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

Pathways to the Future receives \$1.6 million boost

By Dominick Miller
Managing/Sports Editor

The future of Pathways to the Future just got a little bit brighter.

Alpena Community College recently learned, that as part of an executive order passed down by the Michigan House and Senate Appropriations Committee, ACC will be receiving planning grants leading to \$1.66 million as the state's match for the Pathways to the Future projects.

In a campus-wide e-mail, President Dr. Olin Joynton

thanked staff members and supporters of the school for their hard work and diligence in seeing the project through. He went on to thank Senator Tony Stamos and Rep. Matthew Gillard for their support to ACC on the school receiving the state award.

With the state's match, the Pathways to the Future project is now a \$3.3 million project.

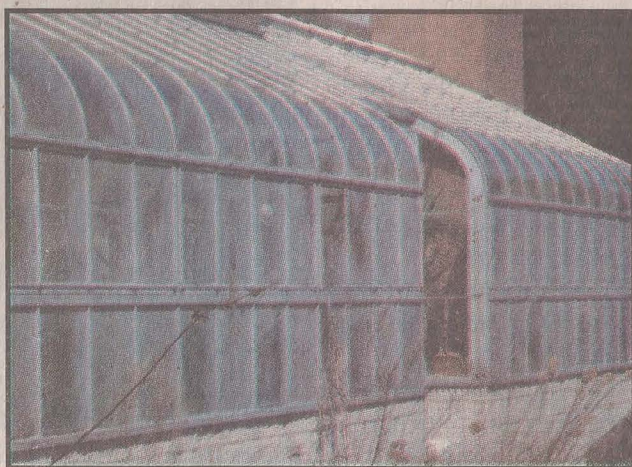
With the money secured, the question arises as to what to do in improving the school. Some of the ideas

suggested include a complete renovation of Van Lare Hall; changing the use of Van Lare Hall from a classroom setting to more of a discovery/theatre type use, or other developments; renovating and updating to various areas of campus, including the Natural Resource Center, to include more smartrooms, and updated signage, and improvements to landscaping; a co-operative agreement between ACC and Alpena Regional Medical Center; and Centers of Excellence

for specific programs such as utility technician or healthy professions.

Before any of those updates take place, Joynton said that he will be arranging meetings with college architect Paul Dickinson for faculty and staff members through the school so Dickinson can make working drawings.

Joynton hopes that improvements to the natural science lab will begin as soon as possible to cut down on any disruption to instruction.



The ACC Greenhouse. Natural Sciences are one area that will be updated by the Pathways to the Future (photo by Dom Miller).

Future Concrete Tech. grads travel to Detroit seeking future work

By Kara McDonald
Photo Editor

On Thursday, March 31, twenty May graduates of the ACC Concrete Tech. Program boarded a bus to Ford Field. This trip was sponsored by NTH Consultants Ltd. Of Detroit, who will be picking students from the group as possible future employees.

NTH conducted interviews with forty students earlier in the year, and narrowed them down to the twenty they will be presenting this opportunity to. NTH Consultants Ltd. was founded in 1968 and is a major infrastructure and environmental engineering

firm with six offices in Michigan and numerous nationwide. NTH provides many services in both design and construction needs.

Students departed at 3 p.m. Thursday to Detroit where they had a dinner reception on arrival with consultants from NTH. They were then provided with lodging for the night and the next day introduced to employment opportunities with NTH. Students were also able to talk with representatives about their individual branches. Many graduates will receive full-time jobs, and freshmen will also be provided with a summer co-op position.

Open Mic Night planned

By Angela Smith
Staff Writer

Interested in reading, listening and/or sharing poetry? If so, Open Mic Night is an evening you will not want to miss. Help celebrate National Poetry Month Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Alpena County Public Library.

Sponsored by the ACC Department of Art and Humanities, Open Mic Night is free to the public. The Academy of American Poets started National Poetry Month in 1996, in an effort to bring together poetry lovers, librarians, publishers, booksellers and schools. April was the chosen month because the academy wanted a month during the school year that schools could participate, and April was one of the few months during the school year without much else going on.

