

# The Lumberjack

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All of the news that affects the students at Alpena Community College

## STUDENT SENATE INVOLVEMENT

### Student Senate: Unsung Heroes

By De Maramed  
A&E/News Editor

Most students only know of their Student Senate from flyers on the wall, and most dismiss them. But the Senate is involved in everything from ice cream socials to coordinating the Scramble For Scholarships. As Senate President Jessica Slominski said, "We're involved in anything to do with any activities on campus."

Their purpose, according to the Student Senate Constitution, is to "provide a line of communication between the Institution, student clubs and organizations, and the student body. It shall also faithfully represent the views and concerns of the college, student clubs and organizations, the student body, the community, the state, and the nation; here, home, and abroad."

Every two weeks, the Senate meets with the administration, are present at

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The Student Senate, in a familiar role: encouraging students at Alpena Community College to get involved. Here, representatives Lan Truong (l) and ?? show student De Maramed how to register to vote in the upcoming presidential election. The Student Senate can be seen helping out around campus almost every day. (Photo by Chris Gillmore).

### Senate returns from Europe

By Glenn Lenard  
Showcase Editor

Over the summer, nine Alpena Community College students along with two Faculty representatives traveled to Europe, where they met with two other groups from the United States. One of the groups was from Florida, while the other consisted of a mix of students from North and South Carolina. The students and staff were gone for thirteen days making stops in Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and France.

Attending on the trip from Alpena were Kacey Anderson, Jessica Angel, Rachel Brege, Monica Bushey, Tim Kuehnlein, Tim Merrick, Katie Schalk, Jessica Slominski, Joe Sparling, Andrew Thomson and Sara Townsend.

While in Verona, the group stopped and witnessed what is said to be the Balcony of Juliet, where Juliet sat and cried to the famous Romeo, O Romeo. When making a stop in Paris they saw the Arc de Triomphe along with

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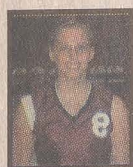
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### Scramble for Scholarships benefits ACC students

By Glenn Lenard  
Showcase Editor

Scramble for Scholarships is taking on a new name. For the past nine years, it has been referred to as just the Scramble for Scholarships; now will be called the Robert M. Granum Memorial Scramble for Scholarships, in honor of Mr. Granum, who passed away last year. Scramble for Scholarships gives out money to help non-traditional students come to college here at ACC.

Robert M. Granum was a former ACC Foundation trustee and an avid golfer. In addition to naming the Scramble after him, a Scholarship was created for non-traditional students to honor him for his commitment to ACC and the community.

Dorothy and George LaFleche will serve as Honorary Chairs for the



The scramble for scholarships. (Photo courtesy Jay Walterreit)

scramble for scholarships this year.

Golfers have been participating in the Scramble for the past nine years. Most of the funds go to pay for non-traditional student scholarships. The rest of the funds stay in the college to help update classrooms.

A shotgun start marked the beginning of the event on Saturday, September 18 at

9:00 am. Participants filled the 28 spots by the first of September. The event was held at the Alpena Golf Club.

Many local organizations made generous donations. The confirmed hole sponsors raised \$8,000; the cart sponsors raised \$1,400 and the teams raised \$8,400, bringing the total to over \$19,000.

### Election Day drawing near

By Erinn Kane and  
Crystal Nelson  
Staff Writers

With the close of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, Election Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is coming up fast. The next milestone in the election process is the presidential debates, where the candidates will interact on national television and take their stand on issues.

The United States Census Bureau statistics for the 2000 Presidential Election shows that only 32.3 percent of eligible voters ages eighteen to twenty-four voted. With this insignificant percentage of young voters, it is not surprising that the views and issues that interest younger voters are not being taken into account. Not for a decade have politicians made a serious effort to address young people as voters. Politicians will continue to target their campaigns towards the groups of people whom, percentage wise, vote the most. In order for opinions

to be addressed, people of all ages must get politically active and vote.

Based on the thoughts expressed by students across the nation taken in different polls, topics that have been picked maintain more interest within society, including: same-sex marriage, our nation's defense, health care, miscellaneous social issues and issues on education such as tuition prices/cost of books, scholarships and money. (Note: What follows are brief summaries of each candidate's viewpoints on certain issues, based on their statements and records. Most candidates have offered more comprehensive explanations of their positions on these and other issues, and they can all be found on their campaign sites online.)

The ongoing debate of same-sex marriage has created a lot of conflict

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## Proposed grant would expand H.U.N.T.ing ground in Alpena

By Scott Thompson  
Staff Writer

There's a special union of citizens and police officers known as The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, or H.U.N.T. This union has been cracking down on Alpena County drug abusers as of late. And with a proposal on the upcoming ballot for a grant that will increase the revenue given to the law enforcement branch, drug abusers may have even more to fear.

H.U.N.T. is not a small operation by any means. Sheriff James Marquardt

explained that with factors like operation, apprehension, vehicle maintenance, housing, etc. H.U.N.T. becomes close to a quarter of a million-dollar operation. Then what happens when the money is put in full operation?

For the most part, success. For instance, in July and August two marijuana busts in Presque Isle Township became a shining achievement for H.U.N.T. This is due to the fact that one of these drug confiscations became the

second largest in the township's history.

Aside from the Presque Isle incidents, there are a slew of smaller incidents in surrounding counties. Recently an Ossineke man was found in possession of a small quantity of marijuana, and more importantly, a gram of cocaine. Another Ossineke resident was in possession of multiple quantities of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. All were seized by H.U.N.T. with help from local Department of Natural Resource officers

and city and county police.

When an offender is captured a variety of outcomes can occur. For smaller users who are only found holding a small amount used for personal recreation, the court system takes over. For larger users, those who hold the possibility of supplying drugs, H.U.N.T. becomes more involved.

One man, who was found with an ounce of marijuana separated into four bags of what would now be called quarters, came under a higher degree of H.U.N.T.

involvement. This person asked to remain anonymous, but verified H.U.N.T.'s tactics of using one suspected dealer to roll over on a larger dealer. "They'll offer plea agreements, in hopes of catching one small fish, and reeling in a school of larger ones," he said.

Drug offenders in Alpena are not immediately shipped to a prison facility. The community offers a list of drug rehabilitation services. Included is Alpena General Hospital's Point East

service area. This facility is designed for heavy users who have reached a point where drugs affect their mental capabilities.

Another local facility is North East Michigan Health Services. This facility is more open to what incoming patients are being affected by.

So the question remains, should Alpena county drug users fear that H.U.N.T. will come to their homes and arrest them? There is no real answer to that. But H.U.N.T. will continue cracking down, no matter what.

## Prosecutor hopeful Denise Burke wants YOU!

By De Maramed  
News/A&E Editor

In a town where the youth often feel ignored, Democrat Denise Burke, currently running for county prosecutor, is trying to change that.

The largest problem college-age people face today is lack of jobs, according to Burke. This, combined with the many pressures young adults face, can lead some into depression. From there, it can lead to drugs, which Burke believes is a very real problem in Alpena.

"I think a lot of the youth try to survive by forgetting about it," she explained. She also sees a loss of respect between adults and the younger

generation, and discrimination between various people in the community and the youth.

Burke also believes that the youth are the most important part of the community. Whatever she does now will affect the younger generations. She believes they have to be part of the decision-making and they have to be part of the solution. "They're the ones who will be running everything, making the decisions," she said.

"I want to educate people, the youth primarily," Burke also explained.

"Educate them, what are

pitfalls that people fall into in violating the laws, and what is expected of them [the younger generation] in the community."

One of the plans Burke has is to set up advisory boards made up of teachers, college students, the elderly, social service groups, and businesses, to attempt to tackle specific problems within those various groups. The advisory board for college students would be made up of six or seven people that are interested.

Burke is also planning to target those who continually commit crimes. "We have some people that have been

involved in the system for their entire life. They don't work, they make a living off of crime. They sell drugs, break into places, embezzle," Burke explained. She wants to label them as habitual offenders, so they will receive tougher sentences.

