

# The Lumberjack

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

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.

**By Glen Lenard**

*A&E/Perspectives Editor*

**By Crystal Nelson**

*Staff Writer*

"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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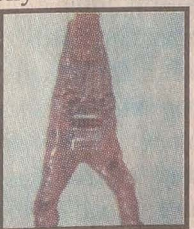
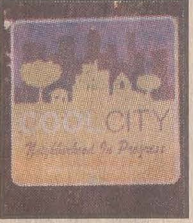
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## Blast from the Past

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

**By Dominick Miller**

*Managing/Sports Editor*

Memories were re-kindled and friendships were renewed as former and current ACC basketball players met up in Park Arena for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Wekwerf, 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.

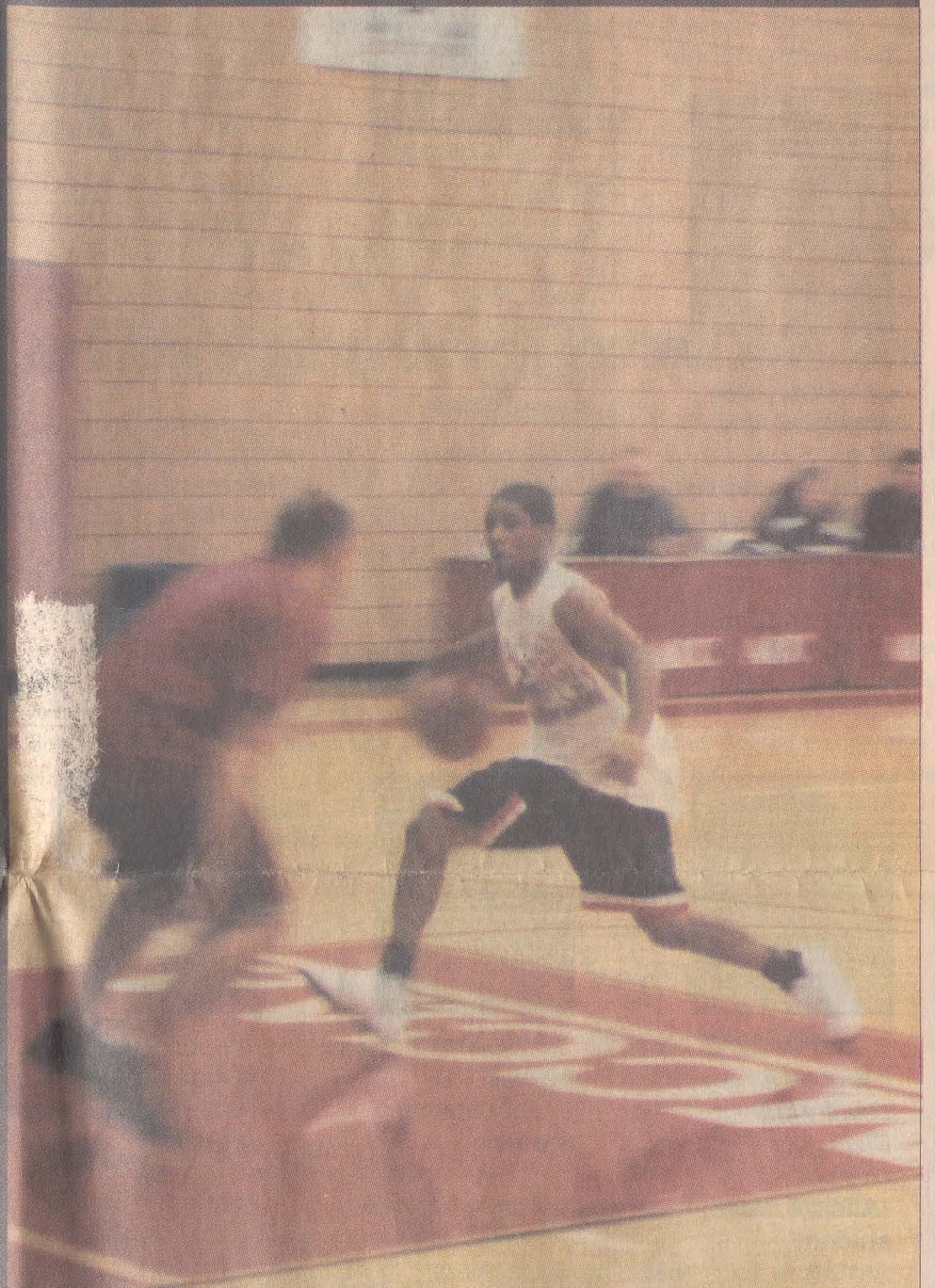
Playing for the men on the white team were Dave Tchorzynski, Dennis

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," said Neumann of being able to play in the alumni game. "It brought back a lot of great memories."

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.



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).

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

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."

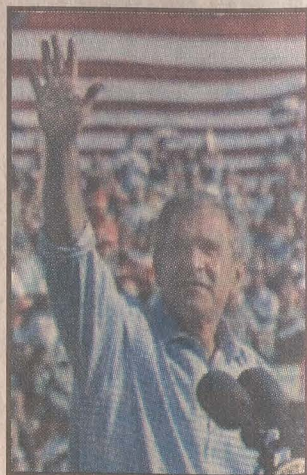
"I think it's great fun for Frank, Bobby and I," added Lindsay, who also helped officiate the women's game.

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.

**By Dominick Miller**

*Managing/Sports Editor*

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.



**In the Hallways:**  
What is your reaction to the election?



"It sucks."  
- Kyrey Kuffel, student



"I'm happy that John Kerry won Michigan, however I do not enjoy our current president at all."  
- Jessica Slominski, Student Senate President

## A complete wrap-up of Alpena's 2004 Election

### Alpena County, Michigan

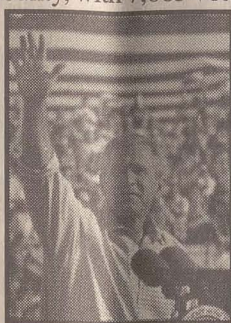
#### General Election, Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Representative Matt Gillard won 9,706 votes in Alpena County.



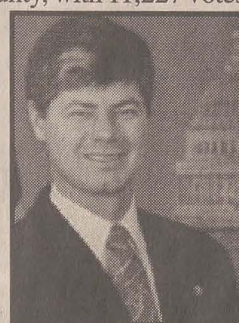
(photo courtesy www.housedems.com)

President George W. Bush won 50% of Alpena County, with 7,665 votes.



(photo courtesy www.georgewbush.com)

Congressman Bart Stupack won 75% of Alpena County, with 11,227 votes.