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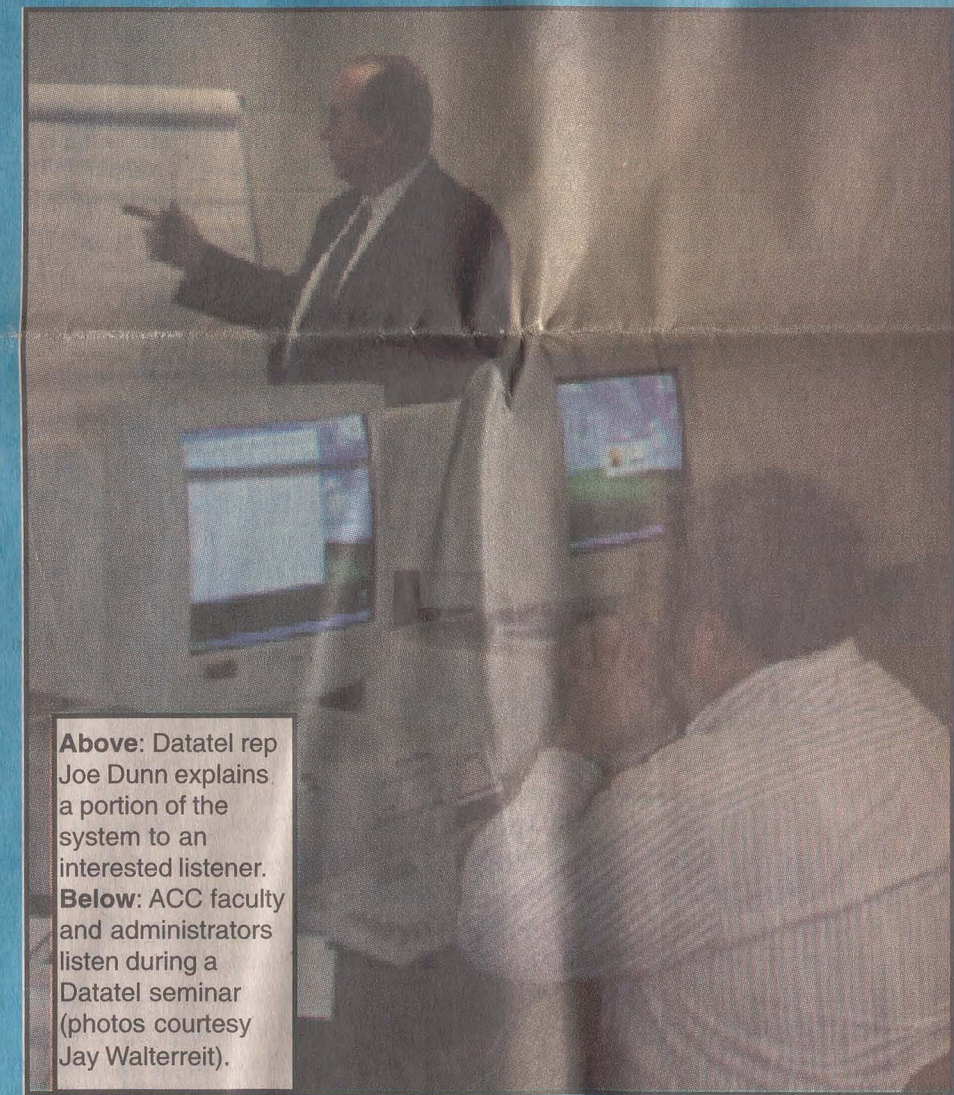
New Datatel system will benefit ACC students, faculty

By Dominick Miller
Managing/Sports Editor

Starting in April, 2006, students and faculty will undoubtedly notice a change for the better in the online services available at Alpena Community College.

After two years of researching and testing different programs, the ACC Board of Trustees finally approved the purchase of associated hardware and Datatel Colleague software during the fall of 2004.

As stated on the ACC website, the mission of the Datatel implementation project is to move, within time and budget constraints, to an integrated information system that supports the mission and goals of Alpena Community College. The goal of installing the new system is to replace the current Administrative/Student Information system and implement the new system that will increase college staff, faculty and



Above: Datatel rep Joe Dunn explains a portion of the system to an interested listener.

Below: ACC faculty and administrators listen during a Datatel seminar (photos courtesy Jay Walterreit).

student productivity, improve the college's recruiting and marketing efforts and greatly improve the accessibility of information.

Implementing the system will

take 16 months, as every staff member of the school will be taking part in courses designed to prepare them for use in the new system. Plus, the system is much more

advanced than the infrastructure that is currently at the school. The implementation began in December, and will continue throughout the year.

Some of the immediate benefits of having the new Datatel for students will include an online registration service, the ability to search for available classes online, the ability to audit program progress and identify requirements online, the ability to generate unofficial transcripts, the choice of making tuition payments online, plus enhanced communication, news and an improved online calendar.

The current system the school uses is a customized software package running on

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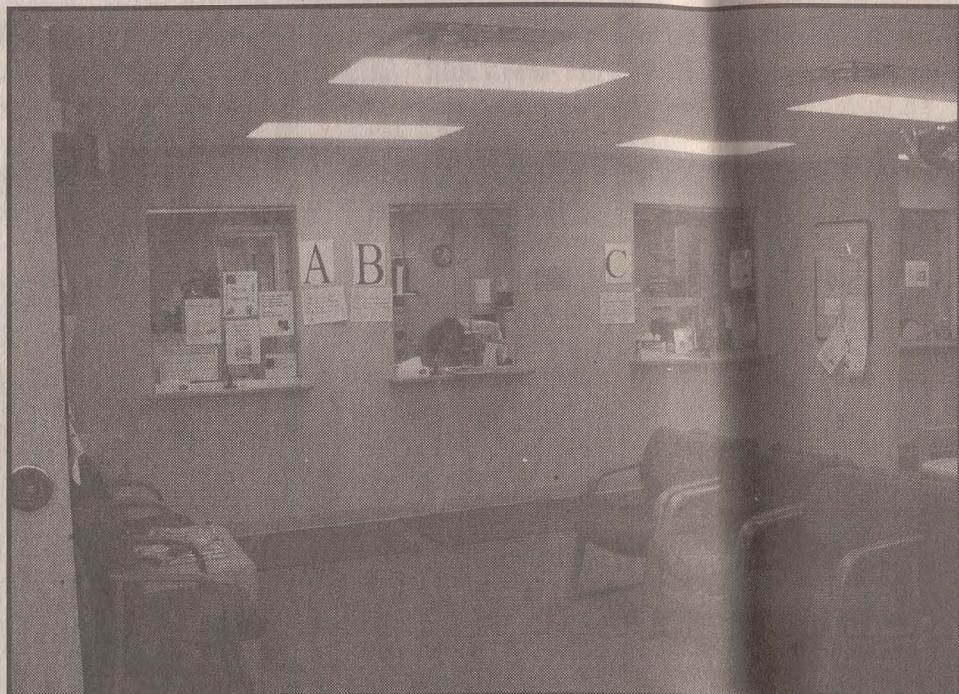
Alcona Health Center offers fee reduction programs

