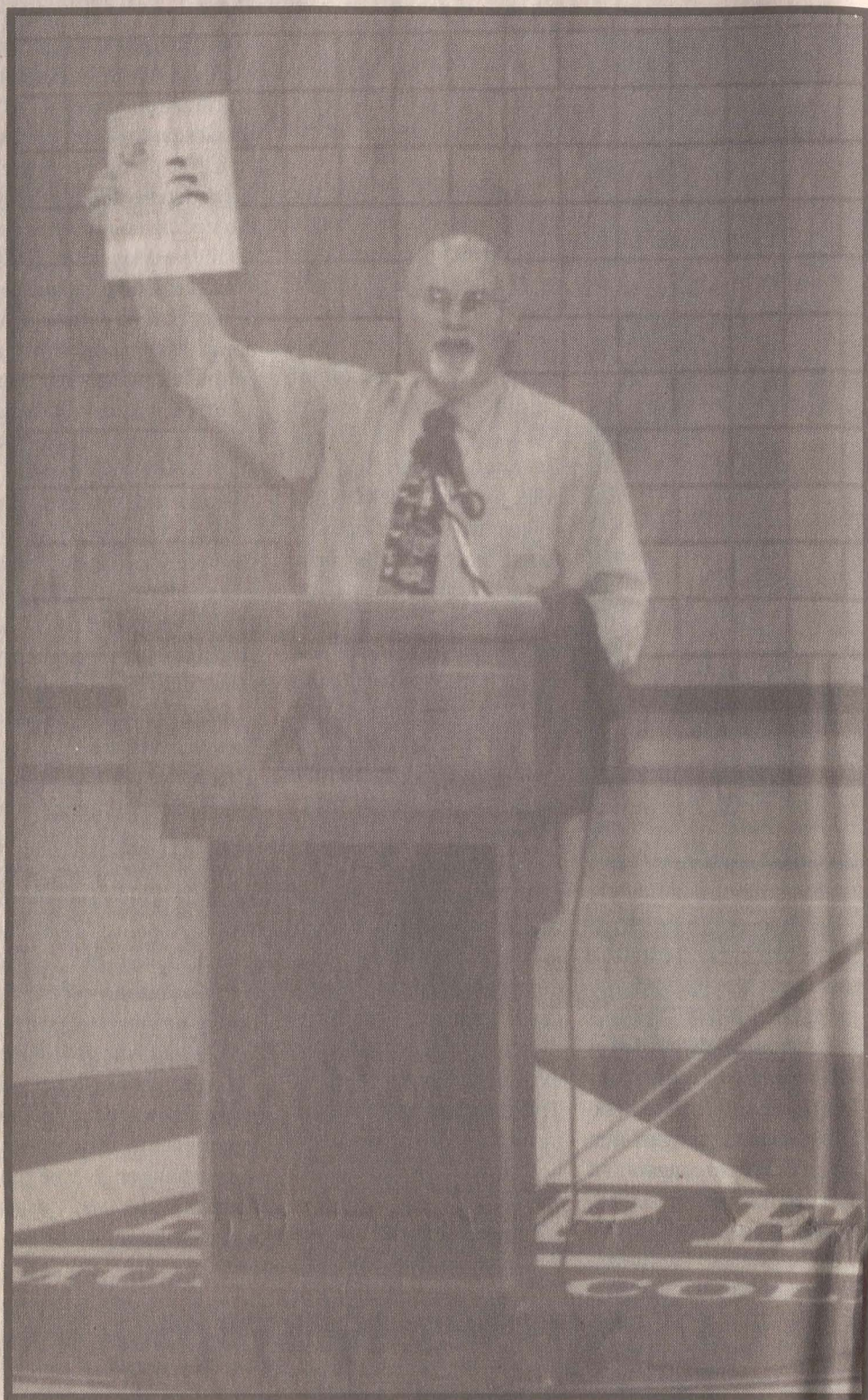
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Career Pathway Nights Another Success

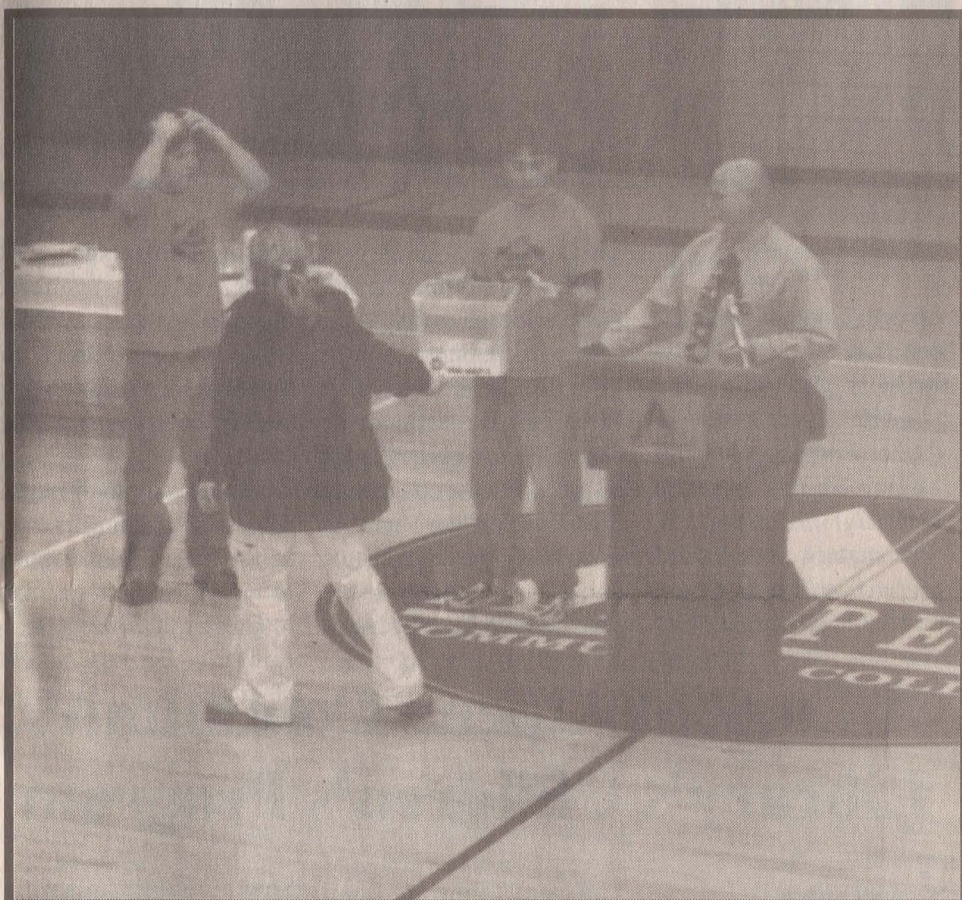
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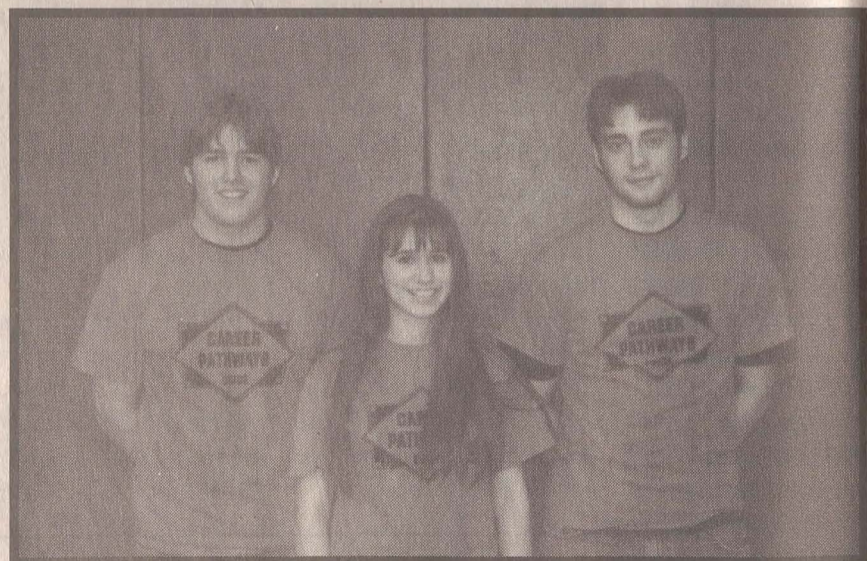
Robert Newton gave a speech about the importance of career pathways and the Educational Talent Search.