(photo courtesy www.house.gov/stupak)

Prosecuting Attorney: Dennis P. Grenkiewicz

Sheriff: Steven J. Kieliszewski

County Clerk: Bonnie Friedrichs

County Treasurer: Joelyn McCallum

Register of Deeds: Kathy J. Matash

County Drain Commissioner: Donald E. Bartosh

Commissioner: Thomas G. Mullaney

Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan: Olivia P. Maynard, S. Martin Taylor

Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University: Melanie Foster, Phil Thompson

Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University: Tina Abbot, Annetta Miller

Justice of the Supreme Court: Mairlyn Kelly, Stephen J. Markman

Judge of the Court of Appeals: Donald Owens, William C. Whitbeck

Judge of the Court of Appeals (Partial Term): Stephen L. Borrello

Members of the State Board of Education: Nancy Danhof, Robert M. Smart

Proposal 1 (voter approval of any form of gambling): Passed - 8,543 votes in Alpena County

Proposal 2 (...union of a man and a woman): Passed - 9,635 votes in Alpena County

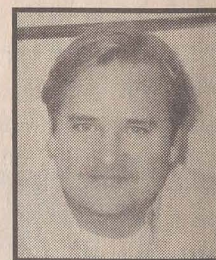
American Disabilities Act Proposition - A New Millage: Did Not Pass

Countywide Drug Interdiction Program (HUNT): Did Not Pass

**In the Hallways:**  
What is your reaction to the election?



"I am thrilled with the outcome."  
- Penny Boldrey, ACC Foundation



"I have a concern that power is vested in one philosophical side of the spectrum"  
- Tim Kuehnlein, professor of political science



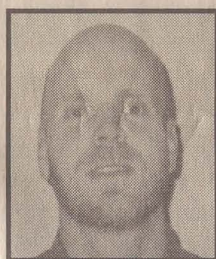
"I don't think that it is good for our country that Bush got re-elected."  
- Alicia Estlack, student



"I'm disappointed."  
- Jake Dewitt, student



"I'm kinda mad, but oh well."  
- Tom Bussey, student



"I was pleased to see the number of voters."  
- Bill Matzke, Book store manager



"It was a tighter race than I thought it would be."  
- Matt Dunckel, professor of history and geography



"I'm glad it's over."  
- Karen Eller, administrative assistant

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Jack Sez...  
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Christmas Shopping  
too early!



## "Cool Cities" should make community better

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two thirds of the initial project, however additions have been made and plans have been updated. To receive the "Cool Cities" grant, the city had to let the state's Cool Cities Advisory Committee know that there was an interest in the initiative and apply for the grant. The title of "Cool City" has added to Alpena's credential.

The river walk, which is being constructed, will have a historic focus. The city will put up signing in the near future. The signing is currently being designed for the walk.

The city isn't alone with the planning of "Cool Cities;" they have a couple big partners and supporters. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary has the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which will manage the underwater shipwrecks. The Downtown

Development Authority (DDA) has been helpful, as well as the Jesse Besser Museum, Alpena Library and the school system.

The plans for infrastructure being developed include expanding the Dial-A-Ride transportation route. Some of the regulations of the grant demand each selected city to focus on specific categories. In Alpena's case, the expanded Dial-A-Ride routes have become the focus of the cool cities "neighborhood" category.

The city also hopes to redevelop the downtown businesses. Cline notes that the redevelopment is going to involve a lot of partnership. The DDA has started a façade improvement program. The city has applied for a grant to improve North Riverfront and they have put in a grant application to Michigan Economic Development Corporation to

reconstruct Riverstreet.

The City of Alpena is also in the process of developing their cultural plan. City planners and commissioners will be meeting to discuss a cultural plan, to see how they can develop art in the community, which may in turn spark economic growth.

Cline understands that the "Cool Cities" initiative will be a three-year program, minimum. Cline believes this initiative will work, although he doesn't think that people will be able to pinpoint one aspect of the construction. He believes that it will add to the community as a whole.

"The idea that you can come back and have good paying jobs and have a community that has vibrancy to it," Cline said. "If the program went away, it is a concept of which we can move forward. The concept, in general, is a good concept."



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## Bingham Arts Academy open to the public

By De Maramed  
Managing/News Editor

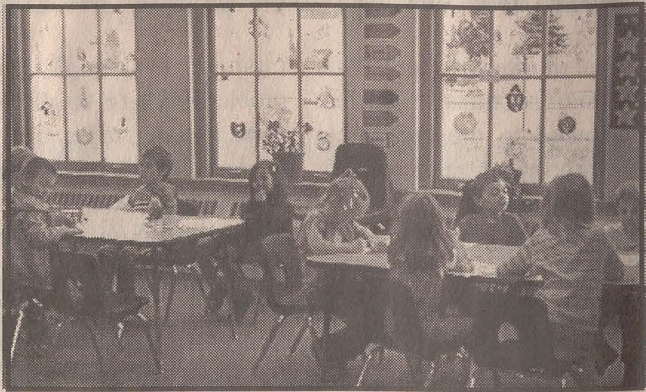
The recently opened charter school, Bingham Arts Academy, is thriving despite controversy over its use of merit pay for its teachers and the money it gets from the State for each of its students.

For each attending student, a public school gets a certain amount of money from the State. And wherever that student goes, the money follows. Some local public schools are feeling the loss of students and money.

"If you follow the thinking that Burger King came along and offered a choice for consumers, not just to go to McDonald's, then McDonald's didn't look favorably on that. They took business away, took money away," said Bingham Academy Principal and Chief Administrative Officer Ron Miller. "If there is any conflict, it's probably based on economics."

Bingham's use of merit pay is also a controversial subject, one that teacher's unions are against. Mosaica Education, the private company that owns Bingham Academy, provides monetary incentives to its teachers for improving their students' learning. The better the teacher, the more merit pay they receive.

Because Bingham Academy is not a public school, they have a little more freedom when it comes to delivering the curriculum. They also have smaller class sizes, longer school days and longer school years. They still have to



Students hard at work (Photo by De Maramed).

follow the same guidelines as a regular public school. Their teachers must be certified, their 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have to take the MEAP test, and they have to report their membership to the State.

Bingham Academy has a special focus on the arts, including the performing arts. Students have a half hour every day devoted to art or music, and their social studies curriculum also has a special focus on the arts integrated into it. Rather than exclusively studying facts, figures, times, and dates, they explore the big ideas that changed society. "Quite often those [ideas] are either artistic in nature, or the arts reflect the changes in the time," Miller explained.

There is also a Spanish language class that starts at the kindergarten level.

Bingham Academy has an added emphasis on technology. There is no computer lab yet, but there is a planned computer to student ratio of one computer for every three students. Mosaica Education believes in weaving

technology into the curriculum, not separating it. There are also plans to put cameras in every classroom and television monitors in the halls. Parent involvement is a big part of Bingham Academy. Parents are encouraged to get involved, and are welcome to come in any time without notice to observe in the classrooms, help out or be anywhere else they want to be.

Mosaica Education invested over half a million dollars in renovations for just the first floor of the Bingham Academy building, and the plan is to expand into the upstairs for six additional classrooms. While there are still skeptical parents and public school officials, Miller is confident that Bingham Academy is here to stay.

There are over one hundred students currently enrolled. Bingham Academy is one of 50 such institutions throughout the US and Qatar, all owned by Mosaica Education. This company manages public schools either under contract from a local school district or funded directly by states.

Perspective

## Opposing viewpoints on Alpena's future

By Alicia Estlack  
Contributing Writer

Two public meetings were recently held to discuss the future of Alpena's lake and river frontage. Suggestions were made to draw tourism to the area. Concerned citizens opposed any commercialized development and wanted to keep the tight-knit community feeling.

This mentality hinders this town's growth and potential. An active participation needs to be taken by those who are living here. Overall change in Alpena should be supported because otherwise the town will not survive.

Different degrees of support were expressed for the city's contracted plans that were not yet final. They still required revision and approval by committee vote in November. However, these initiatives included condominiums on the river, a lakefront hotel and relocation of the bike path. Downtown patronization was encouraged and Alpena's historic theme was highlighted. The fate of Mich-e-kew-is and Starlight beaches was also mentioned. Summer plans included a boardwalk, children's splash park and outdoor Frisbee golf course. In the winter, the current baseball diamond would be flooded into a free form ice rink, an ice-climbing wall would be made and an outdoor movie theatre would be

projected onto a massive snow bank. Lastly, a 30-lot RV Park was proposed.