By De Maramed

Managing/News Editor

College students and money have never gone hand in hand. Tuition, car insurance, and beer are all bills that may strain a student's budget. Many students who have no health insurance or are not on their parent's policies simply cannot afford medical help most of the time. The Alcona Health Center has programs that can greatly help with medical costs, including the highly successful sliding fee scale program.

The sliding scale program was set up to help people unable to get medical services by offering prices based on how much a person makes, minus their rent/mortgage, and the size of their family. The program also helps people that do have insurance but can't



The reception area in the Alcona Health Center, located at 1185 US-23 North (photo courtesy De Maramed)

afford the co-pays or deductibles. A patient on the program can pay as little as \$7 up to the original price, depending on where they fit on the scale.

After you fill out the single form necessary and become a patient under the sliding scale program, you receive all the medical attention and benefits as if

you were a regular patient. The Health Center also works with the Alpena Regional Medical Center (ARMC), to reduce costs and fees for various tests.

Everyone is eligible for the program, but those who make too much will not get any reduction in cost or fees. The sliding scale program is made possible by a federal grant from the Bureau of Primary Health Care, and has so far been a huge success. Another program the Health Center offers is the 340 B program, where patients can buy prescriptions and medicine at a cheaper cost through The Medicine Shop and The Drug Store. There is also the PIN program, in which seniors and patients who take maintenance drugs, drugs that have to be taken all the time, can get their prescriptions directly from the companies at a cheaper rate.

"Any service you can get at a doctor's office, we can do here," said Jacqueline Mousseau, a biller/cashier for the Health Center.

"Everything from well baby visits all the way up to adult physicals. We can see and treat anyone from age zero to 105."

The Alcona Health Center started out in 1987 in a doctor's office in the ARMC in pediatrics. They moved into their new building located at 1185 US 23 North in 2001, and now specialize in family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine pediatrics, health education, and behavioral health. The Health Center has a full staff of ten doctors that also visit the ARMC on a weekly rotational basis, as well as visiting patients in local nursing homes.

There are four other Health Center branches in Northern Michigan. Lincoln, Harrisville, Oscoda, and the recently opened Ossineke branch all utilize the sliding scale program.

Shelter, Inc. hopes to help and educate victims of assault

By Michael Gartner

Staff Writer

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention month, but that fact can easily be lost in the shuffle of overwhelming and depressing news from home and abroad. But Bret Finzel, Executive Director of Shelter, Inc., sees it differently and believes there is hope for the survivors of violence in Northeast Michigan.

"Moving from victim to survivor implies that they can see who is responsible for the

abuse and then identify their own strengths and resources so that they can avoid future abuse," Finzel explains. Shelter, Inc. does this by helping these survivors with personal protection orders, money, housing, food, clothing and emotional support while they get their feet back on the ground. He also says that women can get help at any time by calling the Shelter, Inc. 24-hour hot line in order to get advice or discuss some safety planning measures.

Ann Buhland, MA, is Shelter, Inc.'s Sexual Abuse Prevention Coordinator and says that ACC women have access to help right here on campus. Each Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to noon, women can visit room 103 of Van Lare Hall and sit in with her Survivors of Violence Support Group. This woman's group is discussion oriented and highly confidential. There is also an upcoming Youth Sexual Violence Training seminar which will be held on April

21st from 9a.m.-4 p.m. in Alpena's ESD building. This event will feature five speakers discussing the social, legal and medical aspects of abuse as well as less obvious areas surrounding child abuse and sexual violence in both dating and domestic situations.

Finzel believes that a woman's lower income can perpetuate the abuse problem. "The number one reason women stay with an abusive man is because they don't have the financial

resources to get out," he said. "Until women are on an equal and strong basis with [men], we will not see violence against women stopped."

He also explains a misguided belief among some that the abused woman somehow had it coming by lipping off. He explained, "We take the position that violence is never correct no matter how the woman behaves. And, if we are going to have success, we need to get men involved in the movement. We can't protect women and at the

same time have men thinking that way."

The way out is often difficult, especially if the abused woman has a child, is financially dependent on the abuser, receives minimum wage or needs resources to further her education. But it is in these and other circumstances where Shelter, Inc. can help survivors begin a journey out of abuse and into empowerment.