The bleachers at the ACC gym were filled almost to capacity for Career Pathways night.



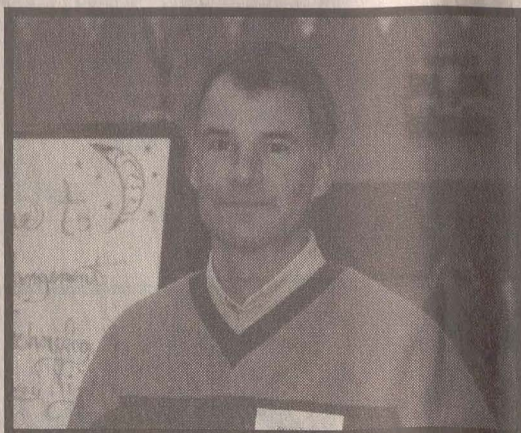
A raffle was part of the pathway evening. Student Senate representatives assist Robert Newton.



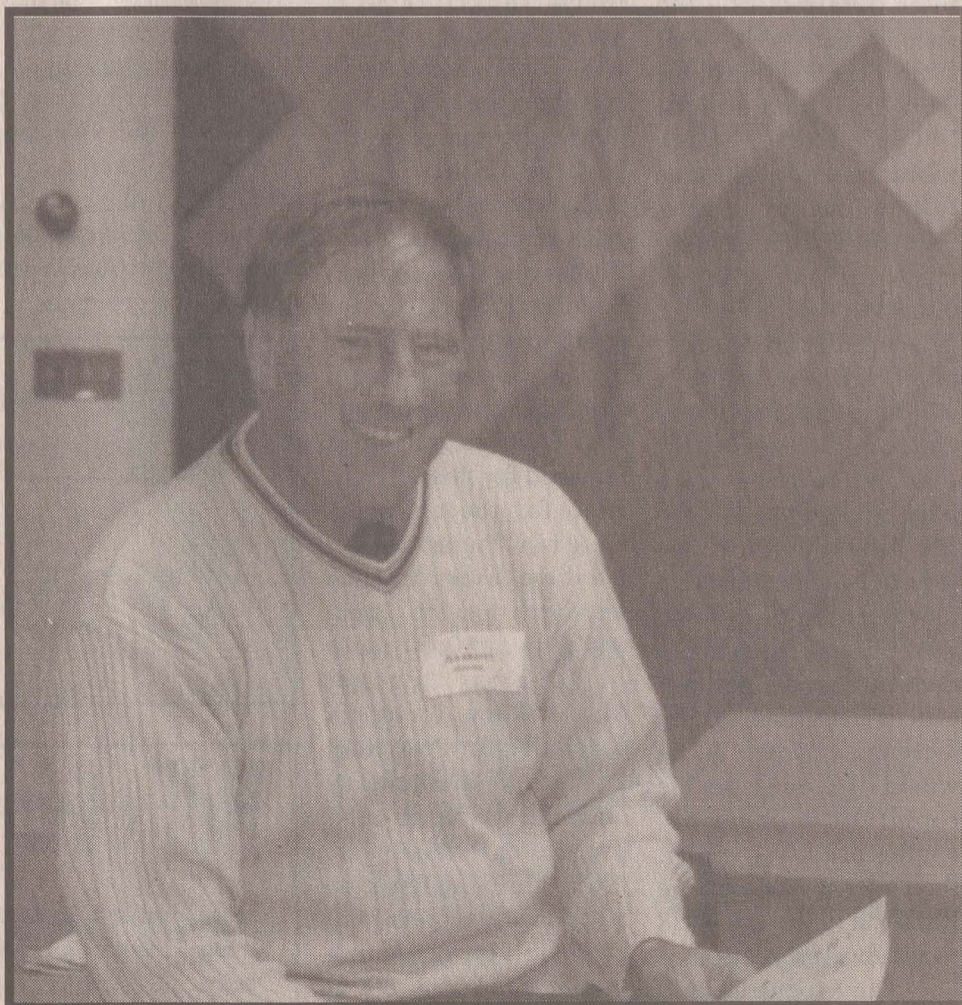
Volunteers Luke VanDusen, Kaitlyn Besaw and Rory Sherwood.



Eileen Wegmeyer gives a lecture on Advertising.



Brian Bailey inspires young entrepreneurs into the basics of Small Business.



Bob Krafft takes a break from speaking about the importance of a Marketing.

Lumberjack Sports

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Honestly, are Golf and NASCAR Real Sports?

I come here today not to belittle NASCAR or golf fans (I know how passionate they are about their "sport"), but simply, to state my opinion on the cultural phenomenon that is NASCAR and golf.

"It's without a doubt a sport," a friend of mine says. "Those guys are great athletes. Do you know how difficult it is to drive 200 mph for miles and miles?"

Hmmm. Well can't say I do. But I'll tell you one thing, if anybody is an athlete that is associated with NASCAR, it's the pit crew—now, those guys are the athletes—not the drivers. Do you know how difficult it is to change a tire in 10 seconds? Now that's impressive.

The only characteristic demonstrated by NASCAR drivers that embodies a sport is when they sweat profusely in those jackets they wear. Why? 'Cause I imagine it gets awfully torrid in those cars.

Now, lets talk about another "sport": Golf.

It is a game that is played by millions across the world. It is played by young and old, fat and skinny. It's a game available to anybody (provided you can afford it).

But, just like NASCAR—not a sport.

Dictionary.com defines sport as, "An activity involving physical exertion and skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often undertaken competitively." It's the first part that erases the ridiculous notion that golf and NASCAR is a sport: "An activity involving physical exertion..."

Sorry, folks. Last time I checked there isn't a great abundance of physical exertion going on at golf clubs or sitting in your car, regardless, of whether you're going 200 mph or 25 mph.

Don't get me wrong, both are highly competitive and require tremendous skill. But so does being a brain surgeon. A brain surgeon does not constitute an athlete, however.

For those of you who disagree with this column, I have an idea: We could combine the two "sports" and call it, Professional Golf Cart Driver.

I'll be the first to wave the checkered flag on the 18th green.

Corey and Sports



Corey Daleski

Getting Prepared for Spring

COREY DALESKI
Sports Editor

With spring lurking right around the corner, the ACC women's softball team is gearing up for what they hope will be a memorable season.