Burke has had extensive experience working as both prosecutor and defense, and she believes this gives her the edge, understanding how the system works from both sides. Married with two children and a stepdaughter, Burke was born in Westland, Michigan and moved to Alpena in 1995. She has been practicing law most of her

adult life. Formerly a Republican, she has switched parties for this election.

The county prosecutor, elected every four years on the partisan ballot, acts as the chief law enforcement official for the county. Their responsibilities include authorizing and prosecuting violations of felony and misdemeanor criminal laws, authorizing and prosecuting felony & misdemeanor juvenile delinquency offenses, representing the County in criminal matters before the District & Circuit Courts, advising the Family Independence Agency, and

more.

The current county prosecutor, Dennis P. Grenkiewicz, is running for reelection.



Attorney At Law Denise Burke.  
(Photo Courtesy Denise Burke)

## Unemployment woes in Northeast Michigan

By Pat Ellsworth  
Staff Writer

The current economic situation is bleak in Northern Michigan due to a number of factors, but hope may be on the way for Alpena.

Alpena Mayor John Gilmet stated, "In the Northeast Michigan area, which includes the areas of Gaylord, Onaway, Oscoda, Alpena, Tawas, Hillman and Rogers City, the unemployment rate is always higher than the state average. We feel the recession first and the recovery last."

Unemployment rates are at their highest in years, all across the country. Currently, the national unemployment rate for August 2004 is at 8 million people, which equals about 5.4% of the American population. The Michigan unemployment rates for August 2004 stands at 6.8%, which is tied for second with Oregon, behind only Alaska, in the US with states having the highest unemployment rates. What do these numbers mean to people in Northeast Lower Michigan?

The unemployment rate in

Alpena County for July 2004 sits at 6.7%, which is down from 8.8% in July 2003. The Year to Date average for these statistics is at 8.2% for Alpena County, which hasn't changed much from this time last year, 8.3%. These numbers reflect how hard it is to find jobs. People applying for jobs sometimes have to wait months and continue to fill out applications at the same businesses for jobs.

"Many people don't have jobs or good paying jobs," Alpena Township Supervisor Marie Twite said. "It was wrong for the State to eliminate the Unemployment Office in Alpena."

A trend also going around the nation is that people who lose jobs in factories tend to take lower paying jobs, and that cuts out younger people, like college students, from getting that job, and that has an effect on how students pay for their schooling. Without a job, they have to apply for student loans and financial aid. The student

loans must be paid back, but it may be hard for students whether they have a job or not.

When asked why she didn't go to school, Kristen, a long time Alpena area resident, said, "I don't go to school because I can't afford it at this time."

These are recurring problems. "I was set up for college, but I didn't have the time to go, and money was a problem. I had my family to raise, and I was unemployed, so I had to find a job," added Jon Peck. Peck plans on going back to school in the future.

Alpena isn't the only area in Michigan having problems with unemployment. According to the *Detroit News* and *The Detroit Free Press*, auto manufacturers are laying many people off in the Detroit area. According to the *Grand Rapids Press*, in the Grand Rapids metro area, which includes the counties of Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, and Ottawa, and includes the cities of Muskegon, Grand

Rapids, Greenville, Holland, and Zeeland, many major factories are closing due to poor demand, or leaving the country and moving to Mexico.

All areas are prone to have companies leave the area. What would happen to the Alpena area if Besser Corporation, Lafarge or DPI were to leave the area or close? "Not only would it have a negative effect, but it would also be devastating to the area," Twite said. "Nothing is being done to prevent these companies from leaving."

But Gilmet is confident in our local industries. "Lafarge has a great relationship with the Alpena area. Besser has a new contract with their Union. DPI plans to invest between \$50-\$60 million dollars to their plant. In effect, these three companies will be adding jobs," said Gilmet. He also said that there are no plans as of yet to deal with any company leaving Alpena.

Except for the youth, the population of the Alpena area has remained constant for many years. The youth are

moving out of the area because of better job and educational opportunities. Most are going to Detroit or Grand Rapids.

Gilmet, however, is trying to revitalize Alpena's job market. "I plan on hiring an economical developer to help bring jobs to Alpena," said Gilmet. He is also in the process of trying to find development sites for the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary, which would make the area a better tourist attraction.

"The Sanctuary would help bring jobs," he said. "And the owner of the Alpena Brewery, located in the old Fletcher Paper Mill also wants to add a restaurant and a hotel that could add 400 jobs."

Gilmet also added that he is also looking to bring in other retail businesses. "People travel all over Northeast Michigan to shop in Alpena. We are a shopping area as well." Gilmet plans on trying to get a national retail chain store like

Target or Meijer.

However, back in 2001, Meijer was considering putting a store in Alpena, but ultimately decided that they would not. "The area did not treat us well, and because of that, Meijer will not be coming to Alpena," Fred Meijer, president and founder of the Grand Rapids based chain, said.

Gilmet and Twite both added that there are other companies being solicited to come to Alpena. Gilmet did not disclose the name of the companies that they are looking at, but one is said to bring up to 200 jobs. "One of my goals for my first term of mayor is to get the unemployment rate down to state and national averages."

Plans for economic development are underway in Northeast Michigan, but details are scarce. Officials are trying their hardest to make the area grow, but it is a long, slow process that may take years.

"The Alpena area is an area that does not want to grow much, but in order to continue, we need economic development," said Twite.

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## Younger voter turnout needed in coming election

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amongst people on account of different religion or different views of the definition of marriage. President Bush believes marriage is a symbol of love between a man and a woman. He backs the constitutional amendment, denouncing same-sex marriage. Senator Kerry is also against same-sex marriage, but he supports the benefits and rights of homosexual couples. The topic of homosexual couples adopting a child also falls within the category of same-sex marriage. Bush is against homosexual couples adopting a child, while Kerry is in support of homosexual adoptions.

Other debates deal with our national defense. This year Bush has ordered a National Missile Defense (NMD) system. He has not proposed to increase the size of our army, but he wants to increase military spending 4.2 percent. Kerry, on the other hand, opposes the NMD system, and wants to recruit more service members, starting in the Community Defense Services. He also wants to invest in new equipment and technology for our military.

On the topic of Medicare and prescription drugs, both candidates seem to be on the

same page. Bush supports reducing drug costs for low-income patients. He wants to introduce a new private sector to reduce the costs of prescription drugs. He also supports adding drug benefit to Medicare. Kerry wants to find financial incentives to reduce drug costs, wants to fund all health care by rescinding tax cuts, and wants to tighten the rules on drug companies, making it easier for retired workers and veterans to get the prescription drugs they need.

Controversial issues such as abortion, death penalty, drug policies, and college tuition prices gain more interest from younger Americans. Bush is pro-life, meaning he opposes abortion unless a woman is raped, the child is of incest, or the mother's life is at stake. Kerry supports a woman's decision to abort a child. Bush plans to reduce illegal drug usage by ten percent over the next two years, while Kerry opposes Bush's plan on accomplishing it. Bush plans to reduce illegal drug usage by ten percent over the next two years, while Senator Kerry plans on acquiring more police, and aggressively target traffickers. President Bush is in support of the death penalty and Senator Kerry opposes it.

Among these thriving debates on commonly known

issues, the overwhelming problem of rising college tuition prices seems to have college students in a dilemma, one they will be paying on for a long time. Both Bush and Kerry plan to increase financial aid and try to make college bound students finances bearable. Kerry, if elected, wants to offer a fully refundable College Opportunity Tax credit up to \$4,000.00 of tuition for every year of college and offer aid to states that keep tuition prices down. Bush wants, in the fiscal year 2005, to expand overall student financial aid available to \$73.1 billion, an increase of 55% over the 2001 level. Kerry, if elected, will establish a National Education Trust Fund to ensure that schools always get the funding they need. Bush seeks to strengthen the role of community colleges in worker training by proposing \$250 million in new competitive community-based job training grants that would be used for training in community and technical colleges.