For further information about Shelter, Inc. please call (800) 396-9129 or 356-2560

Come out to Open Mic Night

Continued from page 1 Poetry Month is to make the achievement of American poets well known. They also wanted to introduce more Americans to the joys of reading poetry, make poetry a more important part of the school system, and to help the sale of poetry books.

Priscilla Homola and Denise Hill are in charge of organizing the event. According to Hill, last years open mic night was held at Surfs Café. The crowd was full, with ages varying. One group that stood out to her was from the Alpena High School poetry club. Hill stated there were many different types of poetry

read, including, but not limited to traditional, confessional, long, short, sad and humorous. She also stated that the crowd encouraged readers and was laughing out loud and responding to the person reading poetry.

Hill also stated that if a person wishes to read a poem, they should read their own work.

For more information, contact Hill or Homola at 356-9021. Also, ACC will be offering a new class next semester about reading and understanding poetry. Hill hopes that the new class helps students to learn and love poetry.

Datatel upgrade on the way

Continued from page 1 UNISYS mainframe hardware. The current program was purchased from Polk Community College way back in the 1970s, and has since been customized and developed to meet ACC's needs. The current system is old, and had trouble working with well with newer systems. While the system does feature many of the same programs as the new Datatel system, such as financial reporting, course scheduling, class roster access, etc., the Datatel system will show an instant improvement, with more user friendly software and easier to run programs.

On top of the fact of the new

system greatly improving the IT infrastructure, the old system was becoming more and more expensive to run and keep up to date. The cost to upgrade the current system for next year would have been \$286,967.

Plus, the Director of Information Systems will be retiring next year, and the incoming Director of Information Systems would be the only one in the school with knowledge on the background of the current system. Plus, the limited availability of engineers readily knowledgeable in the UNISYS system are becoming harder to come by. An upgrade is needed.

An executive council was formed to oversee the implementation of the Datatel system. That council is made up of Dr. Olin Joynton, Curt Davis, Richard Sutherland, Max Lindsay, Elizabeth Spragg, Chuck Wiesen, Jay Walterreit, Don MacMaster, Penny Boldrey, Dan Cary and Chuck Tetzlaff.

Vicky Kropp, Mark Grunder and Jeff Blumenthal, all assistant Director of Information systems at the school, are the project managers. There are many sub-groups in dealing with the upgrade, with numerous people involved. See the related list.

Project team members		
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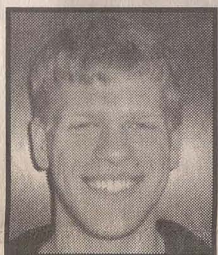
In the Hallways: Now that it's getting nice out, what are your plans for spring?



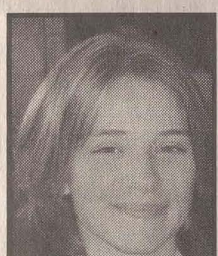
"I don't even know yet. I haven't gotten that far." - Alison Smolinski



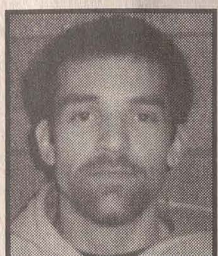
"I plan on running outside." - Danielle Smolinski



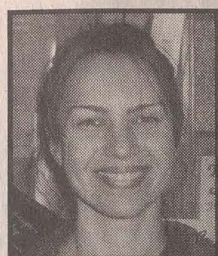
"Work and school." - Brennan Orban



"Go outside more, and I have a horse, so I'll go riding." - LeeAnne Peasley



"Once it starts getting better out, I want to get outside more." - Mike Zinke



"I want to get outside and do some gardening." - Yulia Christensen

A look at some of our nation's popular fad diets

By Shane Eiseler
Staff Writer

It's out there, beckoning, every time you turn on the TV, as you're thumbing through your favorite magazine, celebrities seem especially vulnerable to its sway...it's the fad diet.

Fad diets are the miracles of the weight loss world. These diets range from strict eating habits, fasting, or taking some sort of pill or liquid to encourage weight loss and boost your metabolism. Unfortunately, the diets seldom produce the results promised and often come with health risks.

Every diet that shows some before and after picture of a client generally has two things in common. First, in their before picture they are usually pasty white with the overall facial expression like they were just beaten by a large,

blunt object. The after picture, however, shows them tanned, smiling, and apparent recipients of botox injections. Also, almost every one of these ads contains the caption, "results not typical." These points would lead me to believe that without a lot of hard work and dedication the results are not possible.

Fad diets aren't all bad, though. For those that follow all the directions carefully, they can actually achieve some results. The following is a breakdown of some common fad diets.

One of the most recent diets to gain attention is the South Beach Diet. Developed by Dr. Arthur Agatston, this low-carb diet promotes weight loss by giving you healthy options in food you probably didn't know was that good for you. Not so bad! Reading his book and following his

instructions is not too much of a stretch on the imagination.

The popular Atkins Diet is an extremely low-carb diet that frames out a strict guideline on what you can and must not eat. It may work for some but I need my morning cereal and the occasional high-carb beer.