Noel Schlueter, entering her third year as head coach, believes this could, potentially, be her best team yet.

"I don't think we have any real weaknesses," Schlueter said. "I expect a lot from this team and the players know that."

Having the luxury of solid pitchers is imperative to any team with serious championship aspirations, and this year's softball team comes fully loaded with an arsenal of quality pitchers—mainly, Lisa Dahm, who just happens to be All-Conference this year.

"Lisa has a full ride to Lake Superior State," Schlueter said. "She's very strong, and very smart."

Schlueter added: "We're a team that is three deep, and all of them are capable of pitching at a high level. I like our mix of pitchers."

Besides Dahm, the other pitchers on the team include Amy Timm, a freshman from Alpena, and Stephanie Rekowski, a freshman from Alcona.

Other members of the team returning from last season include catcher-third baseman Ashley Yarrington,

"I don't think we have any real weaknesses. I expect a lot from this team and the players know that."
-Coach Noel Schlueter



Sophomore infielder Rachael Bennett her hitting technique with the help of assistant coach Shannon Woloszyk. The softball team is currently in Tennessee training for the season.

infielder-outfielder Jessica Orban, catcher Kim Wagner, outfielder Stacey Pawlowski, and infielder Julie DePrekel.

Last season ACC stumbled—going 11-13 in conference play with a 12-20 record overall.

"We definitely need more consistency this year. Last season it seemed that there was always that one bad inning that would kill us," Schlueter said.

To help get prepared for the upcoming season, the softball team is currently in Tennessee for a week-long training period. The hope is for the training session to be a strong bonding experience for the girls, as well as a chance to get outdoors to play.

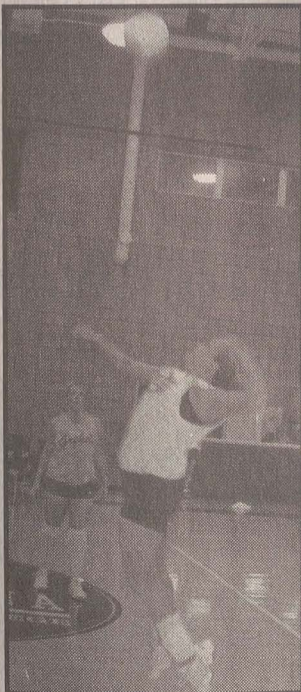
Conference play kicks off April 2nd, as the Lumberjacks make the trip down south to St. Clair to face the highly regarded Skippers.

Lady Lumberjacks Softball Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	School
1	Amy Timm	P	F	Alpena
2	Katie Dutcher	OF	F	Alpena
3	Ashley Yarrington	C/3B	S	Gaylord
4	Rachael Bennett	IF	S	East Jordan
5	Jessica Orban	IF/OF	S	Alpena
6	Jenna Brown	C/3B	F	Alpena
7	K. VanMassenhove	1B	F	Alpena
8	Kelly Weichel	1B/OF	F	Alcona
10	Kim Wagner	C	S	Boyne Falls
11	Megan Grulke	IF	F	Rogers City
13	Stacey Pawlowski	OF	S	Cheboygan
14	Lisa Dahm	P/1B	S	Escanaba
15	Steph Rekowski	P	F	Alcona
16	Roni Allen	1B	S	Hale
17	Julie DePrekel	IF	S	North Huron
Coach: Noel K. Schlueter				
Asst. Coach: Shannon L. Woloszyk				

Shining a Light on Intramural Sports

L-Jack File Photo



Volleyball will be the next intramural sport this year.

DOMINICK MILLER
Sports Editor

If a person were to dig deep

enough on the Alpena Community College website, they would find a little information about intramural sports here at ACC.

"The intramural program is operated for the benefit of all Alpena Community College students wishing to take part in team sports for fun and friendly competition," the site says.

So far this year, intramural basketball has been offered. According to director Bobby Allen, all went well. The games were competitive, and it appeared that everyone had a good time.

"Everything went really well," Allen reported. "We tried to get a lot of the students out, and I let some of the community members get involved. We just wanted everybody to have a good time just playing basketball

for a while."

With basketball season just about finished up, Allen has said that intramural volleyball will be kicking off in the spring.

All of the necessary information for rosters will be posted around the gym and on the outside wall of the Wellness Center before the kick-off of the volleyball season.

It is also posted on the website that other sports, such as floor hockey, flag football and softball, will be available. While it's not out of the question that these sports will be offered, it's just that there are many variables that come with each.

With softball or baseball, Allen said, the weather makes it tough to get involved in a season.

The main problem with flag

football is that people tend to take things a little too far. It can get too rough at times. The same can be said about floor hockey.

While the weather makes it tough to get a season in of outside sports, tournaments are not out of the question.

"We have had softball tournaments in the past," Allen said. "I would go out and buy some hot dogs and hamburgers; everybody brings their own gloves, and I'd borrow some bats from the softball team and we would have a good time."

Allen mentioned that the last time a softball tournament was held, two teams took part. He would not be opposed to more teams being involved in a similar tournament this year.

Any ideas for intramurals are appreciated.

Thank Godness for Baseball Season

It's that time of the year. The snow is just beginning to melt. There are mud puddles everywhere. Ahh, yes. Baseball season

It's Miller Time! must be just around the corner.



Dominick Miller

I am not afraid to admit that I am a baseball geek. I think that I am one of the 20 people left in the world who truly gets excited when baseball season begins. I actually may get more excited for the opening of baseball season than I do for Christmas day.

From the time the Super Bowl ended until now, it has been a dead zone in sports for me. I have just about lost all interest in the NBA, especially since Michael Jordan retired from the Bulls (I have trained myself to forget those two years he played in Washington). I watch the Pistons every now and then, but seeing them good makes me sick.

Apparently hockey season has started, but I hadn't really noticed.

So, all I can wait for sporting wise from early February to March is spring training. I have a little extra to be excited about this season, since the Cubs are, for the first time in my life (and probably my Grandmother's life as well), the Cubs are legitimate World Series contenders. Maybe I should repeat that: The Chicago Cubs are legitimate World Series contenders.

For anyone who follows baseball, you know that the Cubs are the perennial losers of baseball. They haven't been to a World Series since World War II. They haven't won a World Series since Teddy Roosevelt was in office. Hell, they haven't had back-to-back winning seasons since the '70s.

The reason the Cubs are going to be good this year is their pitching staff. From top to bottom, I believe that this is the best rotation in the big leagues. How deep is this staff? Carlos Zambrano, the Cubs' number five starter, was 13-11 with a 3.11 ERA last season. Contrast that to the Tigers. Their number one pitcher, Jason Johnson, was 10-10 with a 4.18 ERA.

Back Zambrano up with Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Gred Maddux and Matt Clement, and you have, dare I say, a World Series caliber team. In most years that might make you sound crazy. This season, it might be a reality.

Final ACC Basketball Overview and Stats

MATTHEW GIBBONS
Staff Writer

The Alpena Community College men's and women's basketball seasons have come to an end with both teams having disappointing seasons and not making the playoffs.

The men ended up in last place of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA)

eastern conference this year, after finishing 20-10 a season ago. The team finished 3-13 in conference play and 5-19 overall. Overall, Schoolcraft came in first place with a 15-1 conference record, with Mott CC a close second at 14-2.