A majority opposed the RV Park in a vote and a few expressed their disapproval. It was made clear that they could contact the council members by e-mail to lobby for any disagreements they had. They would have liked the frontage to be for the general public and to be kept in its current state. People exhibited disdain for commercialized development that had occurred on the west side of the state, particularly Traverse City. The waterfront there had once been open but is now cluttered with hotels, restaurants and businesses.

A lesser vocal minority cited that another RV Park was needed. One comment was made by a lady in the audience to her friend, "... [in the summer] relatives cannot find a motel [because they have to] find a room a couple of months in advance. People are so backwards." This group supported the improvement of the waterfront to enhance tourism and new business endeavors. Some complained about the current lack of economic development and loss of jobs in the community.

Last year, 85 jobs were lost at The Alpena Regional Medical Center, one of the largest employers in the community, and there has been a decline in en-

rollment in the public schools. If business endeavors are blocked in our own community we are only committing ourselves to having limited low paying jobs available. Alpena may be the "perfect place to raise a family" but already one is pressed to find employment in this town, let alone raise a family on the wage they are being paid. People may move to more developed cities specifically because they cannot afford to live here. In Traverse City, even though open lakefront had been destroyed, development allowed tourism to come in and jobs to open up so the city could thrive year round. Only upon retirement can a person return to Alpena to spend their pension money. If this is maintained, there will not be opportunities for employment to meet the needs of citizens and its population will dwindle.

This city has had a history of numerous oppositions to community change. A few mentionable include a proposition of a casino, which would draw tourism; a state prison that would provide many higher paying jobs; and the implementation of a four-lane highway on the existing US-23, which would give people an easier and direct access to the town and the northeastern shore of Michigan. These were opposed because council members feared that crime would be brought in and

disrupt the quiet atmosphere of their little hometown. However, I feel that this is unlikely, seeing as though majorities of the people who go to casinos are harmless elderly; that if in the event an inmate broke out of the prison, they would not stay in the city; and a highway would be a quicker, more convenient means of traveling around the state.

Alpena needs new developments to be supported and encouraged if our population is to increase and the economy to improve. We could look to the other side of the state and aspire to be as successful.

I think it is necessary for the public to become more aware of what is being proposed for the community they live in and take part in the decisions made. By attending forums and meetings concerning the future of this town, change can be implemented. In addition, discussing these issues with family, friends and neighbors can spread the word indirectly and influence how development happens. This should be important to everyone who lives here because it will guarantee a decent life for ourselves and future generations. Open up your minds and recognize how our town needs to change and then take a stand to implement them.

By Chris Engle  
Sports/A&E Editor

The administration of Alpena Regional Medical Center (ARMC), previously known as Alpena General Hospital, has proposed a change in the required dress code for nurses that is planned to take effect in March.

The proposed dress code would require the 205 nurses of ARMC to wear uniforms, or scrubs, consisting of blue pants and a white shirt. The rest of the hospital staff will also be affected by the new code. This strict dress code would enable patients, as well as hospital staff, to distinguish nurses from other staff members.

## Christmas Wish program needs donations, volunteers

By Glenn Lenard  
A&E/Perspectives Editor

Christmas Wish, a program started here at ACC over 25 years ago, is going strong and preparing for another year of gifts and support from local community members to help out Alpena Public Schools, Head Start, and Hillman students.

If you have a little extra jingle in your pocket this season, why not help out someone who doesn't. You can stop in either Center Building 104 or 106 to be matched up with

The administration of ARMC states that this new dress code was created in the interest of patient safety.

The nurses' union, however, argues that administration made a unilateral decision to enact the dress code change, and breached contract by not discussing the issue with the union as agreed in contract.

Jim Engle, president of the nurses' union, plans to file an unfair labor practice suit against the administration.

"The administration is unilaterally imposing monetary requirements on the nurses as conditions of employment," says Engle. The nurses are required to purchase the new uniforms themselves, since

most scrubs they currently wear will not meet the requirements.

"If (the change) is instituted, the vast majority of scrubs currently worn by nurses will not be suitable for the new dress code."

Engle also added that the administration's statement for instating the new dress code as a patient safety issue is illogical.

"If this is a patient safety issue, why didn't the administration talk to those most concerned with patient safety - the nurses?"

Diane Shields, of administration at ARMC, could not be reached for comment on this issue.

a youngster or contact the volunteer center directly at 358-7271, or 358-7335.

Gifts on the list range from socks and sweaters to toy trucks, and Barbie's. If you are looking to sponsor a child this season, no matter what age or amount you are willing to donate, they are sure to have someone who is willing.

If you cannot donate cash or gifts, then volunteering a

few hours to wrap and sort gifts the week of December 6 may be for you. Contact the Volunteer Center to set up a time to stop in and wrap a few gifts.

Christmas Wish has provided gifts to Alpena, Head Start and Hillman students for many years, and this wish will be no different, especially if everyone chips in.

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# Perspectives

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## The controversy over the separation of church and state examined

By Eric Dorcey  
Huron Shores

Americans believe in what they were taught to believe and think that their country should revolve around them. Most people in this country do not respect human rights and the notion that others have the freedom to do as they please. Instead, they believe that the government should make sure that their values and ways of life are not disturbed. Well, that is not what government is for. It is there to protect the rights of all the country's citizens from injustices, not just the majority of the citizens. One of the most evident examples of this in the history of American law is religious persecution.

Many people rant on and on about the separation of church and state, but the sad truth is that few of them even know what the term actually means. Ignorance is an embarrassing thing to have as well as witness. Let's delve into the basics of separation of church and state.

The government cannot tell religious organizations what, how, or when to preach. They must have a "hands off" approach, neither hurting nor helping any religion. On the flip side, religious groups cannot control the government either. They

cannot cause them to adopt their policies or restrict any other groups.

Some of the many things the separation of church & state says:

\* The government may not tax citizens for the funding of other religious groups.

\* The government may not tell citizens what religion they should practice.

\* The government may not favor a certain group or person because of their beliefs.

Basically, the government has no say as to what you do in your religious practices as long as you do not break any laws, such as sacrificing protected animals.

On the other hand, the government must also protect your rights, not just stay away from them. If your religious rights are violated, the government must defend them. Such instances could include being discriminated against by an employer or another level of the government. In addition, the government must provide police protection for religious minorities that gather in public to rally or protest. This is like the Ku Klux Klan of today, who are allowed to rally and express their opinions as long as they do not break any laws. They are a group of racist, sexist,

horrible people in my view, but they still have the right to convey their messages, no matter how idiotic they are.

One issue involving the interpretation of what is secular and what is religious is the Ten Commandments. Those that say they are secular and allowable in government buildings are missing a key word in them: "God." That word is totally religious, and because of that, it does not agree with those who do not believe in God. Anything related to government must be completely neutral, neither showing favoritism or discrimination towards any group, sex, race, creed, or social class. Basically, everything must be applicable to all people. However, as we all know, Americans are extremely stubborn and want things their way. One must realize though, that the American Revolution was an effort to get away from persecution in hopes of a life of freedom. Our founding fathers were not trying to create their own religion and get away from Great Britain. They were trying to get us away from the rules of England so that we could practice the religion of our choice.