Then you have the celebrity diet. This diet comes in a bottle and can be found at your local shopping center next to the laxatives. This product promises up to 10 lbs. in two days. Oddly enough, this is the same amount of weight that can be lost during a routine flushing of the colon. The diet itself is simple: you just drink a brownish bottle of sludge and water for two days, and that's it. I'll personally opt for the colon flush.

Next we have the cabbage

diet. This diet caters to the millions of people out there who just can't get enough cabbage. The program includes watching your diet and eating a special cabbage soup as often and as much as you like. Where do I sign up?

The last fad diet I'll touch upon comes from various manufacturers in a variety of forms, but all promote the same theory: eat some pills and get ripped. On a serious note, these pills can often be dangerous due to the level of abuse they see. Unfortunately, it's much easier for an unmotivated person to stick with a diet that consists of swallowing a handful of pills everyday. The worst thing about the pills is levels of caffeine and chromium that can have severe side effects if the directions are not followed to

the letter.

There are many different ways to lose weight, but health wise the best way is still a reasonable diet and regular exercise. Those diets that promise instant and guaranteed results should always be approached with caution. Any decision to get back into shape should start with a trip to your doctor for a physical. You're not going to lose weight by injuring or overexerting yourself or abusing dangerous diet programs.

Though a couple pounds a week may seem like slow going, do you really want to flush out your colon overnight just to say you lost 20 lbs. on the celebrity diet? Maybe if they paid me enough I'd chug some swamp water and a handful of caffeine pills but I don't think I'll be taking that plunge anytime soon.

On gender stereotypes

By Kara McDonald
Photo Editor

For as long as I can remember, I've always felt the need to challenge stereotypes, especially ones having to do with gender. Who knows where this comes from. I always insisted on doing things I've been told, "Girls couldn't do," and proving that they were wrong. I never wanted to do what everyone expected, mostly because I didn't want to be like everyone else. I mean, how boring would that be? As I got older, and increasingly more radically feminist, it became more than just "being different." I wanted to know, *why*? I wanted to nit pick society and find out *why* these stereotypes were constructed and tear them down. I had the questions all my life, I wanted the answers.

Of course, my being like this always comes back to my upbringing. My parents were, and still are, extremely liberal, and feminist to the bone. I never remember hearing all my life, "That's not very ladylike." I was always encouraged to stand up for myself and others whenever I saw it fit, and if I didn't agree with something, to challenge it. Mom and Dad, you rule.

So as I became a teenager, I challenged *everything*. I

challenged my teachers, I challenged "the system," and of course I challenged gender roles. Earlier, I tried to fit into that classic girly-girl mold that's all too familiar, but as time will show, it wasn't for me. I wasn't like all the other girls with their make-up and obsession with appearance and what boys thought of them. It made me nauseas and I hated that pressure of having to be a certain way because I was female. It is bogus and lame.

I cut my hair short, wore old t-shirts and baggy jeans, and was outspoken. A lot of the high school population thought I was weird and I was said to be a lesbian because they were very uncomfortable with me stepping out of my socially constructed female role. Luckily, I was able to find some with liberal, like-minded friends (who knew they existed?), and surrounded myself with them. High school was awesome.

Then started the shaving, or lack thereof. This becomes an integral part of my "liberation." Some of my friends cringed (not the liberal ones-ones outside the circle). Others found it fascinating. But really, when it comes right down to it, it's serious. Why do we women shave? We really don't need

to, we won't die if we don't. I ask all of you, *why*? Why should we feel pressure to fit into this nice little socially constructed role that tells us what to do, and what not to do if you are female. Personally, I'm sick of it. I can be whoever I want to be, whether society tells me it's expectable or not. Some women say they shave because it looks nicer, and some-get this, think it's *unnatural* to let it grow. As far as it looking nicer, it looks nicer for whom? You or society? If you would have never been told that this is what women are supposed to do when they hit puberty, you never would have known the difference. And about it being *unnatural*, give me a break. Is there anything unnatural about the hair on your head? There is nothing unnatural about your body's natural functions. Love your body, don't fear it. So in closing, if you've totally missed my whole point, what I'm trying to say is: Question everything. Don't be afraid to step out of your mold. If something in society isn't serving you, change it. As women and men, we need to question not only what others say and do, but our own actions as well. Be the weirdo, be the rebel, just don't be a tool.

Why I hate small town youth, liberals, and goths

By De Maramed
Managing/News Editor

A few years ago I spent six months traveling with the carnival up and down the east coast. And I realized how much I hate small town youth. They're all exactly the same.

I can safely say that there's nothing new under the sun when it comes to us, the younger generation.

There is no clique out there that is unique, or special. They are all the same.

I especially love goths and so-called liberals. Goths, who are so quick and desperate to be different that they conform to what everyone believes is different.

In order to feel special and unique, they have to conform to what the majority view as different. And it's also funny when they shop at Hot Topic, a Gap-owned store.

Liberals are funny because they flaunt their so-called open mindedness and acceptance,

yet if anyone contradicts their views, they are immediately labeled a close-minded conservative bigot pig. So much for being open and accepting. They're too busy thinking they're special and looking down on anyone not a liberal.

But in general, I dislike small town youth because they think that the world is their small town. They have no clue about the real world.

Also, KISS is worthless scum.