The leading scorer for the ACC men's team was Brent Wichtner, averaging 14.3 points per game. Drew

Kemp was second on the team in scoring, averaging 11 a game. Sean Seivwright came in with 8.8 points per contest.

Local baller Eric Muszunski led the team in rebounds with six boards per game, with Deverin White coming in second at 5.6 rebounds a game. Wichtner averaged 3.6 boards a game.

Kemp led the team with 3

assists per game.

The women's team finished the season with identical records of the men, 3-13 and 5-19, but finished eighth overall out of 10 teams.

Wayne County CC finished in first place, with a 14-2 record, while Oakland finished second at 13-3.

Megan VanSchoten led the team in scoring with a 15.4 average per game, with Joni

Ames coming in second with 10.5 a game.

Not only did VanSchoten lead the team in rebounding at 12 per game, that was average was also good enough to lead the conference. Karisa Kaye averaged 7.2 boards a game as well.

As well as scoring over 10 points a night, Ames also led the team in assists and steals.



Megan VanSchoten led her team with 15.4 points and 12 rebounds per game.

L-Jack
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Photo

Changing Times for Tigers?

CHRIS GILLMORE
Photo Editor

After nearly setting a record for losses a year ago with 119, fans of the Detroit Tigers had a long winter ahead of them.

With owner Mike Ilitch opening his pocketbook for the Detroit Red Wings, who are perennial contenders for the Stanley Cup, hopes for the Tigers were falling.

Following their dismal season, the unthinkable has finally happened. Ilitch finally made the decision to spend the money necessary to try and make the Detroit Tigers contenders. Fans hopes are soaring as the Tigers signed high quality players to their roster and ticket sales began to soar with hope that a bright future is in store.

The Tigers proposed line-up could give opposing pitching trouble with the acquisitions of Fernando Vina, Rondell White, Carlos Guillien, and the coveted Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez. These players provide a sense of legitimacy to a team that is in desperate need of reshaping its image.

The possible starting line-up offensively appears to be Alex Sanchez, Bobby Higginson and White in the outfield. The infield looks more promising then it has since the Tigers of old with young Eric Munson playing third base, the newly acquired Guillien, formerly of Seattle, playing shortstop, ex-St. Louis Cardinal all-star Fernando Vina at second base, and Carlos Pena stationed at first. At catcher, Rodriguez, a 10 time all-star, takes over the helm. Finally, Dmitri Young brings his prolific bat to the role of designated hitter.

A projected starting line-up for the Tigers may look like this: 1. Sanchez; 2. Vina; 3. Rodriguez; 4. Young; 5. White; 6. Higginson; 7. Munson; 8. Pena; 9. Guillen.

Detroit has the potential of a very potent line-up offensively, but pitching is where the Tigers get a little sketchy. Their starting pitchers consist of Jason Johnson, who had an ERA of 4.18 and a 10-10 in 2003 record. The Tigers number two pitcher will be Mike Maroth who had a

league leading 21 losses last season. Third in the rotation is Jeremy Bonderman, a young pitcher with a bright future who finished 6-19 last season.

With their starting pitching under high suspicion, they signed Al Levine from the Kansas City Royals. Levine finished with one loss and an ERA of 2.53 with the Royals last season to give the Tigers a solid middle relief pitcher.

Finally, the Tigers are looking to Fernando Rodney to be their closer. His numbers weren't overly impressive last season, but coach Alan Trammell and the Tigers are hopeful that his third season will be a charm and he will fulfill expectations.

Overall, the Tigers have made significant improvements to the team and should make huge strides to improve their record in the upcoming season. With the strength of their offense, the Tigers pose a serious threat to any team they play this season, only if their pitching can keep them in the game. The Tigers should stand a chance against anyone in the league this year.

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Alpena Outdoors with Chris Engle

Last Ice:

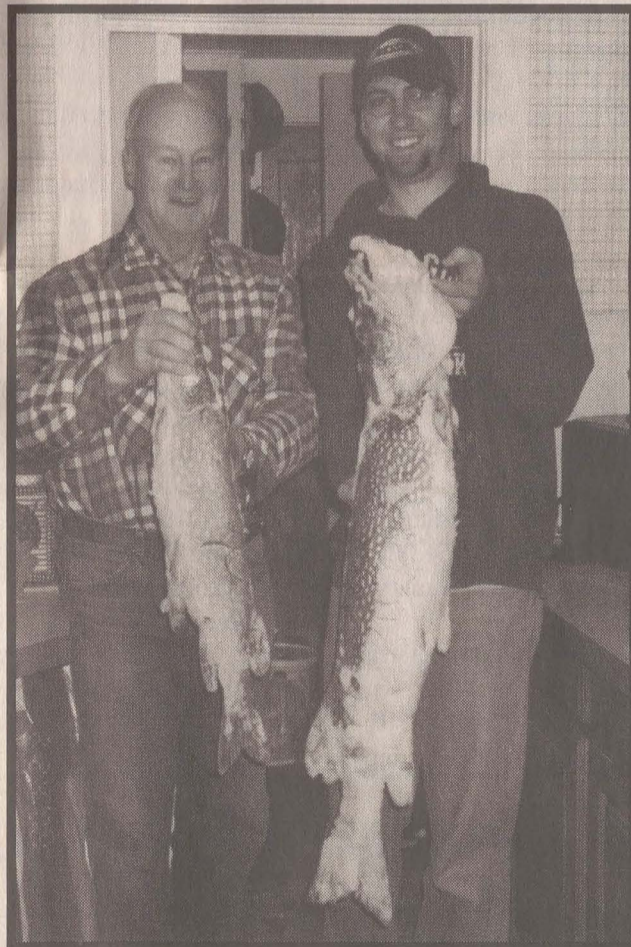
The month of March has a lot to offer...for ice fisherman anyway. With the snow melting off the trails and the woods too muddy to chase rabbits, the lakes are the only place to go to get some fresh air. Last ice has always been a great time to be on the lake. The melting snow and mild temperatures make ideal conditions for a day on the lake with the whole family. The fish also seem to cooperate and panfish can be caught on Fletcher Pond and

"the Narrows," north of town. Perch will also start to gather near the mouths of inlets and small bays in preparation for spawning. If you plan on taking advantage of the bare ice and driving your vehicle out there, be careful! Check with the locals first if people have been driving out and follow the tracks. The ice can vary in thickness this time of year, and putting your car through can really spoil a good day of fishing!

Spring Perch Run:

One of my favorite

Photo Courtesy Camron Herriman



Fisherman Clare Herriman holds the 27 1/4" pike he caught, while grandson Camron displays the 41.5" monster he snagged.

springtime activities is creek fishing for perch. Once the ice starts melting away from the shores of Grand Lake, Long Lake, or any decent perch fishery, start scouting for inlets and small bays where the perch will gather to make their annual spawn run. Millions of perch in the area will make this run, giving fishermen a *pretty good* chance of catching a few meals worth. The most productive way to catch a mess of perch is by using a #6 or #8 hook under a split shot and bobber, and small minnows or wigglers as bait. Using a slightly larger minnow or hook will help keep those thousands of "pecker perch" off your line. Be sure to ask property owners first if you can fish on their land. Also, as tempting as it is, netting is illegal!