Prayer in school is another

topic of interest. Here is the bottom line on this: students are allowed to practice their religion as long as it does not interfere with the normal functions of school. Teachers and other staff members are not allowed to promote or teach religion in public schools. In other similar cases, local officials cannot make certain religious beliefs a requirement for office, and government leaders cannot make members of other religions feel left out.

Some major injustices concerning the separation of church & state:

\* School Vouchers – These vouchers allow children from public schools to go to expensive private schools (such as Catholic schools) without any cost to the parents. In other words, the government is taking money away from public schools and giving it to private ones. If you want your kid there, you should have to pay for it.

\* Swearing On The Bible In Court – An extremely old tradition that is hardly ever looked at as being a violation of religious freedom. It is true that most Americans are Christians, but what about those who are not? The "So help you god?" phrase is totally unconstitutional.

\* Pledge Of Allegiance In School – A once daily requirement, it is now rarely

pushed in school. The problem with it is the phrase "one nation, under God." Under what? Sorry, but not everyone believes in God. Change it so that it applies to all citizens.

\* National Anthem - Though I have not heard of any instances of it, there is the possibility of people being harassed or assaulted by choosing not to stand during the National Anthem or remove their hat. This is purely ridiculous. If you want to stand for it, great. If someone else doesn't, turn the other cheek and forget about it. It is their right.

\* Gay Marriage – The Holy Bible says that homosexuality is wrong. So what? You can be against it all you want, but if someone else doesn't believe in the Bible, then it's not wrong to him or her. The "one man, one woman" idea is a total crock. If you don't like the idea of gay marriage, think about this: homosexuals will be gay, no matter what. Why should it matter if they live together as partners or as husband and husband? Let's not forget the other thing anti-gay people say, "Legalizing gay marriage will slow population growth." Yeah, sure. They are going to be gay and not reproduce anyways. It really doesn't make a difference if they are married

or not. Grow up, conservatives. This is the year 2004, not 1835.

\* "In God We Trust" – This inscription on United States legal tender is not meant to mean God specifically, but it may offend some people. One could argue that if someone doesn't like what is written on his or her bills then they should just not use them at all. This is not entirely fair though and should be changed so it pleases everyone.

\* Abortion – Some people say that their religion is against abortion and therefore it should be outlawed. Well, they forget to realize that no religion or religious fundamental shall be imposed upon any citizen. Just like the gay marriage issue, if your beliefs are not against it, then you may engage in it. Plus, if it does not affect you, why make a fuss about it? It's someone else's personal choice to do what they want with their body. It's all about rights here people. Women's rights as well as religious rights.

We can argue all day and ask, "Why don't you non-believers just get over it and stop complaining about everything?" The beauty of our country is not just that we have the freedom to choose our own religion, but also that we have the right to complain about anything we want.

### ACC Events Calendar November

- 11 Public Debut of Dr. Russell H. and Fromilda Y. Wilson Art Gallery**, 4-7 p.m., Room 212 Natural Resources Center. Refreshments by ACC Foundation.
- 11 Student Senate Blood Drive**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Rooms 104-106, The Center Building
- 12 Deadline to apply for Spring Graduation early review.**
- 15 Fall Break**- no classes; college offices open.
- 18 ACC Board of Trustees Meeting**, 7 p.m., Room 400, Natural Resources Center
- 18-21 ACC Players perform Cheating Cheaters**, a light comedy. For more information, call Karol Walchak, ext. 7349
- 19-20 East/West Basketball Tournament**-ACC women play at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m. on 11/19, and ACC women play at 5:15 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m., on 11/20.
- 25-26 Thanksgiving vacation**-College Closed.
- 29 Christmas Wish Receiving**, Center 104-106. Donors may deliver gifts through Dec. 3. Gifts will be wrapped and sorted on Dec. 6.

### Live: From BTC 106 ... it's from the editor

This election was one of the closest and most scrutinized in recent years, maybe even more than the 2000 election. So no one can ever say that our vote didn't count, because it did.

And this was maybe the first time in a long time that the youth vote was so influential, because this is probably the first time in a long time that we cared so avidly about who became president.

Let's hope that this is just the start of all of us becoming politically aware, and not apathetic about the workings of our own country. Let's make the politicians fear the youth vote.



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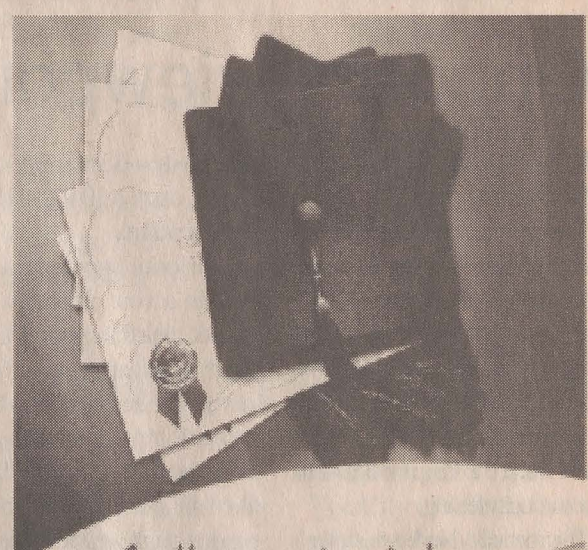
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Meet the Editors: Dominick Miller, Managing/Sports Editor

Hola, mi llamo Dom. I'm a sophomore here at ACC, majoring in journalism. Next year I'll be at CMU, also majoring in journalism. Hopefully in the future I'll live in Chicago. As if anybody reading that really cares, but oh well. Anyway, I still like that old time rock and roll, that kind of music just soothes the soul.

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# Lumberjack Sports

November 9, 2004

## Random thoughts

Random thoughts while wondering if the world will ever be the same now that the phrase "World Champion Boston Red Sox" is in everyday use...

\*Does anybody really care that the hockey season isn't going on? I mean, seriously. I think last year's Tampa Bay-Calgary Stanley Cup basically sealed the deal anyway.



Dominick Miller

The sport is dying in the United States outside of Detroit, Boston and New York. Do the people in Atlanta, Nashville, Phoenix and Los Angeles even know they have a hockey team?

\*If, for some reason, the NHL is disbanded forever, does the Stanley Cup stay with Tampa Bay for good? How sad would that be?

\* I don't know if it is just me, but I am really not excited about the 2004-05 NBA season. First of all, and I'll freely admit this, I am a Bulls fan. I am originally from Chicago, and I have never switched allegiances. Frankly, the Bulls are going to be terrible (again, like every year since the Dynasty broke up). The Pistons are good, but I would rather stick a pen in my eye then watch them consistently (I'm sorry, but defensive minded teams are boring to watch, you have to admit.) I could care less that Shaq is in Miami and that Kobe now has free reign to shoot the ball 100 times a game in L.A. Tracy McGrady is now on the Rockets (yawning), and, wait, I just lost my train of thought. Are there more than 20 true NBA fans left out there?

\* While I was happy that the Red Sox were able to capture that elusive World Series crown, I found myself getting angrier and angrier as the post game celebration carried on. See, I am a Cubs fan, and now that the Sox have erased that tricky little curse from their existence, all eyes now fall on the Cubs. If the North Siders don't win it all in the next couple years, I may go crazy. It's just not right that Boston fans were able to enjoy this before we (Cubs fans) were.

\* Does anybody else find the new Eminem song (or any Eminem song, for that matter) profoundly annoying, with the yelling parts in the middle? That really has nothing to do with sports, but I just had to say it.

