

The Lumberjack

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

What exactly is the "Cool Cities" initiative, anyway?

Editors Note: This is the second in a series of articles dealing with the "Cool Cities" initiative in Alpena.

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"Cool Cities," which started as a statewide program, is hitting close to home now that Alpena has been selected as one of

four Northern Michigan Communities. Community efforts to

revive the look of Alpena by constructing a downtown river front pedestrian walkway have already begun. The community has plans of constructing this walkway while giving special attention to infrastructure, amenities, redevelopment and cultural plan. 151 project applications were submitted to the "Cool Cities" pilot program. Throughout Michigan, twenty lucky cities were chosen as "Cool," and were given a \$100,000 grant to help improve their city.

Eric Cline, assistant city manager, said that the grant is covering a good portion of the city's project. The grant would have originally covered

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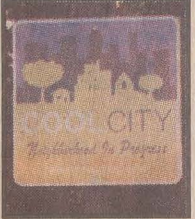
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Blast from the Past

Members of ACC's past come back to take part in the annual Alumni Game

By Dominick Miller

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Memories were re-kindled and friendships were renewed as former and current ACC basketball players met up in Park Arena for the 15th annual Alumni Game.

The games, both a men's and women's, featured many of the best Alpena Community College basketball players of the past 20 years. The women had 19 players competing, including six current Lady Lumberjacks, while the men had 21 on the floor and benches.

Playing for the women on the maroon (away) team were Kay Lumsden, Mari Cruze, Sarah Ellis, Charleen Neumann, Kristin Haley, Joni Ames, Lynne Gralewski, Vanessa Wekwert, Anna Bashans and Megan VanSchoten. Playing on the white (home) team were Kim Strange, Erin McDonald, Marisa Fenner, Chris Barry, Shawna Bethay, Stephanie Stanley, Michelle Lynn and Kelli Weichel.

Playing for the men on the white team were Dave Tchorzynski, Dennis Smolinski, Broderick Knight, Mike Bakouchik, Jason Brecheisen, Mike Kollien, Hans Parker, Marty Mix, Dave Manchester, Ben Croze and Gary Greenwood. Playing on the maroon team were Matt Wachterhauser, Devirin White, Matt Gleason, Kevin Brown, Shane Ison, Lance Edgerton, Jake Henske, Nic Greenwood and Bobby Allen.

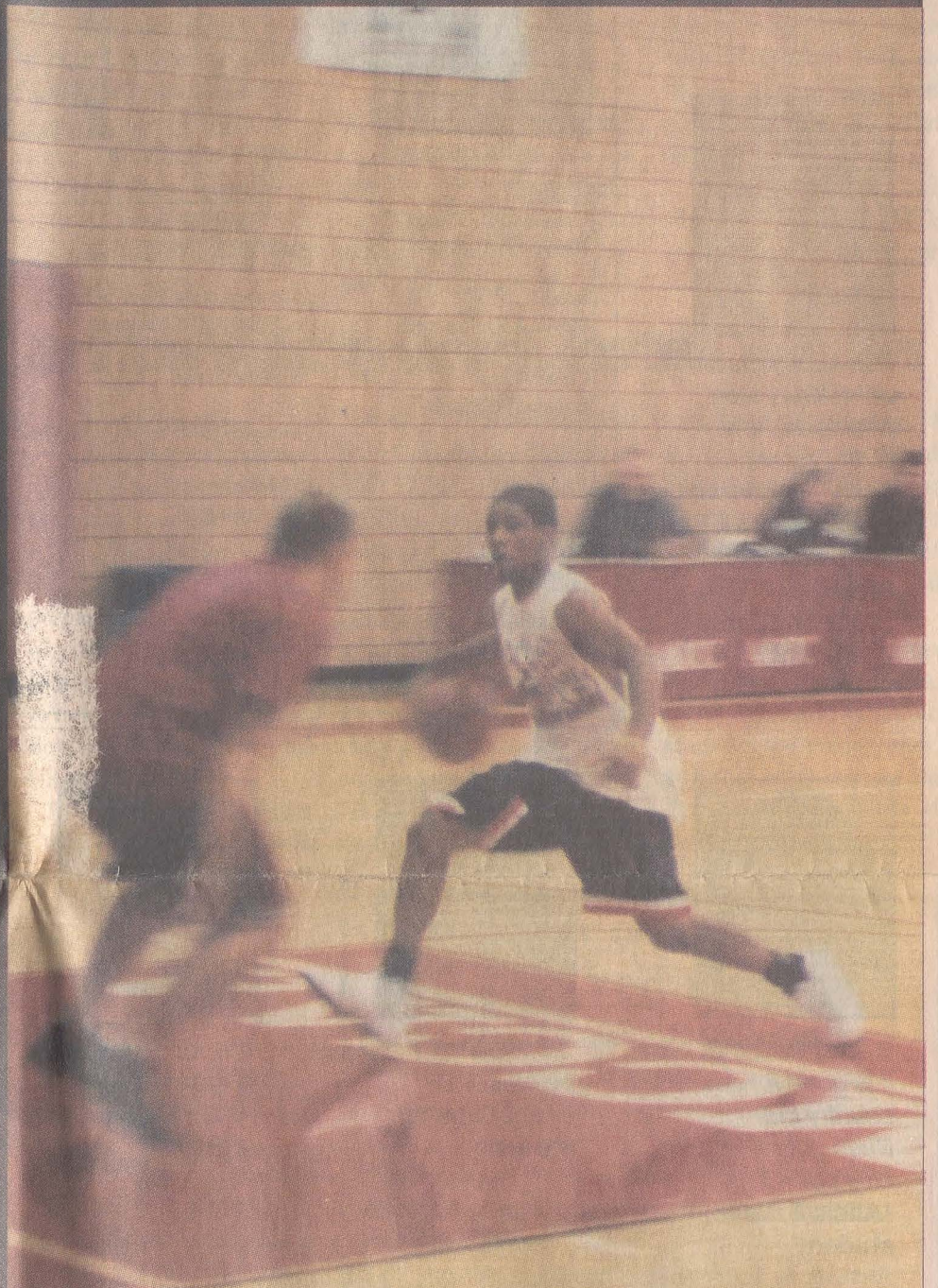
The women played first. In a tense, defensive battle, the maroon team was able to pull out a 48-37 victory. The white team was able to build an early 10-4 lead, but the maroon team was able to put the clamps on and take the victory. The maroon team led 29-23 at halftime.