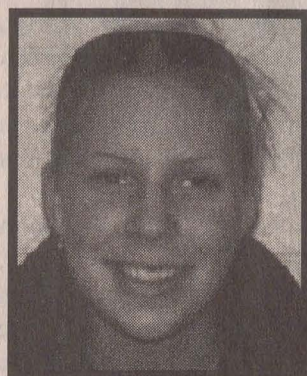
9th Street Dam Trout:

The warm weather and early thaw the area received recently kicked off an early steelhead run. Fishermen are reporting a good number of steelhead being caught, as well as a few brown trout. Use a three-way rig with a stick sinker of varying weight depending on the speed of the current, and a #6 or smaller size hook with rubber or real spawn. Using black or green flies on a three-way rig is also productive. The heavy part of the run will come with consistently warm weather and the big thaw, usually late March or early April.

ACC Question of the Month:

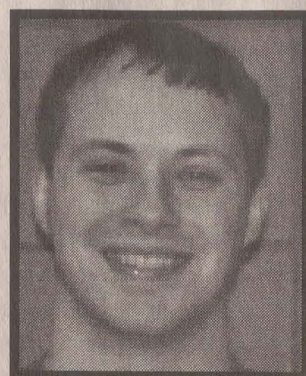
What Intramural Sport Would You Like to See Offered at ACC?

Gina Rouleau



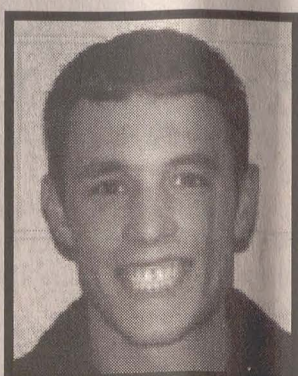
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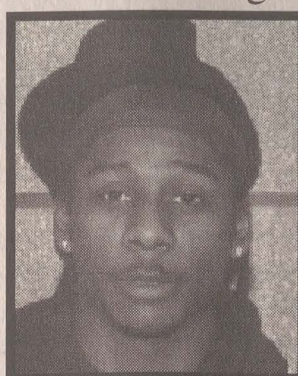
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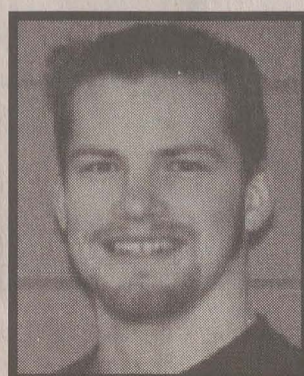
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Waldenbooks Kicks Out ACC Students

DE MARAMED
Staff Writer

During an assignment at the Alpena Mall for Dr. T's Gender in Society class in January, students were harassed and even kicked out of the Waldenbooks store. Surprise, it's not the students, but the faculty to the rescue.

The assignment was to observe marketing strategies and how they were geared towards different genders.

The 19 students were divided into five groups and were rotated one group at a time into a handful of the mall's stores, including Waldenbooks.

The first group of students was kicked out

shortly after entering, with the other groups not faring much better.

One group, in fact, wasn't even allowed in the store. Apparently the store manager had a problem with us. My group was lucky, as we were actually allowed in to do our assignment.

She did, however, warn us that she didn't want us anywhere near a section where there were customers because we might disrupt them.

After hearing about this, Dr. T went straight to the manager, asking why her students had been kicked out.

The manager claimed that she didn't want "massive herds" of students in her store, that they were dis-

rupting her customers.

The main reason why we weren't allowed in? According to Dr. T, "I believe it's really because the students weren't buying anything."

Outrageous as this was, that students were kicked out simply because they weren't buying things and even had the guts to move in such massive three-person herds, it was the reaction of the students that was really outrageous.

Oops, I meant lack of reaction. Sure, there were a few class sessions of big talk and chest thumping and grand plans to bring down the Walden-empire, but after that, nothing. Not a single action taken.

Apparently this appalling

behavior has been going on for some time. A short time ago, Ashley Wilmot and a few of her friends, all of who work at the Alpena Mall and are enrolled at ACC went browsing in the nearby Waldenbooks.

When two of Ashley's friends showed up, and the overjoyed Ashley gave one of them a hug, the manager asked them to leave. So even fellow Alpena Mall employees are fair game.

Most people around here would simply ignore these events, or consider them isolated incidents. But they aren't. And now some people aren't just ignoring it.

Upon hearing of what happened to Dr. T's class, several shocked and angry staff members, such as Coach

McCourt, Joan Misiak, and Dr. T herself called the regional representative and returned their Waldenbooks book card. Joan Misiak, manager of the ACC Bookstore, has been a member of the Waldenbooks book club, but after hearing about what happened, she quickly revoked her membership. "I was appalled at the way our students were treated as potential customers."

Several other faculty simply refuse to shop there.

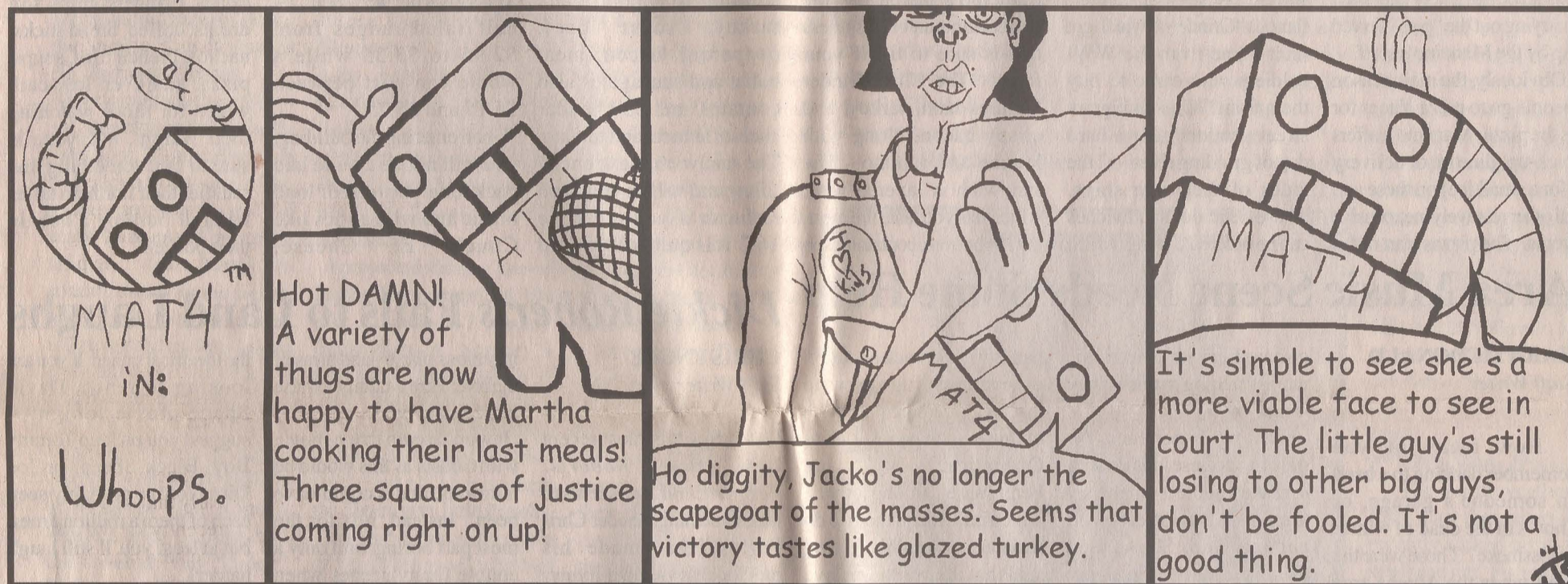
You know it's great to know that while us students may cower in fear and bow our heads in apathy and disinterest, the faculty is there to hold our hands and ask for an apology. It's really great to know that the future of America is too damn lazy

and timid to do anything except make idle talk.