\* You read it here first: Meeting in the Super Bowl this year will be Philadelphia and, nope, not New England, but the J-E-T-S Jets, Jets, Jets.

## ACC Navigators need more student participation

By Dominick Miller  
Managing/Sports Editor

A lot of the youth in Alpena seem to complain about the lack of activities for them to take part in. While it's true that Alpena has no clubs or amusement parks to hang out at, there is a group here at ACC that is dedicated to finding fun things to do.

The ACC Navigators have made it their mission to find fun, possibly challenging activities that every student can take part in. The only problem, though, is that not a lot of students have been showing up for Navigator events, and the weather has made it almost impossible to schedule events.

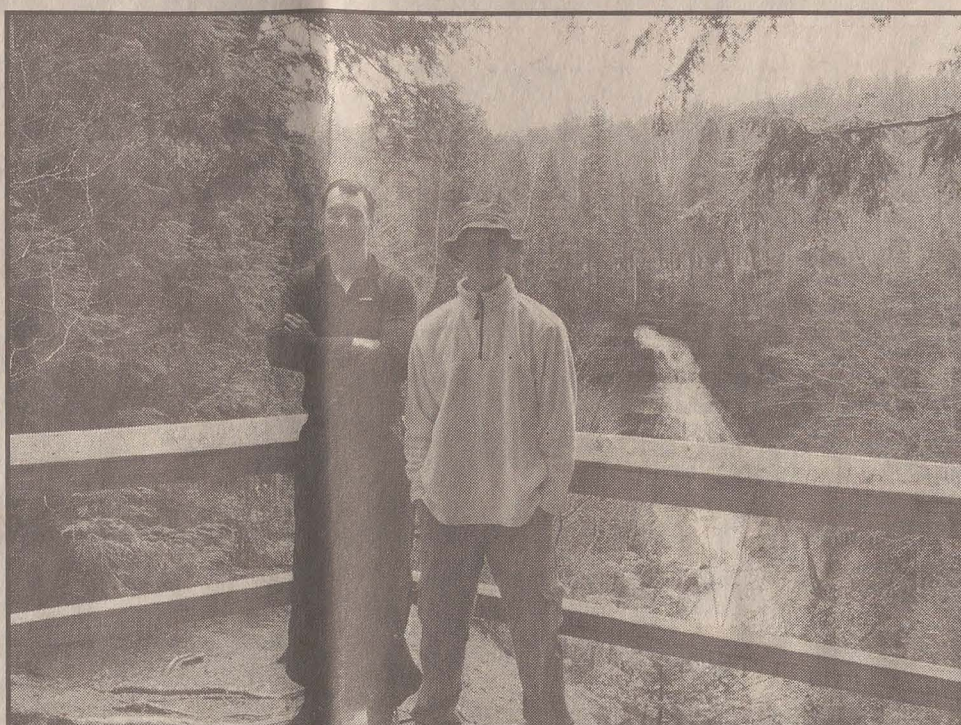
"We've had a hard time finding people," Navigator President Kyle Johnston said. "We need to get people to come out and get involved, or the program will die off."

It has been tough for Johnston, who is in his first year as President. While the numbers have been declining some, the weather has made it almost impossible to get any planned events on the move. Camping trips to Cheboygan, Flint and another to Southern Michigan have been cancelled due to weather, and paint ball and orienteering events have also been cancelled. Also,



Kyle Johnston, ACC Navigators President

## Chillin' Outdoors



ACC faculty member Matt Dunckel and former Navigator member Johnny Roe stand on a bridge at the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on Lake Superior. The Navigators plan trips like these throughout the year, but without more student participation, these trips may soon cease to exist (photo courtesy Kyle Johnston).

trips to Ocqueoc Falls and a canoeing trip on Thunder Bay River have also been stalled due to the weather.

"We have just been nailed with some crappy weather," Johnston lamented. "It's been terrible."

But, as the evidence from before states, the Navigators have plenty of fun, challenging events always lined up. The group has traditionally gone on hiking and camping trips, but canoe trips, paint ball trips and ski trips are also part of the norm.

"People can come just mooch off us," Johnston said with a laugh. "Come use our equipment. If you want to get involved with something, or need something to be dedicated to, this could be it. "Of if you want to come for one event, that's great too," Johnston added.

Towards the end of this semester, the Navigators

have two events planned: geocaching (using GPS to locate predefined points), and a ski trip. The geocaching is almost like a treasure hunt for big people. It will take place December 3. The ski trip is usually one of the most popular events the Navigators host. In the past, 30-40 people have attended, while last year there was between 15-20.

The Navigators will pay for transportation to and from the resort. All participants will need to pay for would be equipment rental (if you don't have any), a lift ticket and possibly a meal or two. With a larger group, Nubs Nob will include group rates, making the lift ticket cheaper.

Last year, the Navigators took a trip to the Pictured Rocks, and the group had a great time. There was some serious hiking on that trip, but nobody felt left behind. A similar plan is being

formulated for the spring. Any event will cost no more than \$30. Everything is contingent on student involvement.

"We just like to have fun in the outdoors," Johnston said. "We enjoy the nature around us. There is a lot of camaraderie and we enjoy it." It's easier to get in touch with the Navigators. They have an e-mail address, accnavigators@yahoo.com, and they post flyers any time an event is scheduled. If you have a suggestion for an event, don't hesitate to drop them a line.

Sadly, Johnston will have to step down as President of the Navigators at the end of the semester, as he will be finished at ACC. He has put in a great deal of time and effort in trying to keep the club afloat this year.

"I've really developed a sense of leadership, and a better understanding of people's differences," Johnston said.

## Men's Basketball up in the air

By Dominick Miller  
Managing/Sports Editor

If one were wondering what the ACC men's basketball team is going to be like this year, head coach Frank McCourt would not be the person you would want to ask. He really doesn't know yet himself.

"It's hard to tell right now," McCourt said. "Everybody is pretty even. We have no definite starters. Last year, at this time, I knew who my players were. This year, I really don't. If I knew that, I would have picked captains by now."

"We're quicker than we were last year. We had no team last year. We have a lot better chemistry this year," McCourt added.

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## Women's basketball will be tough

By Dominick Miller  
Managing/Sports Editor

Head women's basketball coach Bobby Allen likened a scrimmage held earlier this season to a heavyweight fight: his team kept taking punches, but they never went down. That could be the theme of the 2004-05 season. This team will not stop playing until the final buzzer sounds.

The Lady Lumberjacks feature a small roster, but the team is a scrappy, fighting bunch, and they will make it absolutely tough on any opponent they face this season.

"We are starting to come together," Allen said. "We have a good team. Our defense is better than I

Please see Women's, page 6

## Rifle season just around the corner

### Esau Perch:

If you're getting tired of cleaning ducks or upland game birds, dust off your fishing rod and head out to Lake Esau for some excellent perch fishing. Lake Esau, located on the east side of Grand Lake, is 275 acres of secluded water teeming with perch. Find a depth of 15-20 feet and use minnows on a simple hook and line rig. Letting your bait rest on bottom will increase your chances of catching the larger fish, often as large as 12 inches, but nine inches is average.

In the past decade, over 100,000 walleye have been planted, and numbers of adults are high. Using larger walleye minnows will not only attract the bite of larger perch, but

some of these 'eyes as well.

