

## Hey! Don't be afraid to Do-It-Yourself!

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Photo Editor

How many of you out there feel like you have so much to say, but there is no medium for you to express it through? You might want to consider starting your own Zine. A zine is like a mini-magazine (hence the name "zine") that is a pretty simple DIY (do it yourself) form of expression. Zines are self-published and can be about any thing your little heart desires. Since you are your own boss and editor, you don't need to worry about guidelines and content, and you could also work with friends on ideas and contributions.

Like I have said before, since you are your own editor, your zine can be about anything you want. It can be a book of poetry, a collection of short stories or art, a short novel, or just random things you find interesting. I came across a zine one time that was just things people had found lying around on the street and in school (ex. letters, old photos, ticket stubs). A zine can be a lot of fun, and maybe even give you a sense of accomplishment like you did something with your life! One thing to consider when starting a zine is: are you ready? Doing a zine can take a lot of dedication and hard work, but don't let me scare you away. I'm here to

encourage you and get you on your way to becoming a "zine extraordinaire"!

We could get into some very fine detail on how to complete your zine, but I just want to get started. First off, decide on content, this is what will make your zine. Next, what size do you want it to be? To be very basic, you could use a full sheet of paper or fold the paper in half for a half sized zine. Feel free to experiment though, you may like the look of a large sheet which will give your project a square appearance. For printing a zine, the best and most inexpensive way is photocopying. Doing it Xerox style means you can print your mag on demand and as you need it.

Of course, before you print, you need to have your content pasted down and this is the most basic way to do it. First get what ever it is you want to go in your zine cut out, and tacked down. You'll want to make original pages for printing, and you can use any kind of paper you want. If you're going for the classic black and white feel, you'll only need regular letter paper, but you can always

mix it up a bit with some colored pages. Be sure to use a glue stick (or maybe even some reliable tape) to keep you content down on your original. Never use Elmer's or any such glue because it can be messy and crinkle what you previously put down, and we don't want to go and make your first zine to look bad, now do we?

So now you're ready to print. Make sure you have numbered all your zine pages that way you can keep them in order. The text on your pages can be typed, or even handwritten legibly with a good black pen for it to show up nice when printed. Photos and art should be black and white, even if it may be grayish or a little yellow, though most color prints should turn out okay. When putting art or photos in your zine, they can either be pasted right in, or even photocopied before hand and tacked down. Also, remember that a copy machine may cut of a little bit around the edges when printing, so be sure to not put anything too important too close to the edge. Now you are ready to print away! When it comes to binding your pages together don't be afraid to get creative, because that is what doing a zine is all about! You can

staple, or hole punch and tie together with whatever you wish.

Distributing your zine can be done in many ways. Of course handing them out yourself is one of the best ways. You can bring them to shows, school, art shows or set up a booth at a festival and maybe even charge a dollar a copy (price can vary according to how much you spent putting it together). You can also put a link up on a zine site, trade with other zine creators, leave them in local coffee shops, record stores and other such places, and even set up mailorder distribution yourself. So many choices, whew! You're going to be a busy little beaver. Other than getting exposure from the ways mentioned above, you can also try submitting your zine to a zine review website.

So there is what goes in to making a zine. It may seem like a lot, but it can really be pretty simple. Remember, have fun with it! Isn't that why you started it in the first place? If you have any other questions about creating a zine, go to [www.houseoffun.com/action/zines](http://www.houseoffun.com/action/zines). It's a great site with in-depth info on formatting, layout, and anything else you would need to know. I know you're now incredibly pumped after reading this, so go start pasting and printing up pages, and don't be afraid to DIY!

## You make the call

By Clare DeBlaay  
Staff Writer

There are so many different services, phones, and plans to choose from these days when it comes to cell phones. Yet, when you live up north your choices become quite limited. After doing a short survey from some students who both attend ACC and own a cell phone, I found some pretty interesting facts. Six of the ten people that were questioned went through Alltel. Only two of those six people were actually satisfied with their overall service. Of the four students that went through Cellular One, only one person was satisfied with their overall service.

Basically what I found from talking with several various people that owned cell phones was that most everyone was grateful to have their own phone, but they were strongly disappointed with the lack of reception. When living in a bigger city than Alpena, Hillman, Posen or Lachine there are reception towers all over the place. This makes you able to have good service practically everywhere.

On the other hand, cell phones have been around for quite some time, but only within the

past 4-6 years have so many young kids and teens owned their own cell phone. And if you haven't noticed, every time you turn on the television, listen to the radio, or look at a billboard there is some sort of wireless advertisement. The phone service, cost, and overall quality has come a long way technologically just recently. The phones seem to get smaller even though the options and possibilities keep growing. Cellular One has recently broadened their coverage area. Also, other companies such as Alltel offers free phone and free minutes every time you turn around.

With the advancement of technology in the twenty-first century having a cell phone is practically a way of life. There are few people walking around or driving around without a cell in their hand. The big craze just six or seven years ago for kids' and teenagers' to communicate was through the Internet on MSN, AOL, or Yahoo messengers. Now most of those computer junky kids have turned into wireless addicts. Since the wireless trend is on the rise with new phones, plans, companies, and improvements there will doubtfully be an end to all of this chaos anytime soon.

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Kara McDonald

## ACC Events Calendar

February 2005

- 5 Lumberjack Basketball Homecoming against Wayne. Women at 5:30, men at 7:30 pm.
- 10 ALL/ACC 2005 Film Series, "Control Room," at 7 pm, Van Lare Hall 117. Al Jazeera Iraq War documentary. Discussion to be led by John Boaz. Film is open to students, ALL members and the public. Free admission.
- 11 Deadline for Spring Semester graduation application.
- 12 Lumberjack Basketball against Mott. Women at 5:30, men at 7:30 pm.
- 17 ACC Board of Trustees Meeting at 7 pm, Room 400, Natural Resources Center.
- 19 Lumberjack Basketball against Kirtland. Women at 5:30, men at 7:30 pm.
- 21-25 Mid-Semester Break- no classes; college offices open.
- 21 Talent Search Career Pathways, Health Sciences, 6:30 pm.
- 22 Talent Search Career Pathways, Human Services, 6:30 pm.
- 24 Talent Search Career Pathways, Arts, Communication, Natural Resources and Agriscience, 6:30 pm.

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**It's from the editor**

Like Dr. Joynton said, we face tough times. Next year will be a time of tightening the belt and sucking it in. While the staff here at The Lumberjack won't be back, we sympathize, and hope that in some way, it works out for the best. Hopefully Dr. Joynton is right, that tough times bring out the best in people. We can only hold our breath and wait and see.

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## Spring 05 Lumberjack Staff



Meet the Advisor: Ann Kitalong, Adjunct Instructor

I'm pretty sure I got roped into having my photo here because Glenn's sick right now. So, look for him next month, because this is the second issue in a row that he's gotten out of doing the "Meet the LJack Staff" section! I've been teaching here since 1999, and I'm in my second year as LJack advisor.

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