I bet right now you're shrugging and whining, "Well what should we do about it?" Something. Anything. Write letters, like the faculty has, give your card back if you have one, or just plain don't shop there anymore. Letter-writing may sound stupid, but if you let the company know that they're losing money because of someone within their corporation, then chances are they will act.

It all starts with us the consumer. Right here. Our action or inaction will determine the future. Are we going to let this slide by? Are we going to let the faculty fight our fights for us? Unfortunately, I think we will. I hope you prove me wrong.

Mat 4 Comic: By Jonas Boda



Passion of the Christ Leaves its Mark From The Editor:

CHRIS GILLMORE
Photo Editor

Mel Gibson puts his faith and beliefs on the line in the production of *The Passion of the Christ* and takes a beating from critics for his portrayal of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. To this Gibson deserves a standing ovation. To be able to place his faith in the limelight of Hollywood and to be able to stand behind his convictions without wavering is remarkable in this day and age of American political correctness.

Gibson, a devoted Catholic, not only directs, but also funds the controversial film now known as *Passions*. In doing so, Gibson places an enormous amount of time, effort, and his personal views of the crucifixion on display for the world to criticize.

His compelling story, taken from the Bible, shows not only the crucifixion of Christ, but also the suffering that went along with his death. This was the main focus of

the entire movie. Dying was the easy part of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice; the pain, suffering and the pure fact that he knew it was coming had to have been emotionally and mentally exhausting. Gibson portrayed a tormented Jesus being beaten with his friends, family, and disciples watching it all.

This controversy sparks throughout the world calling Gibson everything from a sadist to an anti-Semitic. Gibson's movie takes a pummeling from religious groups and outraged parents who despise the violence depicted in *Passions*. Hence the R rating the movie received.

It was no huge secret that violence was in the movie and you know the rating wasn't achieved due to sex or language with the entire movie done in Aramaic, latin and hebrew. People still brought their children to watch the beating of Christ and then proceeded to vent their outrage at the violence that it contained.

Now what is wrong with this picture? It was no secret what the movie contained. Gibson made a point to have the movie described in detail before it was even released to theaters so people knew what to expect, but still they complained and said it was sickening what Jesus was portrayed as. Gibson took a risk with his faith on the big screen and for this he receives a shift in his Hollywood-image to that of an anti-Semitic sadist.

In a time where a fuzzy, pastel-colored bunny is the main symbol of Easter and a chubby man with a long beard represents Christmas, people tend to forget their

true meaning. Gibson made a movie that not only depicted Jesus' death, but also what he had to endure to get to that point in the movie. The pain and suffering that Jesus has to go through sparks a pain of guilt.

While people sit and watch *Passions* they see what sacrifice Jesus made for them and they feel guilty, mainly because they are more worried about which cell phone plan they should choose.

Passions inspires people to take a look at the past and realize that maybe their problems could not even compare to Jesus', who made the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. In the end our problems seem insignificant and this is the real controversy.

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CONNIE IRLAND
Managing Editor

Gay marriage has become a hot issue. Massachusetts is having a constitutional convention regarding this very issue, and President George W. Bush is calling for an Amendment to the US Constitution, which will ban same-sex marriage. If we are to be a truly free people, our freedom must end where some one else's freedom begins.

This cannot be achieved by legislating morality and dictating what others may or may not do. Whether we agree or disagree with their choice of lifestyle the fact remains that consensual gay relationships do not harm anyone nor do they interfere

with the freedom of heterosexuals.

The 9th Amendment to the US Constitution states, "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." If it is illegal to deny the rights of one group while giving it to another, it is illegal to deny gay people the right to marry.

Any change to this amendment would affect the freedoms of all groups of people in the United States. Are you willing to give up your rights to deny gay people theirs?

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Gotta Grab a Grinder: Mancino's Scores High on Quality

ERIC DORCEY
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Think you've sampled pizza from all the great restaurants in Michigan and there can't possibly be another excellent place to eat it? Think again. What about the fastest-growing restaurant chain taking over the area?

Established in the 1930's in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, Mancino's restaurants began popping up throughout Michigan in the past couple years and are now a common sight in towns large and small. Our local stations, in Oscoda and Alpena, which are individually owned and operated, offer delicious Italian-style meals at moderate prices. First and foremost, almost all Americans have been pizza fans practically since birth and would be extremely interested in trying out the "pies" served up by the Mancino's staff.

Obviously, the main reason people go to pizza places for is the pizza. Mancino's offers pick-up, dine in, or delivery (for a small fee) on these and all other relatively inexpensive items. The pizzas start out at

\$6.25 for the plain 12" and \$8.55 for the plain 16", while additional toppings range from \$1 to \$.50, depending on how many you add. Getting more technical, the toppings are plentiful, as is the delicious cheese. However, if you are a fan of thick crust, you will most likely despise Mancino's because they have possibly the thinnest in the business. If crust is your thing, Hungry Howie's would be your best bet. Besides that, the staff members at Mancino's make a great pie for any occasion. Speaking of occasions, they will even cater to large gatherings or services if planned in advance, providing many pizzas or massive party Grinders.

If you have grown tired of pizza from those many late night dorm room parties, you should try several of their famous "Grinders," which got their name from the WWI soldiers who came to buy them from Italian immigrant street vendors after a hard day of grinding rivets off the sides of their war ships. These delicious sandwiches can be ordered 8" long, which

cost anywhere from \$4.45 to \$5.25, or 16" long, which cost anywhere from \$8.35 to \$9.75, and are made with a toasted sub bun covered on one side with a melted three-cheese blend including mozzarella, American, and provolone. The 16" may seem rather expensive, but most people would be satisfied by simply eating an 8" and a small bag of chips. They come in many standard restaurant forms such as Turkey, Roast Beef, Meatball, and others. A restaurant with a variation, other recipes include the BLT, Club, and Italian Combo Grinders. Featuring bacon, lettuce, and tomato, the BLT Grinder is pretty much like other BLTs, but it has something that other restaurants lack. Most have soft, chewy bacon, but Mancino's bacon has the perfect amount of crispiness that is sure to tickle your fancy. The Club Grinder features ham, turkey, and crispy bacon, along with lettuce and tomato. The sandwich is layered well, which lets you taste the meat, but it is uneven, containing too

much ham and not enough turkey. Being a restaurant that serves Italian-based foods, the Italian combo would be a good Grinder to sample. With green peppers, onions, mushrooms, sausage, salami, and ham, it is quite flavorful. However, if you are not a big fan of onions and sausage you may not like this sandwich, because they seem to overpower the other ingredients.

While those sandwiches are classics that many people love, the creative minds at Mancino's have developed their own recipes for a delicious lunch.

One such conception is that of the Lumberjack. Made for the hungry northerner, the Lumberjack is a meat lover's dream featuring eight meats. In addition to salami, ham, turkey, roast beef, pepperoni, bacon, meat balls, and sausage, it also contains melted cheddar cheese, lettuce, and tomato. The sandwich is extremely filling and will be very hard to finish if you order the 16". It is quite difficult to

taste all the meat, because there are so many, but you will definitely like the Grinder if you are a fan of big, meaty sandwiches.