### Rifle Deer Season:

Hunters across Michigan are gearing up for opening day of rifle deer season. Opening day, also known as St. Antler's Day, is a holiday where hunters aren't forced to spend time with family, but instead sit in the cold and wait for a deer to walk by. It also provides students with a three-day weekend, something we haven't experienced in months. No matter how you spend November 15, the spirit of the holiday will make you glad you live in northern Michigan.

For those of you who prefer, or have no choice, but to dodge bullets on state land, look for areas with numerous oaks where the squirrels haven't cleaned out the acorns and are near heavily traveled deer trails. A blind of just a few

branches and ferns against a tree should provide enough cover. Ridges and valleys also provide a high traffic path for deer.

Remember, firearms and ammunition are not allowed on campus or in cars in the parking lot, so leave your guns at home. Have a safe and successful deer season!

### Walleye get a new home in Long Lake:

Years of effort from the Long Lake Improvement Association finally paid off when 14,000 young walleye were planted in the lake on November 4. Money came from donations given by residents all over the area who felt it was important to restock the lake and help rebuild a strong sport fish population. Long Lake Improvement Association wants to thank everyone who made contributions to this great cause!



Ryan and Kevin Suszek show off a few nice blue wing teals. If you bag a deer this season, send us a picture with your name and a brief description of your hunt to acclumberjack@yahoo.com. Good luck! (photo courtesy Ryan Suszek)

### Upcoming and Current Seasons:

#### November 14:

- \* Archery season ends; resumes December 1.
- \* Pheasant season ends.
- \* Ruffed grouse season ends; resumes December 1.
- \* Common snipe and rail season ends.

#### November 15:

- \* Regular rifle deer season; ends November 30.

#### November 28:

- \* Duck season ends.

#### December 4-12:

- \* Late Canada goose season; seasons for all goose species ends December 12.



# Sports

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## Women's basketball on the rise

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expected, but we are still going to need to improve on some things. It was nice having that scrimmage. We were able to get some different looks."

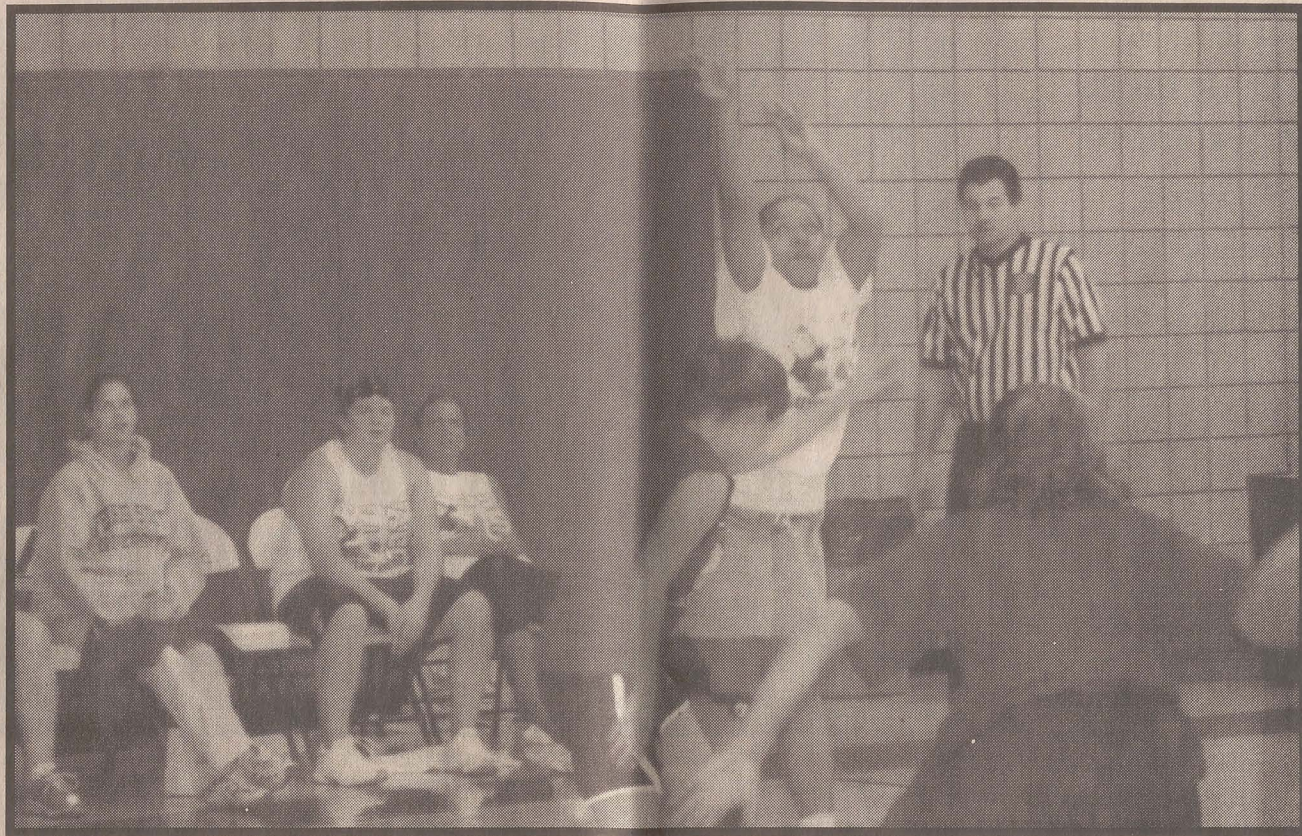
One problem plaguing the team is the injury bug. Just about every player has had some sort of ailment, but Allen has seen the positive in that, as well. "We have had a lot of injuries, but we have had a lot of other players step up while others are hurt. We have a lot of people doing a lot of things, and everybody is picking it up."

"We connect together as a team," sophomore guard Vanessa Weckwert said. "It seems like we've been playing together for longer than we have. I think we'll have a good season."

Weckwert is one of the five returning sophomores to the team, along with Bridget Hillard, Stephanie Stanley, Anna Bashans and Megan VanSchoten. Joining the team as freshmen are Amanda Mast, Michelle Lynn, Kelli Weichel, Megan Grulke, Angela Montie, Anna Himick, Lee Anne Peasley and Jessica Patterson.

"Once we have a full, healthy team, we'll be pretty good," Weichel said. "We'll be hard to defend."

During early scrimmages, while the defense has been solid, the offense has been a little inconsistent. "We need to work on the aspect of offense, or our lack thereof," Allen said with a laugh. "We like to run a flex and a motion offense. Right now we are playing run and shoot. We'll



Anna Bashans (shooting) will be an integral part of the ACC Women's basketball team (photo by Dominick Miller).

### Roster

No.	Name:	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.
10	Amanda Mast	F	G	5-5
12	Michelle Lynn	F	G	5-5
20	Kelli Weichel	F	G	5-7
22	Bridget Hillard	S	G/F	5-10
24	Megan Grulke	F	C/F	5-10
30	Stephanie Stanley	S	G/F	5-6
32	Vanessa Weckwert	S	G	5-5
34	Anna Bashans	S	G/F	5-7
40	Angela Montie	F	F	5-9
42	Anna Himick	F	G	5-4
44	Megan VanSchoten	S	F/C	5-10
52	Lee Anne Peasley	F	F	5-9
54	Jessica Patterson	F	F	5-10

Head Coach: Bobby Allen

Assistant Coaches: Renee Shepler, Joni Ames

get it, though."

Allen sees his team finishing in the middle of the conference. There is enough talent on the roster to really be a force this season.