Those following the Bush/Kerry popularity polls have noticed the numbers and percentages are fairly close. Recent Pew Center Polls showed that 53% of voters ages eighteen to twenty-nine support Kerry, while 35% backed Bush. Analysts are

suspecting that this is going to be another close race. With numbers so close, it is hard to identify states that are Bush and states that are Kerry. Michigan is one of several swing states, with 18 electoral votes. The massive amount of ads on TV and the radio are not a coincidence. Bush has been campaigning in Michigan; he's visited Marquette, a growing college town, as well as Traverse City and Grand Rapids. Kerry has campaigned in Grand Rapids, as well as Detroit.

To many young voters today, the idea of patriotism is immersing themselves in red, white, and blue, the fourth of July, and having an opinion voiced here and there. Young people are starting to care and previously overlooked youth voters are drawing the attention from campaigns. The role of the youth in elections is becoming increasingly important. They're trying to make voting look cool and hip to get America's kids to do their civil duty.

Rock stars are also backing presidential candidates. Media sources such as MTV form youth oriented informational sites and programs, such as choose or lose, to help the youth get fast and efficient updates about their favorite candidate. The organizations dedicated to

getting the youth to vote are growing. MTV is no longer the forerunner; organizations like Rock the Vote, Declare Yourself, Fact Check and Smackdown Your Vote are just a few.

When asked what the best way is to advertise voting to younger Americans, Tim Kuehnlein, a teacher at ACC, replied, "It is absolutely essential that our society promote civic education and civic participation in general education curriculum at all levels of education. This way, young people understand the importance of their role in the decision-making processes of governments from a holistic perspective, versus being convinced by some shallow marketing strategy like posters, commercials, or partisan ideological perspectives. People need to understand at a young age how their role within a process of decision making translates into good government decisions that protect the interests of as many people as possible, including young people." Without votes from the younger generation, the issues important to them will not be examined and acted upon.

Time is running out to register to vote in the 2004 presidential election. Be sure to register at the Secretary of State office.

## Senate: always busy

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almost every Board of Trustees meeting, and the Senate president meets with Dr. Joynton every two weeks. Last year the Board went to the Senate to help coordinate the blood drive, and this year they asked the Senate for help in the Scramble For Scholarships. When it comes to student activities, however, the Board has very little to no participation. It is entirely up to the Senate.

Aside from the many dances and social events, the Senate also funds many other student activities. The ACC Dance team, last year's trip to Chicago taken by the Economics class and the New York City Trip were all funded or given money by the Student Senate. The ACC Navigators started out as a senate-funded club. Each year the Senate also pays for the tickets to ACC Players drama club plays, so students can attend free of charge. Almost a thousand dollars were paid for the tickets last year.

The Student Senate performs official functions such as the parking committee, where students can appeal a parking ticket they received, and also a student judiciary committee that resolves problems between students.

Any student wishing to contact the Senate can approach them at their office in the Activity Center, leave a suggestion in one of their boxes, call, or attend one of their meetings.

The Senate is composed of two sophomores and two freshmen, a treasurer, secretary, public relations person, vice president, and president. They get their funding for the year from a percentage of the student activity fee, and meet every two weeks in the boardroom on the fourth floor of the NRC building. These meetings are free of charge, and the public, as well as students, are invited to attend.

## Secretary of State Land visits ACC



Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land visited ACC September 10. (Photo Courtesy of Beth Emmitt)

By Glenn Lenard  
Showcase Editor

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land made a visit to Alpena Community college September 10, and held a meeting with all Alpena, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Oscoda and Alcona county clerks, along with the public to discuss the upcoming election. Issues that were discussed include: consolidating Secretary of State branches/ Making self service stations, Consolidated Voting- the new optical scanning method that makes it easier for college students to vote absentee style. Land will be traveling across

Michigan over the next two months supporting the Republican Party for the next election, which will be held November 2.

The secretary has decided on consolidating some of the branch offices into 'Super' and 'Plus' branches, which will be open on Saturday and will be more productive. The closest Plus branch for Alpena residents will be located in the Saginaw/Flint area. If these branches do well, one will open further north.

Michigan is also moving towards having self-service kiosks in for Secretary of States services in Michigan. Land said

that they work well in Indiana, and have a protocol down in Grand Rapids and Detroit. Only minor glitches have been reported.

By 2006 all of the voting stations across Michigan will have the new optical scanning method. By consolidating all terminals to the same methods, it allows a more uniform voting style. Land is also trying to make the registering process easier. Instead of having to wait for a card in the mail, the new system will have every registered voters signature and card on file in the computer, and you will just need to show up.

By making it possible to vote without having the card on you, it will make it easier for college students to cast their vote. One of the biggest problems she says that is facing college students is that they are away from home and they do not have the chance to go back home and vote in their community. With this new method they would be able to stop into their local branch office and have a new absentee ballot waiting for them. This is part of the Help America Vote plan that is in effect.

For more information on the new Secretary of State services, log onto <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>.

## Students enjoy Europe trip

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the Eiffel Tower, and then stayed in a youth hostel. The group also ventured and saw the Notre Dame Cathedral, one of Paris' most beloved churches. In Versailles, also known as the ultimate palace, had halls full of mirrors, vast gardens and a grand canal.

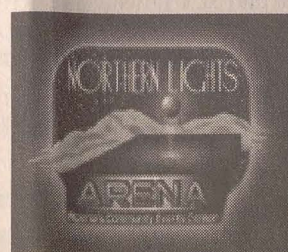
The group had planned and held many fundraisers prior to departure, including the Spaghetti dinner, bottle drives, a bake sale and a garage sale. They even stood outside of Walmart

and asked for money from people to help breakdown the cost of the trip.

EF (Education First) Tours, the group with which the trip was planned, is a tour company offering students opportunities to go out and see the world, while finding interesting ways and opportunities to learn about the history and culture. As stated on their website, Traveling with EF Tours is not about what you see while on the tour, it is what you bring home with you.

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## PETA targets IAMS inhumane cruelty

By Kara McDonald  
Photo Editor

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) launched an undercover investigation of an Iams contract testing laboratory for nearly ten months in 2002 and early 2003. Their recently released video footage of the lab revealed dark and disturbing images of the inhumane treatment of dogs and cats in the testing facility.

The undercover investigator, who was hired as an "animal behaviorist", witnessed things such as dogs gone crazy from their confinement in barren steel and cement cells; dogs left piled on a dirty paint chipped floor after chunks of their thigh muscle had been cut out; dogs surgically debarked; and ill dogs and

cats neglected in their cages with no veterinary care. Iams had told PETA previously that they were improving the conditions of its labs, even assuring them that they had already put in programs for the well being of their animals. The investigator obviously saw different. She had once fought for six months to get a cheap rubber bone placed in the kennels.

In the investigation, the video shows clearly that Iams representatives were touring the facility, yet did not hink of the conditions they had seen. Even an Iams veterinarian looked the other way when he saw a mother dog that had just given birth in a cement kennel had been provided no bedding to rest on. They could even hear employees talking of the inhumane

treatment of the animals, but continued on without a word.

Even though Iams had assured their research policy was that no animal would be killed, they documented the destruction of 27 out of 60 dogs who underwent an invasive biopsy that cut chunks of muscle out of their legs. Two others were found dead in their cages after the surgery; one had been suffering more than a week before its death. When the investigator reported that one of the Iams dogs was limping, she was told by a vet tech that the only x-ray the lab had dated back to the 1960s and had no film. She was also told that the director of the lab preferred to kill, rather than treat, any animals with broken bones.

In addition to this, other dogs used in the metabolic area were bled in order to sell their blood to other companies even though the studies did not call for blood draws. And shortly before the investigator left, the lab director told the vet techs to debark all of the Iams dogs because he was becoming bothered by their cries. Even after e-mailing Iams hoping they would intervene, they performed the debarking anyway.