For the healthy consumers who are looking for a good meal, Mancino's offers several popular salads. With a menu that features chef, vegetarian chef, grilled chicken, taco, Greek, seafood, and antipasto salads, you are sure to find one that sparks your interest. For an additional \$.50, you can have your salad come in an edible bowl. However, Dennis Ross, senior and at Oscoda High School and avid Mancino's customer, doesn't suggest this. "The salad itself is not extraordinary, but tasty none the less. However, the edible bowl is quite a let-down, consisting simply of a dissatisfying taco shell." A half salad ranges from \$2.95 to \$3.35 while a whole can cost between \$5.15 and \$5.75.

Upon entering the building, you will notice a quite laid back tone. Instead of loud music and wild antics like Chuck E. Cheese,

Mancino's presents itself with a quiet, yet friendly atmosphere. In addition to the staff being very helpful, the facilities are quite clean, unlike other restaurants where napkins and straws are all over the tables and floors. The prices are moderate, not being too expensive for single parents or college students, yet not too cheap, citing that the food quality is beyond that of greasy fast-food restaurants.

Overall, the restaurant is great. Every place you eat can't be perfect and Mancino's is not for everyone.

However, the few negatives are very minimal in significance and are definitely outweighed by the positives.

With a menu that includes salads, Grinders, chips, soft drinks, coffee, bread sticks, nachos, French fries, soups, pizza, and even low-carb wraps for those watching their weight, everyone is sure to find something that satisfies their northern tastes without burning a hole in their pocket.

Area Music Scene Needs Some Help

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How many of you remember dancing to a band in someone's garage, or shows in the dead of winter in Ossineke? Those were the days when the Alpena area music scene was still alive, and we were having the time of our lives. What happened to those days? When we still had a concert every month, sometimes even twice a month, it seems as if no one has time to have a band or put on a show. It's sad to think that some of the young people of the Alpena area may never know the joy of skanking the night away among friends.

One of the major problems we have here in Alpena is a lack of things to do for the town's youth, especially ones that are safe and healthy. We have a total lack of support from many of the area's people who don't seem to understand this. Many establishments will not allow us to hold a show because of "security reasons" and because they see this as an event that will attract troublemakers leading to potential problems. This, though, is easily understandable. Often times, youth who enjoy loud music receive a "bad rap" and are seen as rowdy individuals who are always angry and have a need to break things. Most of the time, though, all these kids need is a place to

go have fun with their friends while listening to music they identify with.

From my experience, the only times these kids do start to make trouble is when they are walking the streets with nothing to do. Shows used to be the only things my friends and I would do. It provided us with a place to go and have fun. Most of the others we were with at these concerts were very responsible individuals. We all respected the others around us those who put the show on and the place we had it. Everyone worked together to keep each other safe, and to clean up any mess that may have been left behind, to ensure that we could have future shows there. Plus, nobody seemed to be superior to anyone. The older kids helped out the younger ones, and taught them the values of being part of the scene.

A change in values is another popular opinion many believe is why our scene died. "Kids that went to shows back then [around 97' and 98'] loved good music, and the excitement in the crowd was built on anticipation," longtime show observer and good friend Jodi Gumerson told me. "Now kids just go to show off their spiked green hair and plaid 'punk rock' pants they bought for \$65 at Hot Topic." Musical difference is another thing that may have led to a downfall. A friend once told me that the

bands we had back about six or seven years ago grew up listening to a more pure form of music with bands such as Operation Ivy and Pennywise, among others, which influenced them to do real music. Continuing, they said that the youth we have now are more interested in the watered down commercialized stuff, which has led to a decline in musical talent. Often times you will also see kids who go to shows to be cool and not care about the true spirit and hard work that put this scene together.

All of this may be true, but another remaining factor that has definitely caused our music scene to diminish that I have mentioned before, is a lack of places for bands to play. Not only is it hard to find a building that will let you hold a concert, if you do find one, it will cost you an arm and a leg, and maybe even your first-born child. The high prices and lack of places is mostly directly related to a lack of respect on the youths' part. People need to start learning that being respectable is not "un-cool." If we all started to work together again, we might be able to change some minds. This is a plea to the town's youth. We need a place to go, we need a place to have some fun. Lets bring back the spirit of yesterday's scene. This is also directed to the people of our town. Give us a chance. Without your support, we hardly have anything.

Dickie Roberts Fails to Land Laughs

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Staff Writer

David Spade's most recent film, *Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star* seems to lack something, besides Chris Farley, that made his previous movies like *Tommy Boy* and *Black Sheep* classic comedies. That missing component is humorous content.

Dickie Roberts (Spade) is a struggling actor who hasn't found work since his sitcom was canceled in the '70's. His best friends are other former child stars that seemed to have fallen off the face of the earth after they hit puberty. When Dickie is told by director, Rob Reiner, that he is not right for a role in his latest film because he doesn't know what it is like to be a kid, Dickie comes up with an

ingenious plan to land himself the role: Hire a family to raise him like a child.

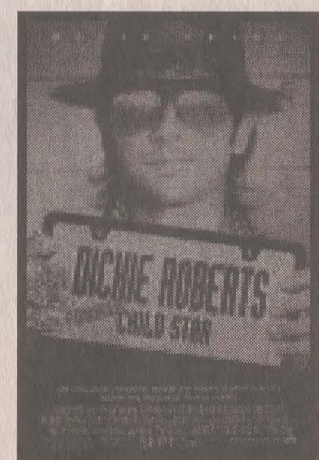
It would seem that a movie with a basis as this would be hilarious, and it could have been. Instead, it is for the most part boring with only a couple funny scenes when Dickie is learning how to ride a bike and play like a kid. Also, his childhood catch phrase, "This is Nucking Futs!" is sprinkled throughout the movie.

Of course, one way to ruin a potentially decent comedy is to throw in a cheesy love story that has absolutely no relevance in the storyline. The producers manage to do this at the end of the film to leave the viewer saying, "That was not nucking fecessary!"

The DVD has minimal extras, with commentary on the film, deleted scenes, and

the theatrical trailer. If you are looking to rent a David Spade movie tonight, I suggest you pick up *Tommy Boy*, *Black Sheep*, or *Joe Dirt*. You've probably seen each of them a million times, but at least you'll still laugh harder.

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The Next Generation in Bad Literature

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Staff Writer

Critically acclaimed science fiction author John Vornholt gives us the less than impressive Star Trek novel *A Time To Be Born*.

Set a year before the events in *Star Trek: Nemesis*, the latest Trek film, *A Time To Be Born* follows Captain Picard and the rest of the crew of the *Enterprise* into the Rashanar Battle Site. The Battle of Rashanar was the fiercest fought battle during the two year long Dominion War, which took place in the TV series *Deep Space Nine*. It is now an interstellar graveyard filled with hundreds of ships, and numerous unexplainable phenomena that makes the site extremely dangerous.

Assigned to aid the starship *Juno* in recovering the dead and fending off a small fleet of crafty and determined scavengers, the *Enterprise* and her captain soon encounter mounting trials that test them physically as well as mentally. Soon the trouble spirals out of control and eventually leads to the court martial of Captain Picard and the discovery of an immensely powerful and dangerous new threat to the Federation hidden within Rashanar.