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US Supreme Court rules on death penalty

By Erinn Kane
Staff Writer

On March 1st, the U.S. Supreme Court established yet another decision that ends one of the most debated issues within most murder convictions. Henceforth, persons of ages eighteen or younger who commit a capital crime cannot be sentenced to death.

The final vote of 5-4 terminates this formal punishment that was, until now, still used in nineteen states! The court said the practice of the death penalty for convicted felons eighteen or younger is a violation of our Eighth Amendment in our Constitution, as it is considered cruel and unusual in our present society. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote "The age of eighteen is the point where society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood."

Indeed, eighteen is considered a legal adult by statute, but in actuality, eighteen is still a teenager. Kennedy moreover writes, "It is, we conclude, the age at which the line for death eligibility ought to rest." Argued for over four months, this heated dispute should ultimately come to rest.

Since the case Missouri v. Christopher Simmons in 1993, the Supreme Court has been battling on whether to allow the death penalty for minors guilty

of capital crimes. Simmons, faced with the death penalty for throwing his neighbor off a bridge, appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing that sentencing death to a minor is cruel and unusual punishment.

Being only seventeen years old when he kidnapped his neighbor, hog-tied her and tossed her off a bridge, Simmons believed he would receive a lesser sentence due to his young age. Prosecutors say he faulted when caught bragging about his inhumane murder, convinced he would not receive capital punishment because of his age. The Missouri courts, however, still condemned Simmons, and imposed execution.

Simmons, out of ideas, appealed to the courts several times, the last asserting a past decision of Atkins vs. Virginia prohibited executions of juveniles who were eighteen or younger when the crime(s) were committed. The court had to take into consideration the decline of capital punishment throughout the country over the past two decades. Since eighteen states withheld the death penalty for capital offenders under eighteen, and twelve other states eliminated the death penalty altogether, the courts truly had no choice.

No state has dared lower

their execution line below eighteen since Stanford v. Kentucky, a decisive case that disregarded condolences for the indicted Stanford. Due to the Stanford ruling, five states have raised their death penalty age to eighteen, either by legislative acts or case laws. Consequently, with this being stated, the Missouri Supreme Court held that Simmons would be re-sentenced to life imprisonment without eligibility for probation, parole, or release except by the acts of the Governor.

Changes are occurring within the interpretations of our Constitution due to society itself changing. Since the Constitution was ratified over two hundred years ago, deciphering exactly how America's founders intended this country to be governed is inconceivable. Based on historical precedence, changes in our growing public, and the original draft and design of our Constitution, the Judiciary must interpret the Constitution for what it was then, and create adjustments for contemporary society.

It is for this reason which the Judiciary has the power to change laws within the death penalty. Matt Burrone, a prosperous student at ACC, says, "The Constitution is a living thing; it changes with the

times." Cruel and unusual punishment two hundred years ago was essentially torture. Presently, killing teenagers whom commit capital crimes is clearly considered cruel and unusual punishment.

People are socialized into society, and in being socialized, morals, attitudes, and values are constructed. Society morally believes in saving teenagers' lives, whether or not they are convicted murderers. Subsequently, imposing the death penalty for minors is cruel, unusual, and ultimately a merciless punishment.

The question is - should teenagers who commit capital crimes such as throwing a mother off a bridge receive the death penalty? Should teenagers who are corrupt enough to kill innocent people be tried fairly, even if their sentence is death? The question is too ethical for average Americans to answer, which is precisely why we have Judiciaries, whom make these decisions for us.

If juveniles should be fairly tried, then wouldn't death be an option? Although the Supreme Court decision has concluded that juveniles do not receive the death penalty, the issue is still controversial, and will forever be contestable.

Rising gas prices

By Yvonne Zelazny
Staff Writer

People spend money every day. What that money brings varies, but there are times when people mind to spend the money and don't mind to spend it. One item that usually draws the ire of many a person is gasoline.

If you are a student that lives out of town, and travel to Alpena on a day-to-day basis in order to get to college, then you know what I am talking about. Even a person who lives in town and goes to college knows what I am talking about. With the price of gasoline being so high it feels like sometimes you have to choose between paying bills or putting gas in your car.

Throughout the U.S., the price of gas ranges from \$1.99 a gallon in Dallas to \$2.36 in Los Angeles. Of 12 cities surveyed, Alpena was the third highest, behind L.A. and Traverse City, which came in at \$2.24. The average price

of a gallon of gas, as listed in the survey, was \$2.16 a gallon.

Students hoping for gas prices to go down are going to be severely disappointed. There is a strong demand and problems keeping supplies high because gasoline companies are currently working on cleaner-burning gasoline with summer approaching. This is causing the prices to go up, and they will continue to do so through the summer.

Jeremy Gauthier, an ACC student, knows the hardships of having to travel in and out of Alpena every day. "I live out in Spruce, but I'm looking for a place closer to the college. On average I spend about fifty to sixty dollars per week, and it's hard sometimes."

Even for people who live in town, the rising price of gas is going to make it harder to live. If the prices continue to rise, people may have to start finding other ways to travel to their desired destinations.