As for the living conditions for the animals, they are nothing close to even the least bit comfortable. Dogs are confined in steel and concrete kennels with no bedding. Cats are kept in a cinderblock room with crude resting boards that have nails exposed. During the investigation, one of the boards fell on a cat, crushing it to

death. The lab director did not remove these boards though, until he found out there was an inspection, because he knew it was illegal. One day, some employees had to go home because of the ammonia fumes in the animal trailers were so overwhelming, it made their eyes burn. Yet the animals were kept there with hardly any ventilation. The kennels also have no climate control, with temperatures sweltering in summer and others dropping to almost freezing at times. During the investigation, two dogs died as a result of these harsh conditions. Dogs and cats are also given close to no dental care. Some of the animals have such sever build up on their teeth it is hard for them to eat.

These animals are no different from the ones we love and care about in our homes. They deserve activity, play, and above all, love and companionship. If Iams cared about giving you a quality product to help improve your animal's life, they would not be torturing the ones they wish to help. Obviously all they care about is profit. Animal food companies can easily do in home tests and collaborative studies with veterinary clinics with companion animals and their guardians. If you care about your animals and the food they eat, boycott Iams and their unnecessary and inhumane practices.

For more information on the Iams issue go to: [www.peta.org](http://www.peta.org) or [www.iamscrueity.com](http://www.iamscrueity.com).

## In the Hallways: Students Sound Off

"What issues are you concerned with in the upcoming election?"

Stacy Hoult



"Educational Funding."

Jonathan Stepanski



"Nothing in particular. Mostly economics."

Lisa Plume



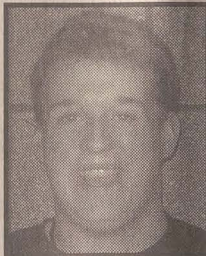
"Economics, because Northern Michigan is really hurting right now."

Tracy Kelley



"National security and healthcare."

Brian Roussin



"Stem cell research."

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to applaud our school President Dr. Olin Joynnton, on his recognition of the diversity of our students and faculty poplation. Moreover, Dr. Joynnton took immediate action in the acknowledgement of the separation of church and state.

Thank you!  
Dr. Terri Eide

Send your Letters to the Editor to [acclumberjack@yahoo.com](mailto:acclumberjack@yahoo.com) or drop them off in BTC 106.

## Live: From BTC 106

Welcome to another year at ACC. Everyone here at *The Lumberjack* welcomes back all returning students and staff and sends out greetings to the new staff and freshmen.

In the upcoming year, *The Lumberjack* staff will be working hard to put out a quality publication. We welcome your input; if you have story ideas, an opinion to express, comics to contribute, we want to hear from you.

Fall semester is also the start of the ACC Players theater season. They are currently getting ready for the production *Cheating Cheaters*, a hilarious play about two con artist sisters who pose as nuns asking for donations so they can put their niece through art school. While conning their way into cash, a corrupt police officer catches up with them and forces a joint venture. In the end another con artist joins them and they strive to make the ultimate con, even conning each other if need be.

Their dishonest plan grows exponentially until the virtuous guardian of the two sisters show up to throw a wrench in the pans. Make sure you look for flyers in the halls and check out the play this spring!

## ACC Events Calendar

September/October

### September

- 22-23 Student Senate Elections
- 24 Lumberjack Volleyball against Sault College at 4 p.m., Park Arena.
- 25 Lumberjack Volleyball against Wayne CCC, noon and 2 p.m., Park Arena.
- 30 Spotlight Series: Bob Heck, comic, musician, and political satirist with The Alpena Children's Concert Choir opening. 7:30 p.m., Granum Theatre. Season ticket prices: Adults \$45; students \$25. Individual performances: Adults \$12; students \$7. ACC alumni receive a 10% discount on tickets.

### October


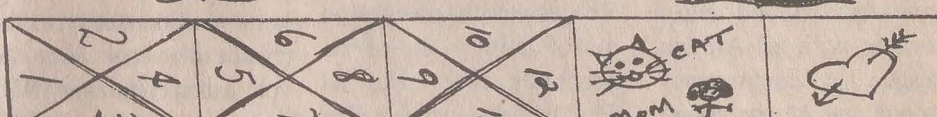
- 5 Staff Development Day- no classes, College offices closed.
- 7 Bill Jamerson (Folk Singer/Storyteller), 10-11 a.m., Granum Theatre. Brought to you by the Humanities & Arts Outreach Program and the Association of Lifelong Learners. Free admission.
- 8 Deadline for Fall Semester Graduation application. Lumberjack Volleyball against Henry Ford and St. Clair starting at 5 p.m.
- 9 Lumberjack Volleyball against Henry Ford and St. Clair starting at 10 pm.

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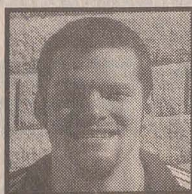
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News/A&E Editor

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# Lumberjack Sports

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## ACC Volleyball needs support

Chances are, since you're reading this column, you've scanned the rest of the page and noticed that Alpena Community College has a volleyball team. By knowing that, you've just entered a select group.

More  
Cowbell



Dominick Miller

The only sport that people in this school realize we have is basketball, mainly because we have a basketball court. I would hazard a guess that 80% of the people in this school either don't know we have a volleyball team, or don't care about it one way or another.

And that is too bad. The amount of work that goes into playing a college sport, even at a small scale such as ACC, is unenviable. On top of the normal schedule of class work, which is usually between 13-17 credit hours, you have practice and games every day of the week. And, since this isn't a big school, the athletes take the same exact classes as everybody else.

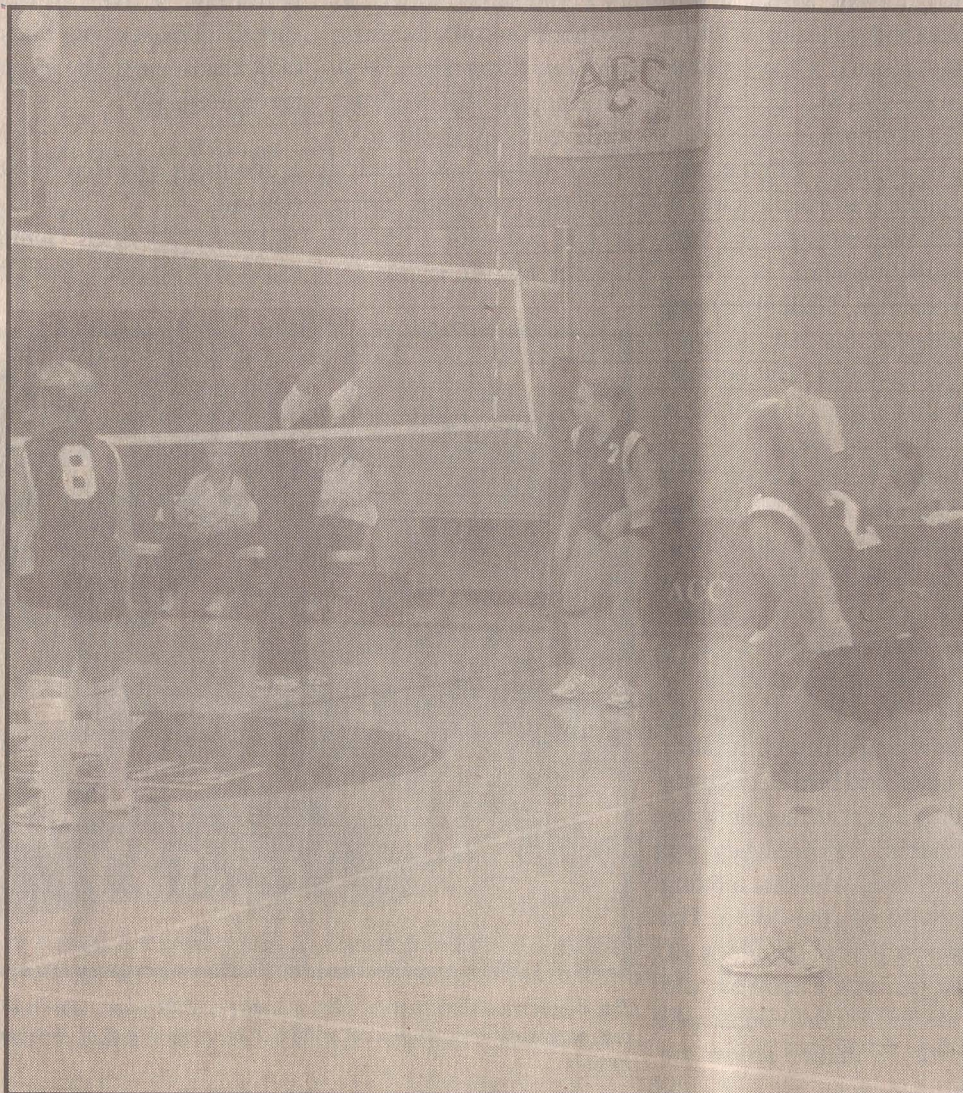
Yes, I know, it is the athlete's choice to participate in college athletics. Nobody is forcing them to do it. But for some, playing a sport at a community college is a ticket to playing sports at a bigger school, or moving on to other places. And for others, playing sports at a community college is the last grasp of athletic glory that the person experienced in high school, and there is nothing wrong with that. If I were good enough to play college sports, I would jump on it in a heartbeat.