"We're working hard at it," Allen commented. "We have a lot of talent and they try hard. We have a lot more scorers than we had in the

past, and we also have scorers who defend."

The Lady Lumberjacks open up the season against Muskegon in the East/West Tourney held at ACC on November 19 at 6 p.m. Admission is free to students, \$5 for the public. Make sure to come out and support the Lady Lumberjacks.

### Basketball Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Time:
11/19	East/West Tourney at ACC	2 p.m.
11/20	East/West Tourney at ACC	1 p.m.
12/3	Can/Am Tourney at ACC	2 p.m.
12/4	Can/Am Tourney at ACC	1 p.m.
12/10	Christmas Tourney at Muskegon	1 p.m.
12/11	Christmas Tourney at Muskegon	1 p.m.
12/17	Holiday Inn Thunder Bay Classic at ACC	2 p.m.
12/18	Holiday Inn Thunder Bay Classic at ACC	1 p.m.
1/5	at Schoolcraft	5:30 p.m.
1/8	vs. Henry Ford	5:30 p.m.
1/10	at Macomb	5:30 p.m.
1/12	vs. Oakland	5:30 p.m.
1/15	at Mott	1 p.m.
1/19	vs. Delta	5:30 p.m.
1/22	at Kirtland	1 p.m.
1/26	vs. St. Clair	5:30 p.m.
1/29	vs. Schoolcraft	5:30 p.m.
2/2	at Henry Ford	5:30 p.m.
2/5	vs. Wayne (Homecoming)	5:30 p.m.
2/9	at Oakland	5:30 p.m.
2/12	vs. Mott	5:30 p.m.
2/16	at Delta	5:30 p.m.
2/19	vs. Kirtland	5:30 p.m.
2/22	at St. Clair	5:30 p.m.

Note: Tournament times do not reflect exactly when ACC plays-just when the tournament starts. Conference games feature the women's game first, followed by the men's game, which starts about a half-hour afterwards.

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## In the Hallways: SPORTS EDITION

What are your plans for the opening day of rifle season?



"I am going hunting out on my property." - Dustin Dobbyn



"Hunting in a tree stand in my back yard." - Josh Schenk



"I disapprove of hunting, so I will stay home and sleep." - Audrey Patterson

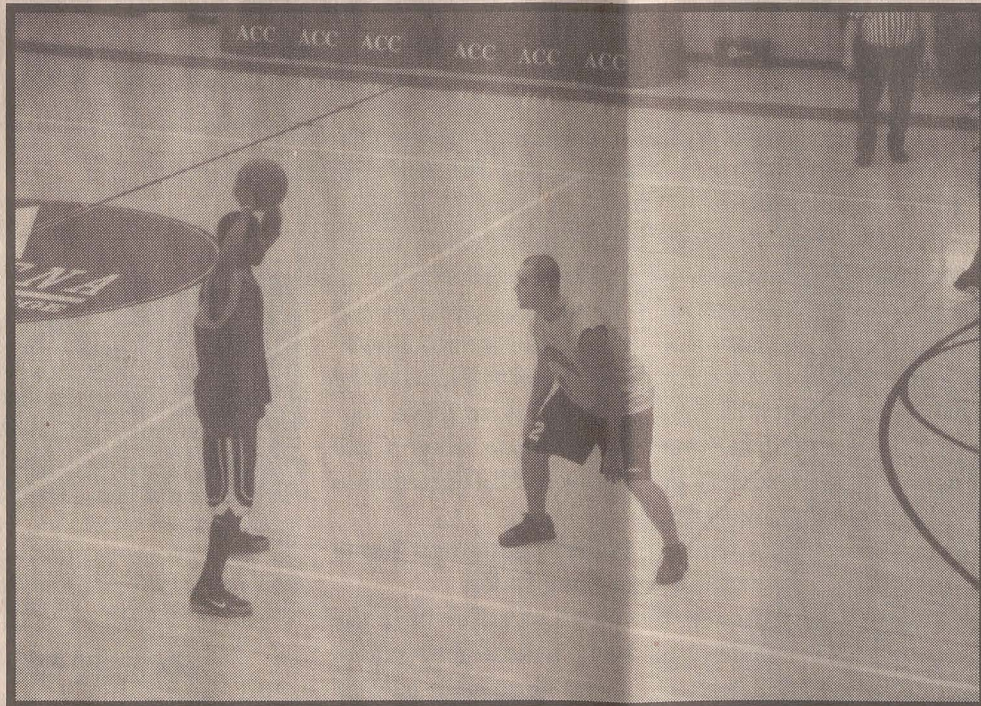
## Men's hoops still a question mark early on

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The first thing noticeable about the 2004-05 men's team is the fact that they are young. Only four players who saw time last year return, and a fifth returns who was red-shirted a year ago. That leaves 12 freshman players on the roster.

The players returning include Ryan Amesbury, Jamaal Slappey, Jamaal Lawson and Brandon Armour. Troy Turner was red-shirted.

New players include Thomas Bray, Kelly Potts, Justin Morris, Silas Perreault, Robert Long, Robert Brandt, Daryl Martin, Chris Ellis, Damion Perkins, Reggie Rogers and Matt Unkovich.

McCourt is frank about the upcoming season. "If I'm 5-19 again this year, I won't tolerate it." He has indicated that he may consider stepping down if he endures another season



Troy Turner (with ball) was red-shirted last year, but he'll have role on the team this year (photo by Dominick Miller).

Heading into conference play, with perennial powers like Schoolcraft, Mott and Wayne County, the biggest thing that may hurt ACC is their lack of experience and lack of height. This team, as McCourt mentioned, will be quicker, and they have

a better grasp of team play, however.

"They're young," assistant coach Bobby Allen said. "Whenever they find a leader, they'll be something, though."

Two years ago, McCourt guided ACC to a 20-win season. Last year, the squad finished 5-

19. On the 20-win team, ACC featured Josh Walker, an All-American performer who carried the team. Last year, while the team had serious talent, nobody stepped up and took the lead. While he feels that this team will be better than last year's 5-win team, he is still waiting for somebody to

step up and take charge.

The Alpena Community College men's basketball team opens up the regular season at home against Muskegon at 8 p.m. in the East/West Tournament on November 19. Three games will precede that game on the ACC floor, including the ACC women.

### Roster

Name:	Yr.
Ryan Amesbury	S
Brandon Armour	S
Robert Brandt	F
Thomas Bray	F
Chris Ellis	F
Jamaal Lawson	S
Robert Long	F
Daryl Martin	F
Justin Morris	F
Damion Perkins	F
Kelly Potts	F
Silas Perreault	F
Reggie Rogers	F
Jamaal Slappey	S
Troy Turner	S
Matt Unkovich	F
Head Coach: Frank McCourt	
Asst. Coach: Bobby Allen	



"I am going out to my back yard and hunting." - Jared Lackowski



"I will just stay home and sleep in." - Shawn Stevens



# Arts & Entertainment

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## Evening of the Macabre a thrilling success

By Chris Engle  
Sports/A&E Editor

It was a full house on October 26 as an audience gathered for a night of dark tales and poetry at the second annual *Evening of the Macabre*, held at the Besser Tech Center at ACC.

The readings set the mood for the Halloween holiday and were intended for a mature audience, since some readings included graphic depiction of violence and morbid situations, as well as some adult language. Candles and decorations also added to the dark atmosphere.

The readers who presented their own works included Stephanie Skaluba, Christopher Williams, Chris Engle, Karen Schuman, Jennifer Corwin, Robert Freitas, and staff members Tom Ray and Priscilla Homola.