ACC Events Calendar

April 2005

- 2 **Early registration** for Summer & Fall 2005. Tuition not due until August 1.
- 5 **ACC Collegiate Singers and ACC Jazz Band** Spring Concert, 7:30 pm in the Rogers City Theater.
- 6 **ACC Foundation Scholarship Reception**, 5-6 pm, Center 104-106. All staff invited to attend.
- 8 **ACC Leadership Class Dinner and Silent Auction**, 6:30-8:30 pm, Park Arena. Advance tickets only- \$25 per person. Proceeds go to the service trip to Gambia.
- 14 **Open Mic Poetry Nite**, 7 pm, Alpena County Library. Sponsored by ACC Dept. of Art and Humanities.
- 14-17 **ACC Players** perform *How the Other Half Loves*, 7:30 pm, Granum Theatre. Thurs., Fri. and Sat., and 2 pm Sun. Tickets \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 high school students, ACC students free. For tickets call 358-7392 or purchase at door.
- 19 **Spotlight Series**, ACC Jazz Ensemble with guest artist Vincent Gardner, trombonist. 7:30 pm Granum Theatre. Tickets at the Bookstore or at the door, \$12 adults, \$7 students.
- 21 **Student Awards**, 7 pm, Center 106. All staff are invited, students will receive personal invitations.

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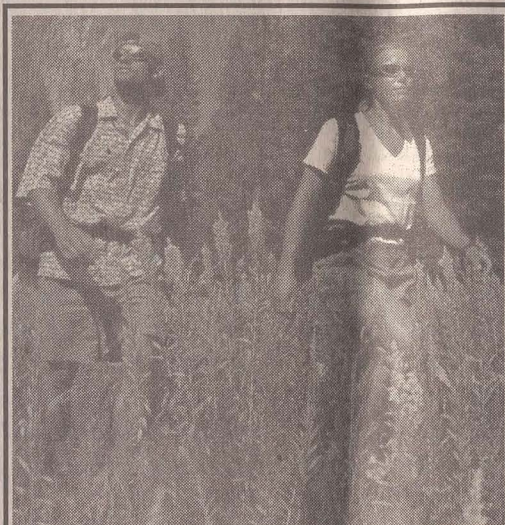
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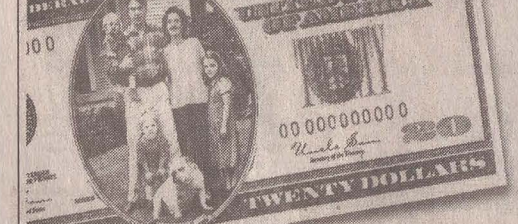
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Lumberjack Sports

April 5, 2005

Is there anybody out there?

As this paper is being published, the opening day of baseball season will have come and past. Millions of fans will have jammed into different ball parks across the country, cheering and, well, loving this great sport. It seems that, even with that pesky little steroid issue, people in this country love baseball.

More
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Dominick Miller

Just not in Alpena.

And I'm not just making up the notion of people loving this sport. The only real facts I know are for the Cubs, since they are my favorite team. The team drew more than 880,000 spectators for spring training, breaking the old record set by the, you guessed it, Cubs, last season. The Cubs home opener, which will be played on April 8 in freezing cold Chicago, was sold out in a little over two hours. I'm sure if I was to take a stroll into Boston or New York, or areas around those two great cities, I would find plenty of baseball chatter and general excitement for the new season.

Why is it that nobody around Alpena, or Gaylord, the town I'm from, for that matter, gets that excited about baseball? Is it because the Tigers have been so bad? Is it because we are so far up north that people don't care? I'm at a loss.

Something that really perplexes me is the fact that a lot of people in this area, and by that I mean Northern Michigan, get excited for the NBA season. Yes, the Pistons came into this season as the defending champs, but, c'mon: I would almost rather poke my eye out than sit and watch an entire pro basketball game before the playoffs start (even though my Bulls are actually good again).

Or, am I just a complete dork, blind to the fact that people just don't care about baseball anymore? Is it to the point now that people in big cities or near big cities are the only ones that get pumped up for opening day?

The whole situation makes me feel as if I've been forced to sit through a KISS concert: supremely disappointed, a little bit confused and kind of angry.

Even though there are not that many baseball fans, I still feel compelled to make a pre-season World Series pick. Anybody who knows me will be shocked to read this, but I'm picking the Cubs to beat the Yankees in six games. Happy Opening Day!

Everybody wins

ACC hosts Pied Piper Falcons in annual charity basketball game

By John Garavaglia
Staff Writer

One of the best traditions at Alpena Community College, the annual charity basketball game between the Lumberjacks and the Pied Piper Falcons, was held at Park Arena on the 23rd of March.

The game, a fundraiser that helps the Pied Piper athletes travel to the Special Olympics, was an exciting game, with players on both teams appearing to have a wonderful time. In a contest, which, in reality, benefits everybody involved, the score, fittingly, ended in a 55-55 tie.

"Every year this thing gets better and better," stated Special Olympics coordinator Brett Burke. "The college players get more excited and they get to hear about it from previous players from last year and the year before. The special athletes

"The special athletes look forward to it every time, they can't wait for the college night. I think it inspires everybody."
- Brett Burke, Special Olympics coordinator



The Falcons' Thomas Donnan drives the ball to the hoop while two ACC players defend. The game was another roaring success (photo by John Garavaglia)

look forward to it every time, they can't wait for the college night. I think it inspires everybody."