But, it's sad that nobody knows about the volleyball team. In our question of the month for September, we decided to ask what thoughts were for the upcoming volleyball season. Most of the responses were either "I didn't know we had a volleyball team," or "I have no idea what they are doing, I haven't followed them at all."

There is no reason that students should give more attention to basketball than volleyball. The players are working just as hard, and they deserve the same amount of credit for going out and making the most of their college experience.

So, the moral of this rambling, I suppose, is to go out and support your ACC athletics, especially the volleyball team. They play at home this weekend (September 24 and 25). Make ACC a true home-court advantage.

## Lady Lumberjacks Play On



Alpena Community College volleyball players Stephanie Stanley (8), Melissa Dorsey (7) and Idon't Know (2), prepare to receive a serve from a Schoolcraft player. Though the team has had to fight through some early adversity, the team is better than last year. (Photo by Chris Gillmore)

### ACC 2004 Volleyball Roster

| Name              | Year |
|-------------------|------|
| Rachel Boyk       | Fr.  |
| Melissa Dorsey    | So.  |
| Kristin Englehart | Fr.  |
| Megan Grulke      | So.  |
| Michelle Lynn     | Fr.  |
| Jessica Patterson | Fr.  |
| Stephanie Stanley | So.  |
| Megan VanSchoten  | So.  |

### ACC 2004 Volleyball Schedule

| Date  | Opponent             | Time    |
|-------|----------------------|---------|
| 9-24  | SAULT COLLEGE        | 4 p.m.  |
| 9-25  | WAYNE COLLEGE        | 12 p.m. |
| 10-1  | at Oakland           | 5 p.m.  |
| 10-5  | at Sault College     | 5 p.m.  |
| 10-8  | ST. CLAIR/HENRY FORD | 5 p.m.  |
| 10-9  | ST. CLAIR/HENRY FORD | 10 a.m. |
| 10-22 | at Macomb            | 5 p.m.  |
| 10-23 | at Macomb            | 10 a.m. |
| 10-30 | at Delta             | 10 a.m. |

## Early adversity makes volleyball team stronger

By Dominick Miller

Managing/Sports Editor

The theme for the 2004 Alpena Community College volleyball team very well could be, "What hurts us makes us stronger." Heading into the season, coach Bill Matzke and his staff thought they had 12 strong players signed up. Once the season started, they discovered that was not the case.

Thanks to injury, two scholarship players not showing up and a player quitting, the active roster has dwindled down to seven. Even with the adversity, Matzke is staying positive, and believes that he has a stronger team than a year ago.

"Oh, we are better than we were last year," Matzke said from his office at the bookstore. "We have already won as many games this year as we did last year."

"It's been hard to practice (having only seven players). The coaches and the girls are adjusting to it. Practices are upbeat, and the girls are coming together better than last year. Plus, everybody is playing, so everybody knows their roles," Matzke said.

As of press time, the Lady Lumberjacks have played in two tournaments, going 1-3 and 1-4 in them. While they lost the majority of the games,

their two victories came over conference opponents Delta and Henry Ford, so that was a positive note.

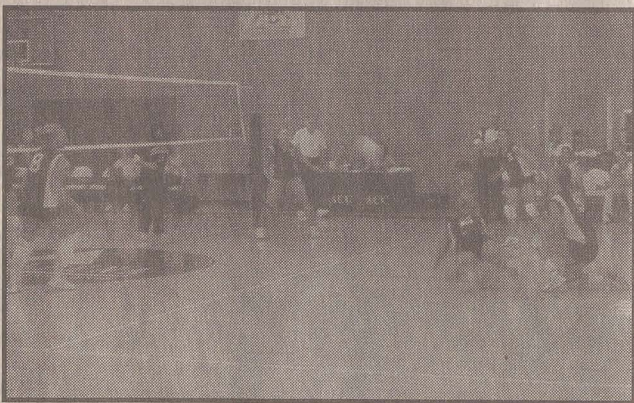
Although the 2004 volleyball team features a small roster, it is a strong roster, with a healthy mix of returning players and new players. Comprising the returning players are Melissa Dorsey, Megan Grulke, Stephanie Stanley and Megan VanSchoten. The new players include Rachel Boyk, Kristin Englehart, Michelle Lynn and Jessica Patterson. Patterson was one of Matzke's strong signings this year, but she tore her ACL before the season started. Matzke hopes to red-shirt her and have her eligible for an extra year, if she decides to stay at ACC.

Matzke believes that Schoolcraft and St. Clair will again be the teams to beat in the conference. Mott and Macomb will be competitive for the three and four spots, and from there it should be wide open. ACC should be competitive with most of the schools in the conference.

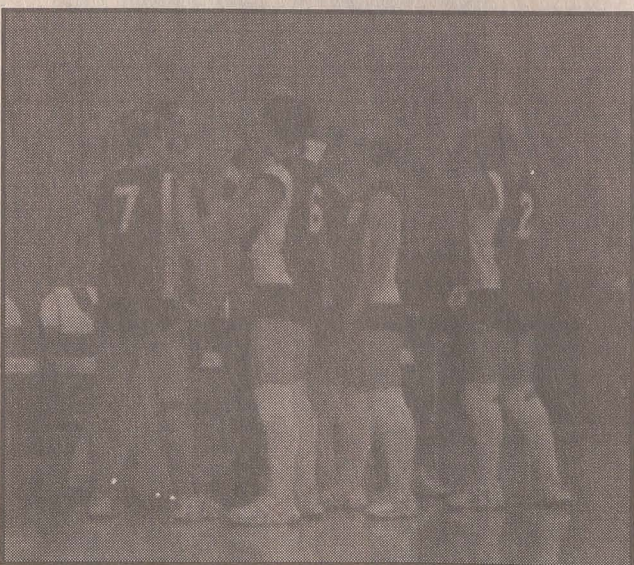
By press time, ACC will have played two more home contests (9/17 and 9/18), and will be playing in a tournament at home this weekend (9/24 and 9/25) with Soo College and Wayne C.C.

## Volleyball Action

The ACC volleyball team took on the Schoolcraft Ocelots September 17 on the home floor. While ACC lost in three straight games, the volleyball was fun to watch. Here are some snapshots from the contest.



Number Two (2) makes a dive for the ball, while teammates Stephanie Stanley (8), Kristin Englehart (9), Melissa Dorsey (7) and Other Teammate (#) stand ready to make the return shot. (Photo by Chris Gillmore)



The Lady Lumberjack volleyball team receives word from coach Bill Matzke and assistant coach Noel Curtis during their game against Schoolcraft Community College. (Photo by Chris Gillmore)

## On the path to success: Stephanie Stanley

By Dominick Miller

Managing/Sports Editor

For Stephanie Stanley, who is entering her second year at ACC, playing sports has become more than a past time – it's become family time.

That's because she has bonded with her teammates and coaches like they are family.