Audiences knew they were in for a frightening evening (photo by Chris Engle).

Ray was the person in charge of putting the Evening together. "It's a very good way for writers to show off their work," Ray said in an earlier interview.

Refreshments and decorations were provided by the Student Senate.

If you were unable to attend this night of great storytelling, be sure to catch it next year!

## Fahrenheit/Hype 9/11

By Glenn Lenard  
A&E/Perspectives Editor

Producer/ Film Director Michael Moore has done it again: *Fahrenheit 9/11* was released on Tuesday October 5, 2004. Within hours of being on the shelf at local video stores, all copies were rented out. Why was this Independent film such a huge blockbuster? The film revealed many different points that some used to sway their votes for this past election.

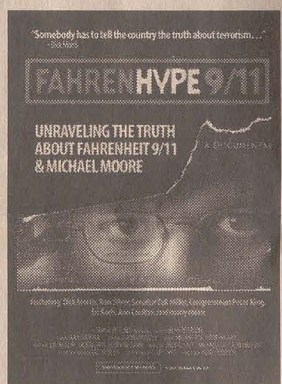
With the film starting out with the scandals associated with the 2000 Florida election, it was sure that this film was going to turn heads. *Fahrenheit 9/11* shows a series of broken down images, video clips and sound bites of how President Bush reacted to the terrorist attacks on September 11. The documentary also talks about the abuse of power and fear tactics that Bush has used throughout his term.

Michael Moore is your average American. He wears glasses, has a beard, has brown hair with a few



gray strands, wears jeans, baseball caps and has the slightly over weight pudgy look. So why has he made a video with such harsh statements towards his president? He feels that it is his duty and right as a US Citizen to express his thoughts and concerns.

Both Royal Knight and State Theatre in Alpena refused to show the film, despite the high demand. GKC Theaters, which owns both theaters, does not support and show independent films. This caused many letters to the company's corporate offices protesting their actions, and why they think the film should



be viewed.

Due to lack of public viewing in theaters, some community members came together and had a showing of *Fahrenheit 9/11* here at ACC. After the showing of *Fahrenheit 9/11*, a community member took it upon himself to show *Fahrenheit Hype 9/11* to the community allowing people to see both sides of Moore's story. The college did not in any way support the views expressed in either of the movies. Instead, it gave viewers the opportunity to see what many believe is both sides of the story.

If you have not seen the films yet, I recommend that you head over to your local video store and check them out today.

## Bored in 80 seconds

By Chris Engle  
Sports/A&E Editor

*Around the World in 80 Days* hosts an impressive cast, including Jackie Chan, John Cleese, Kathy Bates, and the Wilson brothers. Too bad it wasn't any good.

The movie, based on the popular Jules Verne novel by the same name, is the most recent of several films attempting to animate, or destroy, this classic literary work. The previous attempt at this film featured Pierce Brosnan and Eric Idle.

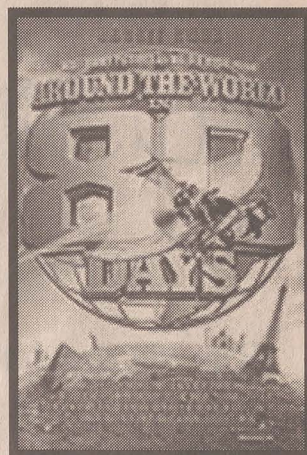
The film takes place at the turn of the century, where inventor Phileas Fogg (Steve Coogan) makes a bet with some corrupt old men that he can travel around the world in...80 days. He teams up with a Chinese man named Passepartout (Chan) and they set out on their adventure. Along the way,

they encounter several groups of men trying to slow their progress, and, what would you know, these men are ninjas- cue Chan's character.

There are numerous fight scenes that are typical of Chan's style- utilizing any kind of ladders or chairs that may be near, to defeat his attackers. Unfortunately, these fights are toned down in order for the movie to be made under the Walt Disney label.

When the travelers make a stop in China, Chan's character takes some time out to visit his village... Why is it in every adventure movie starring a Chinese character, they always have to make a stop at their village?

This film makes for a decent family movie that children can enjoy and parents can suffer through together. Watch out for surprise



Make sure to not waste your time on *Around the World in 80 Days* (photo courtesy yahoo.com)

appearances by Arnold Schwarzenegger and Rob Schneider.

The DVD includes audio commentary, deleted scenes, an alternate opening, and a music video.

I'd try to come up with a snappy closing line for this review, but this movie just isn't worth it. 3 out of 5 stars.

## DIO is undisputed master

By De Maramed  
Managing/News Editor

2004 has been a banner year for metalheads. The original Judas Priest is back together, and Iced Earth, Queensryche, BLAZE, and Megadeth have all released stellar records. And now the grandfather of heavymetal, the midget with a giant's voice, Ronnie James Dio, is back with the fresh new solid rocker *Master Of The Moon*.

Formerly of Black Sabbath, Elf, and Rainbow, Dio has become famous for his dungeons and dragons themed-songs. During the 1986 *Sacred Heart* tour, he even sparred with a huge dragon onstage while knights shot lasers from their eyes.

His last few albums - with the exception of 2000's *Magica* - have strayed from the mythical and magical, and *Master Of The Moon* continues this trend. Dio's unique mix of rock and roll and slow, building metal is further complemented by returning guitarist Craig Goldy, delivering some very unique guitar effects to complement Dio's huge voice.



Master of the Moon (photo credit De Maramed)

*Master...* is able to do what most later DIO albums couldn't: remain consistently good through the whole record. *Master...* starts out with "One More For The Road," a crowd-pleasing yet ultimately forgettable rock anthem. The title track "Master Of The Moon" is next, and although a little on the short side, it still delivers.

The next four tracks keep the album chugging along on full steam, with standouts "The Man Who Would Be King," and "Eyes." "The Man Who Would Be King" marks Dio's first time dabbling in the political realm; speaking out against President Bush and the War in Iraq.


*Master...* falters with the

tracks, "Living The Lie," and "Death By Love". Neither are very interesting or noteworthy, and are better left alone. The album regains its footing with "I Am" and the final track

"In Dreams."


*Master...* has only a few drawbacks; one being that it's always been hard to understand what exactly Dio is singing about. His love of metaphors and similes often leaves you scratching your head, wondering just what the hell he's talking about. Dio is to music what *The Matrix Trilogy* is to movies - in order to fully understand and appreciate it, you have to actually think about it.

Aside from that, it comes down to simple taste. If you've got a hankering for some classic heavy metal that's not too loud or too fast, then dive right into *Master Of The Moon*. 4 out of 5 stars.

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## RHONDA SNYDER IS BACK

### FUSING ART WITH MUSIC

Rhonda Snyder is no stranger to Showcase. Last year she had some amazing sculptures to show us.

This year she's back, and she has managed to fuse her sculpture making into another one of her hobbies - music.

Each guitar you see here is a fully playable electric guitar. The necks have been molded into the base, which she designed herself.

Why? Simply because she wanted a challenge to overcome.

In order for these to play, the clay had to be just right, the intonation had to be just so in order for the guitars to sound right.

It took her a whole semester to make just these three guitars.

Her next hurdle will be a huge plexiglass stand-up bass, built from the inside out. The body will be in the shape of a flame, with the solid structure being the neck.

Rhonda has never taken any art classes, even in high school. But ACC allowed her to finally open up, creatively.

Her long term goal is to eventually teach.

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