"It was a good time. It brought back a lot of great memories." Charleen Neumann

The men's game was a high scoring affair, featuring tough inside play and some terrific outside shooting. Once the dust finally settled, the maroon team had pulled off a dramatic 106-105 victory. The maroon team led throughout, and had a 55-51 lead at halftime. They had opened the lead to as much as 10 during the second half, but the white team, behind the sharp shooting of Manchester and the point guard play of Broderick Knight, pulled the game close. The closest the game ever got was one point, several times late in the game.

Holding a slim two-point lead, Edgerton was able to hit a tough layup, and he was fouled in the act of shooting. The subsequent free-throw put the game on ice for the maroon team.

"It's great having everybody come back," said Allen, who, along with Frank McCourt and Max Lindsay, is responsible for



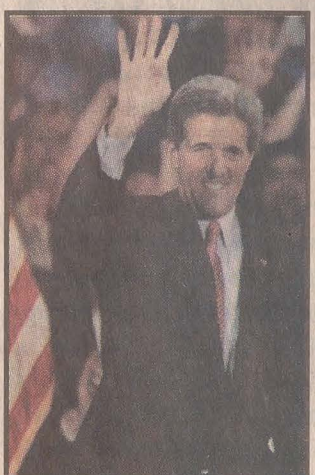
Alum Broderick Knight takes the ball to the hoop during the annual Alumni Game. Over 40 people participated in the game this year, making the event a roaring success (photo by Dominick Miller).

setting the game up each year. "It gives everybody a chance to see each other again, to see what they're doing, what they're like. Everybody respects each other, and we have a good time."

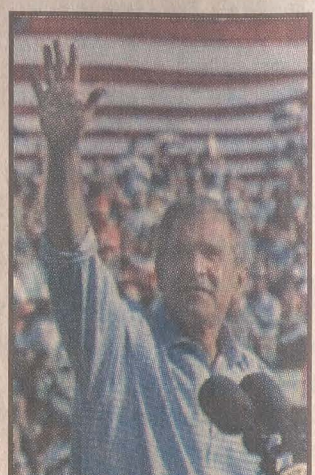
"I think it's great fun for Frank, Bobby and I," added Lindsay, who also helped officiate the women's game.

While the alumni game has happened 15 times, it didn't happen last year. "When we didn't have it last year, some of the guys said they were going to rough me up if we didn't have it this year," Allen said with a laugh. Allen also mentioned that this was one of the largest draws for the game.

The results are in: Bush victorious



Senator Kerry lost the bid for the Presidency, winning only 252 electoral votes (photo courtesy johnkerry.com)



President Bush won the election, winning 286 electoral votes (photo courtesy georgewbush.com)

See "In the Hallways" on page 2 for student's reactions to the election, plus a complete wrap-up of local races.

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In another tight election, George W. Bush was able to hold his seat as President of the United States for four more years. Bush narrowly defeated Massachusetts Senator John Kerry for the seat.

Kerry was able to secure many large states, including California, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, as well as many of the small states

up the east coast, but Bush won just about everything else, including two important swing states, Florida and Ohio.

Ohio was considered by many to be the most important state in the election, considering the large number of absentee ballots cast before the main election. Many political pundits predicted that Ohio could end up being the Florida of 2004.

As it turned out, Kerry decided against pursuing any

legal action in Ohio even though the vote totals were incredibly close.

After the election lasted all the way through November 2 and well into the morning of November 3, Kerry called President Bush and officially conceded on the afternoon of the 3rd.

Bush ended up winning the election with 286 electoral votes, while Kerry came in with 252.