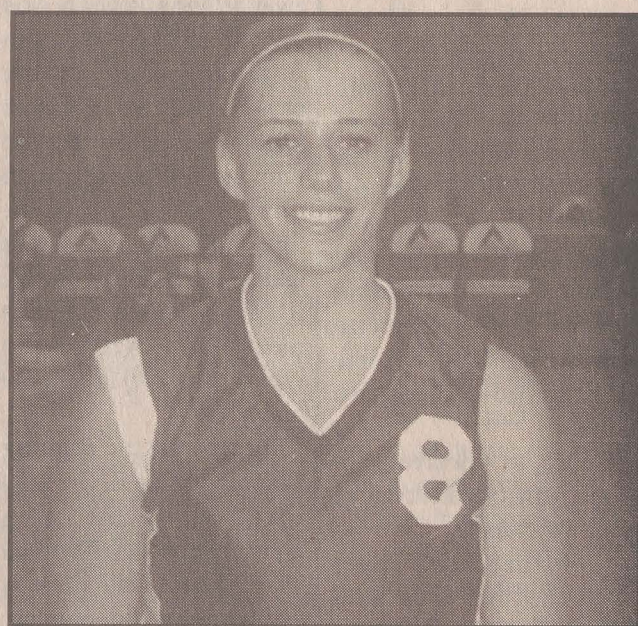
"They are my family away from home," Stanley said. "I've made such great friends. The only thing I don't like about being here (ACC), is that you leave after two years. You get close to a lot of people."

"Even though we don't win all the time, we still have fun. Everybody plays as hard as they can," Stanley added.

Stanley came to Alpena after graduating from Tawas High school. She chose ACC after she was given a scholarship to play basketball. She wouldn't change that decision for the world now.

"I like that it's close to home. It's in a small community, and you get to know everybody," Stanley commented. "I don't think I could have gone straight to a university after high school. It was perfect for me to come here."

Stanley is majoring in



Stephanie Stanley has embraced her time at ACC, and has come to know her teammates and coaches as family. (Photo by Chris Gillmore)

Criminal Justice, and says that it's the "best program here." After finishing school this year, she plans on heading to Saginaw Valley State University, where she hopes to play basketball.

"I've had contact with the coach, but I don't really know right now," she said.

What makes Stanley a truly special college athlete is that she plays two sports, and she didn't even play volleyball in high school. "I just tried out for the team here, and I made it."

Even though she is in her second year of playing

college sports, Stanley still gets a thrill every time she heads out on the court for a college event.

"It's exciting," Stanley says with a smile. "I was the only girl in my class to play college sports, and people kind of look at you different, like, 'wow, you play college sports'. It's a big accomplishment."

And for Stanley, she has the rare gift of being talented enough in two sports to compete at the college level. ACC has been perfect for her, and she has created a family to last a lifetime.



# Sports

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## Tiger Woods faces adversity

Just the name *Tiger Woods* would terrify the other professional golfers. It was seemingly unavoidable; whoever Tiger was in contention with, heading into the final round of a Major Championship would choke. Fold the tent and be satisfied with a second place finish.

My View  
on  
Sports



Corey Daleski

For five glorious years (1999-2004), Tiger Woods was the number one player in the world. His play on the golf course was impeccable.

In 11 majors spanning four seasons, Woods won seven of them. By the summer of 2002, at the age of 26, Tiger had accumulated eight Majors total (including the 1997 Masters.)

Now in 2004, Woods is 28, and he's still stuck on eight Majors. But that's not the end of it. Tiger – get this – has relinquished his number one ranking in the world (The number one ranked player now is Mr. Personable himself, Vijay Singh.)

So, what's the problem? Why has Tiger struggled so badly in Major tournaments over the last two-and-a-half seasons? Does his swing have flaws? Has he lost his way since firing longtime coach Butch Harmon? Has the passion and desire to win evaporated, since he got married? Nope.

Here's the problem with Tiger Woods: The bar of hype, the bar of expectations, is too incredibly high for Woods. There has never been a golfer – not even the great Jack Nicklaus – that has carried so much weight of the sport on his shoulders, like Tiger has had to the past five years.

Woods, to a degree, is to blame for his apparent slump. Why? It's simple.

Consider this: Tiger established the astronomical expectations himself. He set the world on fire by becoming so substantially successful, so quickly, it was inevitable that as soon as Tiger hit a road bump, he would be criticized immensely.

Nicklaus, arguably the greatest golfer ever, battled through four woeful seasons of futility without capturing a single Major championship during his prime. So it's not unthinkable for even a player of Tiger's magnitude to endure a drought. It happens. Period.

Truth is, this is good for golf. It creates parity. Plus, on top of that, it confirms something truly significant we didn't know before: Tiger Woods is human, after all.

## Alpena Outdoors with Chris Engle

**Squirrel Season:** One of the most enjoyable and challenging animals to hunt during small game season is the squirrel. However, the unseasonably cold weather the Alpena area experienced this August has caused some trees to drop their leaves early, making early season hunting difficult. With fresh, crunchy leaves covering the forest floor, moving through the woods can be a noisy task. Your best bet to see squirrels and make some good shots is to find a spot and sit. An ideal spot for this method would be in woods with a lot of oak trees, on top of a ridge or hill where you can see well down both sides. Use a large tree as a backrest and find a comfortable position where you can rest your gun steadily. This method works well, especially on windy days where noticing squirrels jumping through the trees is impossible because of all the moving branches and leaves. When you do shoot a

squirrel, don't get up to fetch it right away! Remain in your spot and make note of where the animal is. Other squirrels in the area may be drawn to the gunshot and will come to investigate. Hunting this animal is an excellent way to test your eyesight and your marksmanship, as well as your brain. Squirrel numbers are good this year and so are food sources. But beware, outsmarting a squirrel is harder than you think!

**Long Lake Perch and Walleye:** As the water cools down, the perch and walleye bite seems to be improving on Long Lake. Good numbers of small perch can be caught drifting at either end of the lake. If conditions are windy, slow your drift with a trolling motor, drift bucket, or simply drag a light anchor along the bottom. A slow, steady drift will keep your bait moving just the way they like it. The best rig is a simple hook baited with a minnow and weighted with a couple split shot 18 inches above the

hook. If fish are biting fast, try a crappie rig, which has two hooks and allows you to catch two fish at once. These same setups will work for walleye and even some nice small mouth bass, but to improve your odds, use a second rod with a jig and twister tail or a crawler

harness in addition to your perch rig. Covering the spread increases your odds of putting some fresh fish on the table this fall!

### Upcoming and Current Seasons:

September 15: Small Game (Squirrels, Rabbits, Ruffed

Grouse)

September 20: Regular season for Canada Geese

September 25: Woodcock

October 1: Archery Deer

October 2: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, Mergansers)

Good luck in whatever you try this fall!



Jim Engle shows off a good pile of squirrels taken last season in Alpena. If you want to have your outdoor photo here, drop it off at BTC 106 or email it to [acclumberjack@yahoo.com](mailto:acclumberjack@yahoo.com). (Photo by Chris Engle).

## Alan LaCross Martial Arts Center Holding Training and Safety Classes

**Alpena, MI**—The Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center will offer free Personal Safety and Anti-Abduction Seminars for your group, class, club or organization, at your location.

This interactive session will feature role-playing scenarios in which people learn appropriate responses to danger, including setting verbal boundaries, running away, telling a trusted person and calling 911. It will also introduce some of the physical resistance techniques people can use in the event they are confronted with unavoidable danger. Specially designed for children and young adults, it can be customized to meet your schedule and typically runs 45 minutes to one hour.

To celebrate the pending grand opening of the new location, and in coordination with National Martial Arts Day, there is no charge for the seminar.

National Martial Arts Day will take place Saturday, October 16, 2004 at the new location in downtown

Alpena. Activities include demonstrations by students, "First Belt Promotion" for participants new to Martial Arts, and an exciting world record breaking "Kick-A-Thon" which is a charitable fundraiser for Project Action Foundation. Project Action then uses the funds raised as scholarship funds for at risk students in our area. They are placed in classes as part of their goal to reduce juvenile violence.

The Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center offers Karate, Tai Chi, Kickboxing and Self-Defense classes for students as young as four years old through adulthood. All instruction is under the direct supervision of Master Alan LaCross, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Karate Black Belt, Master Karate Instructor and Master Tai Chi Instructor with more than 40 years of experience.

For more information, contact LaCross or Suni Speaks, Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center, 354-5852



Alan LaCross is a 4th degree Karate Black Belt, Master Karate and Tai Chi Instructor, and is an instructor at ACC. His classes will in no doubt help any person who is interested in learning more tactics for self defense. (Lumberjack File Photo)

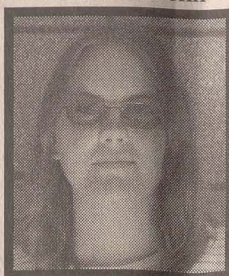
## Sports Question of the Month: What are your thoughts on the ACC volleyball team?

Jenna Edmonds



"I didn't even know we had a volleyball team."

Cristina St. John



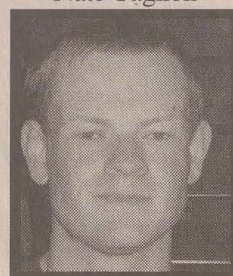
"I don't really know much about them."

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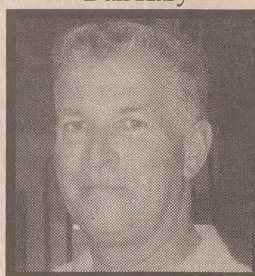
"I have not attended a volleyball game. I support them, and all athletics."

Nate Gagnon



"We have a lot of talent. Once it gets funneled into a team effort, it should equal success."

Dan Kary



"I think they will have a pretty good season. They're doing a good job."

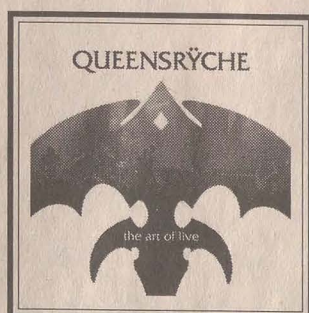


# Arts & Entertainment

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## Queensryche's *Art of Live* a Near Masterpiece



By De Maramed  
News & A&E Editor

Recorded during their highly successful 2003 tour, the ever-changing progressive metal band Queensryche's latest offering, the live compilation *The Art Of Live*, provides a good look at who and where the band is today. Unlike Queensryche's last

live album *Live Evolution*, *Art...* is not a mix of fan favorites over the years. You won't find greatest hits like "Silent Lucidity" or "I Am I" on the new album. *Art...* is more focused on their last studio album *Tribe*, with a surprising mix of some forgotten tracks.

The album starts out with the song "Tribe," first introducing drummer Scott Rockenfield, drumming out a very tribal sounding beat, followed by bassist Eddie Jackson hammering out bass lines. Guest guitarist Mike Stone starts playing next, followed by longtime guitarist Michael Wilton,

and finally vocalist and frontman Geoff Tate. The first four songs are outright rockers, until "The Great Divide" slows the set down and sets the stage for a fascinating acoustical suite.

The acoustic set is actually older Queensryche songs slightly retooled and reintroduced, with the newest song "Rhythm Of Hope" up first, followed by "My Global Mind" and finally "Roads To Madness." From there you get a very bluesy rendition of "Della Brown" with some amazing, almost Stevie Ray Vaughn-like solos from Mike Stone. "Anybody

Listening?" starts to build the album back up to a rocking climax with two tracks from Queensryche's epic *Operation: Mindcrime* album and finally the upbeat "Best I Can."

Today's Queensryche is more toned down, yet just as thoughtful and insightful. Geoff Tate's vocals are not the high octave thrillers they once were, but still stand head and shoulders above any of today's music. Of course, that's not a hard thing to do. If anything, Queensryche has become more contemplative, focused on looking within

rather than without.

Most of *Art...*'s tracks are laden with social commentary, ranging from an overall discriminating look at the faults of our society ("Sign Of The Times"), to a more personal look at the broken dreams of the homeless ("Della Brown"), to the slow alienation and separation of us from each other ("My Global Mind").

The instruments are loud and clear, but Tate's vocals sound distant and tinny in certain songs.

There is a companion DVD which contains two extra songs Queensryche

and Dream Theater performed together in Seattle. Pink Floyd's "Comfortably Numb" and The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again." It doesn't contain "Anybody Listening."

This album is a good introduction for those looking to see what Queensryche sounds like right now, longtime fan or not. If you're looking for an outright headbanger, look elsewhere. But if you're looking for a more visceral experience that ranges from heavy to sublime, look no further than *The Art Of Live*.  
4 out of 5 stars.

### Performances!

By Chris Gillmore  
Business/Mng. Editor

Community theater is alive and well in Alpena. With three different companies putting on productions, the City of Alpena has great variety to choose from.

Thunder Bay Theater presents *Always, Patsy Cline*. The play is a musical about a fan of Cline who finally gets a chance to meet her idol. It combines over 20 songs from the beloved singer, with a mixture of comedy and drama that makes this play a joy to watch. Production dates are Thursdays-Sundays, from September 23rd to October 16th.

Alpena Civic Theater presents *Seussical*, which brings the fun-filled family entertainment of Dr. Seuss to life on stage. The best loved characters from the most famous and cherished Dr. Seuss books meet up in the mysterious "Jungle of Nool," and it will take the mischievous Cat in the Hat, along with the gentle Horton the Elephant, the shy Gertrude McFuzz, and brash Mayzie LaBird and a gaggle of loveable Seuss characters to bring harmony to this chaotic land. *Seussical* will leave you in your seats laughing and singing along with characters from your childhood. Production dates are October 20th to the 24th and the 27th to 31st.

The ACC Players are producing *Cheating Cheaters*, a romp in hilarity that pits con against con. Two sisters posing as nuns go around conning people out of money so they can put their niece through college. In the process they get caught by a corrupt police officer and another conman who's a medical student. In the end, they try to work together to con others for the "big strike," but have to watch out because the others are trying to con each other. This eventually leads to the hapless appearance of the niece that sets the whole stage with hilarity. Production dates have yet to be set.

## Updated Music Scene: Fall 2004

By Chuck Kirchoff  
Staff Writer

It's been at least six months since the last article about the Alpena music scene was published, so it is definitely time for an update. Things seemingly haven't budged much, G.E.A.R. obtaining a venue every so often and bogging down the bands and promoters with strict rules for censorship and even going as far as to keep people from going for a casual walk outside the building in use. The declining amount of band activity is worsening, many locals leaving town, breaking up, or just becoming uninterested with the scene. Meetings with city officials aren't helping much, giving kids the run around about insurance costs and practically trying to persuade others to see their way of controlling things. It's looking bleaker than ever, and hope for a healthy scene is slowly being lost. Long-time local show promoter Jason

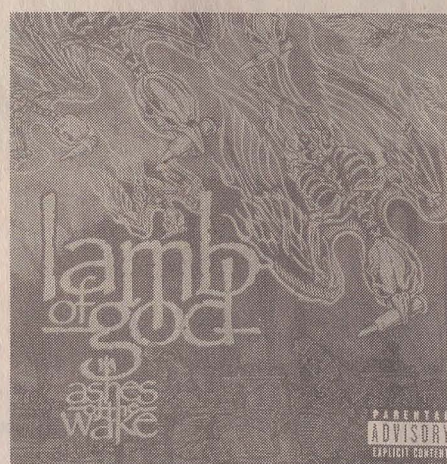
Zielaskowski offered his opinion on the current state of things. "First off, G.E.A.R. was set up to help kids find venues for the bands to play at and they've done that to an extent, but more or less on their own terms. Kids need to get involved more often, commanding things as they see fit." So what *did* happen to the motivation in this town? "The first ten shows or so that I put on, there was a lot more effort put in to get the word out. People made flyers, invited as many people as they could and even helped clean up after the shows were finished. Nowadays, some of the kids seem to have some sort of rock star image pictured of themselves and would rather party than help out," Jason replied.