The plot is interesting enough, and it pulls the reader along at a quick pace with very little time to pause and catch your breath. The book jumps from one situation to another and then back

again, as if Vornholt were trying to relate to the reader the frantic pace that his characters were being forced through. This quick pace does have its drawbacks, though. The entire book is like that, so there is no identifiable climax, no high points or low points; just a constant, steady beat.

The characters are also a mixed bag. Vornholt's characterizations are either spot on or way off. At times you can almost hear the characters speak their lines as if you were listening to the actual TV show; other times you wonder if you really even recognize these characters.

This is partly due to the fact that the characters

seem to be pulled along by the fast moving plot just as much as the reader. It's like getting on a rollercoaster with a bunch of friendly strangers. It's fun and thrilling, but at the end of the ride you still don't know who those people were.

A Time To Be Born is the first entry in a series of ten, and has an interesting enough cliffhanger to make you want to take at least a peek at the next installment.

Ultimately this has all the trappings of a good book, but none of the feeling or depth. It seems like Vornholt was pressed for time when he wrote this, so he just banged out a barely adequate draft and that was that.

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Science Fiction Writers

JEREMY OATTEN
Staff Writer

Alpena Community College has a new program that Tom Ray started back in the fall semester of 2003 called the ACC Writing Program Reading Series.

This program is a fiction and poetry program that he has started for the many teachers and students who write fiction and poetry to be able to come and participate in reading their work to others.

Ray said that in October "An Evening of the Macabre" had a great participating group with 70 people in the audience, and another 10 people

reading their fiction and poetry. He would like to give thanks to the Student Senate, who helped him out a lot these past semesters.

The ACC Writing Program Reading Series and Facets complement each other here at the College.

They are two separate programs where the Facets program allows you to submit your fiction and poetry for print in books that are located all around the college campus, and the Reading Series allows you to read your works out loud to anyone who would like to listen.

Ray says that he welcomes all student

participation.

"An Evening of Science Fiction and Fantasy" will be on March 18th, at 7 pm, and he would like interested students were told to contact him before the deadline of March 10th.

Tom Ray's office is located in the Natural Resource Center, on the 3rd floor in room 305, if you wanted to be able to talk to him personally.

His offices hours are, Mondays from 1:30 pm to 2:55 pm, Tuesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:25 pm, and Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:25 pm.

He can also be

contacted by phone at, (989) 358-7250 or ext. 7250 to set up an appointment. You may also e-mail Tom Ray at rayt@alpenacc.edu

Tom Ray is always looking for talented people to come and read their work to the public, as well as other fellow students.

He hopes that everyone who attends "An Evening of Science Fiction and Fantasy" will enjoy it.

Jazz in the Spotlight

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News Editor

On March 9th, Alpena Community College's halls filled with the sounds of its own Jazz Ensemble. These 19 students teamed up with The Jeff Haas Trio to bring music to the community of Alpena, who headed to the Granham Theatre in droves.

The Jeff Haas Trio consists of Jeff Haas, Jeff Bevan, and Randy Marsh. Jeff Haas, who plays the piano, has spent most of his life composing and is best known for his composition *HaGesher Cha—The Bridge Lives*. This composition was released nationally in 2000, and represents many facts and ideals of people of differing cultures.

Jeff Bevan, a resident of Grand Rapids, has appeared with many big names such as Bob Hope and George Burns. He has been a music lover for 40 years. He plays the bass in The Jeff Haas Trio.

Randy Marsh, who plays the drums in The Jeff Haas Trio, has toured with the Tony Award Winning San Francisco Mime Troupe. He was able to tour the United

States, Canada and Europe with the Troupe.

The Trio performed many songs, both classical and recent. Some of these songs were even composed by Jeff Haas himself, which added a personal touch to the evening.

An interesting addition to the evening was when the Trio performed the song *Kibitz*, which can be loosely translated to mean "gossip." To prove this point, the Trio invited the audience members to gossip amongst each other about a topic near to many people's hearts: food. This created a sort of bond between the attendees and helped to spark conversation at the reception that followed the performance.

One of the many purposes for this performance was for the public to become more aware of the arts here at ACC. Jeff Haas himself put it best when he told the crowd that "without [their] support, the music will just fade away." For more information about this or other Spotlight Series events, please contact Florence Stibitz at 358-7373.

The Bay Leaf Satisfies

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GLENN LENARD
Staff Writers

If you are looking for a new and tasteful satisfying place to dine and enjoy a relaxing meal, look no further than The Bay Leaf restaurant located inside the Fletcher Motel (Formerly the Grove restaurant). They have recently opened and here is the scoop.

Privately owned by Betty Leavitt and John Pung, The Bay Leaf offers many different specialties, such as Omelets made with three extra large eggs and any desired filling for \$5.95, and burgers and steaks with a unique personality. Another thing that sets the Bay Leaf apart from other dining places in the area is the fact that they smoke their own meat on the premises, giving you pork, beef, shrimp and meatballs

some individual style. For about four or five dollars, you can get any large lunch dish, and an average large dinner with all the sides included will cost you only fourteen dollars.

Leavitt said she came up with the name for the restaurant one night while looking through various spices. When she came across bay leaves, something sparked in her imagination. Bay leaves are a spice commonly used in cooking, and Alpena sits by the Bay. This unique combination of ideas came together, and thus, the Bay Leaf was formed.

The Bay Leaf has been open for 6 weeks now to all ages of the public for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast and lunch will be served from 6:00am-3:00pm Tuesday

through Sunday. Dinner is served on Fridays and Saturdays from 5:00-9:00pm and also includes live entertainment for your listening pleasure from Allen Sharako between 6-9pm. He is a folk singer, said to be reminiscent of a young Bob Dylan/ Cat Stevens. The restaurant is also completely alcohol-free and not affiliated with the Fletcher Motel. Though the Bay Leaf is not geared toward any certain age, the owners would love to see more young people come out to dine.

There are no coupons or special offer circulating the town at this time, but you can take advantage of this offer: Bring in this article to the Bay Leaf, and receive 10% off your next meal.



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Sound Off: Local Musicians Discuss Local Music



Notes on the Alpena Music Scene as interpreted from the Curse the Fallen:

Maybe it's just the whole winter blues, but the band that once held established members of In For the Kill, is kind of bummed. It's that damned economy. No matter what, they just can't seem to find a reliable spot to blister their fingers and make you stomp your tiny frail feet. Yeah, there's a lack of venues in Alpena and surrounding towns, and it's mildly causing the bands to reconsider their options.

The outcome for any said happening is large enough to be considered 'decent.' Hell, the entire crowd is energetic when they play, but for some reason no one wants to rent a hall or space out to a bunch of guys whose fine musical talent is pooled from As Heroes Die, Hunters, and In For the Kill. These are musicians who have stuck around in the community and have proven that they are here to stay.

The name, Curse the Fallen, doesn't signal any big changes musically, aside from obvious maturation of sounds that a lot of hard rockers would be eager to hear. That is if they had the chance.

Seems that there's a semi shutout of good solid places to play, and despite that Cursed the Fallen says the music scene is growing stronger than ever. On the point of how they find the local talent to be, they've agreed, "The biggest thing about the small town music scene is that it doesn't really matter what genre you play, so long as you have fun doing it."

The truth in that rings evident, as does their cry for support in the music scene. They don't wish to see it die out, smothered in flamebroiled cliches and heavy sacks of metaphors. They just want a place to place music, and that's the big concern.

Is it really so much to ask?

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