On the subject of a possible rebirth of show activity in this city, Jason gave a simple answer, "It could survive as long as the people and bands who want to get shows going

get involved. Find a hall, get bands, promote as much as possible and help the area regain the scene atmosphere of only a few short years ago.

For a local scene to work, local bands need to exist. There would be no reason to even get a venue to play at if there are barely enough bands from town to fill the bill. Get active, no matter what type of music you are into. Gather some friends together and make something happen, whatever it may be. Express yourself freely whether it be through lyrics, playing an instrument, or organizing a show featuring some of your favorite bands. If this happens, finding a place to play wouldn't necessarily be that big of a problem. Search into the deepest depths of the Metropolis that is Alpena for some alternate venue, or play in someone's garage or basement for that matter. Force it to happen and show you care.

### Lamb of God rips faces with *Ashes of the Wake*



By Chris Engle  
Sports Editor

In these days with radio being overrun with pop, rap, and all too similar Carlos Santana guitar riffs, many bands release CDs that gradually get lighter to appeal to a wider audience. Other bands, however, choose to stick to their roots and stay heavy, even going heavier. Lamb of God's August 2004

release, *Ashes of the Wake* accomplishes all that metal heads hope for in their favorite bands.

*Ashes of the Wake*, the band's third release as Lamb of God, is 11 tracks of face-ripping hardcore metal, with a lot of noticeable lyrical influence coming from the current war in Iraq. Tracks 2, 3, and 7 contain lyrics reflecting horrors of war and death, while track 10 contains actual dialogue of a Marine stating his own experiences in Baghdad.

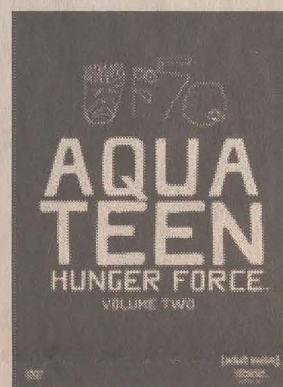
With a little help from Alex Skolnick of Testament and Chris Poland of Megadeth, track 10 is a compilation of

insane guitar solos, and more are scattered throughout the album, always providing the fluent air guitarist with something to play along to.

*Ashes of the Wake* is comparable in heaviness to their previous releases, *As the Palaces Burn* (2003) and *New American Gospel* (2000), but contains a lot more artistic riffs that test the limits of the guitarists. Paired with the chest-pounding drums of Chris Adler and the vocals of Randy Blythe, *Ashes of the Wake* is a truly awesome album. *5 Stars*



### A Force To Be Reckoned With



De Maramed  
News/A&E Editor

Volume Two of Cartoon Network's late night comedy *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* is as hilarious as it is unusual.

Thirteen fifteen-minute episodes follow the misadventures of three fast food products living in New Jersey. There's the responsible and sensible sleeve of french fries called Frylock; the selfish, obnoxious know-nothing know-it-all milk shake Master Shake; and the well meaning but slightly retarded wad of meat called Meatwad. Their lewd and crude neighbor and landlord Carl makes frequent appearances, and each time steals the show.

The show's outright strangeness is its trademark, and what will most likely turn people on to the show. The plots range from Master Shake and Carl attempting to co-marry a mail order bride from Chechnya, to a monster made out of remote controls sent by aliens with technology far beyond their comprehension, to a visit from

the cybernetic ghost of Christmas past from the future. There's even an episode featuring the voice of Seth McFarlane from Family Guy fame.

But the show's strangeness is also one of its few drawbacks and is likely to turn just as many people off. It's not as shocking and in-your-face as Family Guy, but not as tame as The Simpsons have become. It took its own course, and went as far into the bizarre as it could get. Those looking for the more straight forward humor of Frasier or Cheers won't find much to their liking with *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*.

Both the sound and video are rich and crystal clear. The animation is very similar to South Park's two dimensional style, only with more vivid colors. The special features are commentary on four episodes, deleted scenes, a *Space Ghost Coast To Coast* episode featuring the *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*, a music video, a featurette about a wolf from the future who has the one idea that can save humanity, and another featurette with original sketches and drawings of the characters.

The two-disc set contains enough content to justify its \$30 price tag. So if you have an appreciation for the bizarre sense of humor that's normally only associated with potheads, *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* is for you.  
4 out of 5 stars.

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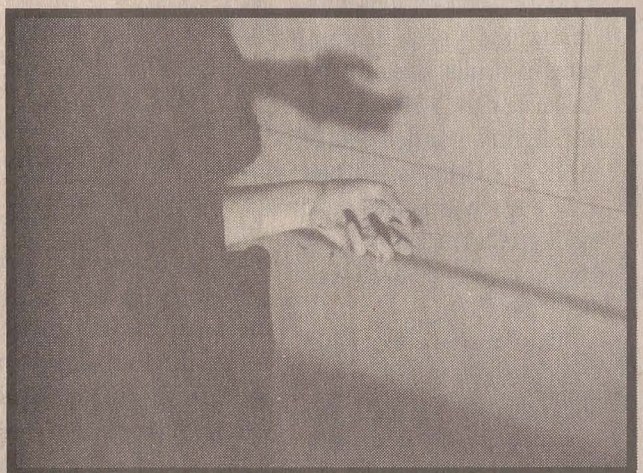
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## THE UNIQUE ARTWORK OF JAMIE SCHULTZ

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Photo Editor



*"I did this series for a humanities project. Mine was on social standards, so I did shaving legs."*

These are the photos of Jamie Schultz. This year she is a freshman at ACC. Schultz has always been interested in photography, and has concentrated her love for the art into different photo courses in high school and college.

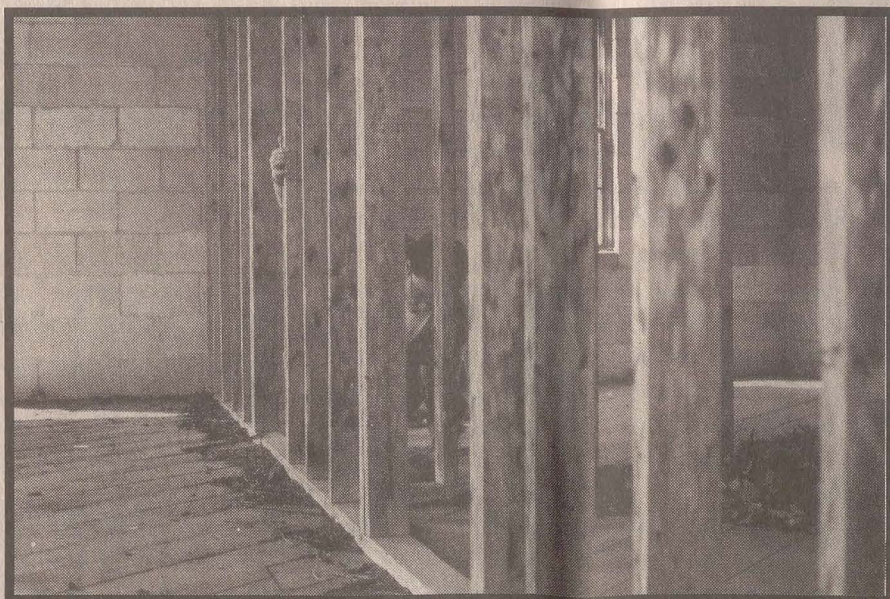
"Inspiration for the pictures I take," she says, "comes from a lot of different places. Most of my ideas come to me from the people around me. If people are cruel to me and try to say negative things, I think of why they are like that. Most of the time it's society. For example, people being offended or rude about my not shaving. I take what they say, and put it into perspective that they feel this way because of what they were taught by society and the lovely standards it sets for females."

Schultz, like most of us, also enjoys taking photos of things that look cool at the moment.

Jamie hopes to get more time to do photography in the future. Eventually she would like to get into more feminist/ artsy kind of photography, and possibly documentaries or alternative feminist film.



*Long Live the Radio Star*



*Behind Bars*

All Photos by Jamie Schultz; 2003/2004