Burke also commented that each year it seems the money raised increases by at least \$50. When all was said and done last year, the game raised nearly \$900. The goal for this year was for that total to be closer to \$1,000.

"This has been a very profitable year for us," added Burke. "We didn't have to worry too much about fundraising."

The game was close from the get-go, with both teams playing tough, inspired ball.

At the close of the first quarter, the Falcons held the slight edge, 16-15.

Early in the second period women's coach and assistant men's coach Bobby Allen, representing the 'Jacks, nailed a three-point shot to give ACC a short lead. ACC player Reggie Rogers, representing the Falcons, returned the favor with a full court dunk, however, giving the Falcons the lead back. The Lumberjacks did win the quarter, and had a 30-28 lead at the half.

"I thought tonight was a very good event," said Rogers. "It was a way to give back to the

community and help the kids. I enjoyed it and hope we could do it more than once a year."

Returning from the break, both teams were neck and neck to get some leverage when Matt Unkovich, playing for the Falcons, closed in on the 'Jacks with a shot and tied the score, 36-36.

"Playing with those guys [the athletes] is my part of the whole game," commented Unkovich. "To watch those guys have that much fun and enjoy themselves was very neat."

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Lady L-jacks to host their own charity basketball game

By Dominick Miller
Managing/Sports Editor

Taking a cue from the men's basketball team, the women's basketball will be hosting the Jackrabbits, another team from the Pied Piper school, in a charity basketball contest.

The game will be held April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Park Arena, with admission set at \$2.

All proceeds from the event help fund a trip to the Special Olympics for the Jackrabbit players. Proceeds from the men's game was over \$900, which will help the special athletes a great deal.

This is the second year in a row the women's team has hosted this event.

"It's been really good with the guys team, and it's really good with the girls, too," said women's coach Bobby Allen, one of the organizers of the event. "It gives the girls a chance to do something different, and it's a good chance to have a good time and have some laughs."

Allen mentioned that the girls on his team have been looking forward to this game, especially the players who played in it last year.

Brett Burke and Susan Twite from Pied Piper, along with Allen, have been responsible for putting the event on.

"This is a good way for us to show that we believe in what they are doing," said Allen. "It's a good way for the college to support the Special Olympics."

Softball team plays well despite tough conditions

Squad sees first outdoor action of season, earns surprising victory

By Dominick Miller
Managing/Sports Editor

While the record may not indicate it, the Lady Lumberjacks softball team had a pretty darn good opening weekend.

The team finished the weekend with a 1-5 record, but that doesn't show how well the girls actually played, considering that this was their first action outdoors, game or practice wise.

In what could be considered a pretty solid upset, the Lady 'Jacks came out and beat Oakland soundly in the first game of the weekend.

"You couldn't even tell that

we hadn't been outside (for a game or practice)," said assistant coach Shannon Woloszyk. "We had a lot of energy, and the pop was there."

While the coaches knew going in that they had some talent on the team, they were even surprised by the opening victory.

"We didn't expect that at all," Woloszyk admitted. "It was just like, 'holy smokes'."

After the early win, the team fell into some bad habits, and the lack of outdoor time came back to haunt them. Silly fundamental mistakes, such as mis-judging fly balls and not calling off other fielders, began to pop up, but those are things that can be solved with more practice time.

For the weekend, the girls went 1-1 against Oakland, and 0-4 against Mott. The team lost by scores of 8-3, 10-0, 4-3 and 7-2 to Mott.

Against Mott, the Lumberjacks had a lead in different parts of the games, but different situations arose that saw the games go back and forth.

In the 4-3 game against Mott saw a fluke ending. With the score tied at 3 in the seventh inning, second baseman Megan Grulke fielded a ground ball and went to tag the oncoming runner. She tagged the runner, but she had inadvertently taken the ball from her glove, and then tagged the runner with the empty glove. The team ran off the field, thinking extra innings were in



The ACC softball team in action in a photo from last season. The team had a productive opening weekend (L-Jack file photo).

store, only to find that the runner had advanced all the way home and scored the winning run.

The Lumberjacks next

play this coming Saturday at Macomb. They then play April 16-17 at home against Henry Ford Community College.

Spring offers shore fishing opportunities

It seems the weather is finally breaking for the area and the lakes should be open soon for some spring shore fishing opportunities. For those of us without boats, this is a great time to fill the freezer with tasty pan fish fillets. It's also a chance to take the little ones out for some simple fishing fun.

Alpena Outdoors



Chris Engle

Perch are the most plentiful fare in spring and can be found at a number of places in the area. The north end of Grand Lake provides a couple spots that team with perch during the month of April. Sand Bay Marina on Highway 638 in Presque Isle

is a small harbor where perch ranging from minnow-size to 12 inches congregate as soon as the ice is off the lake. The water is shallow so a bobber set about two and a half feet above your hook will put your minnow near the bottom and also will make for easy casting. Bass can also be caught casting out from the marina, but must be released. Fishermen are usually welcome here, but it is always good to ask for permission first inside the store located on site.

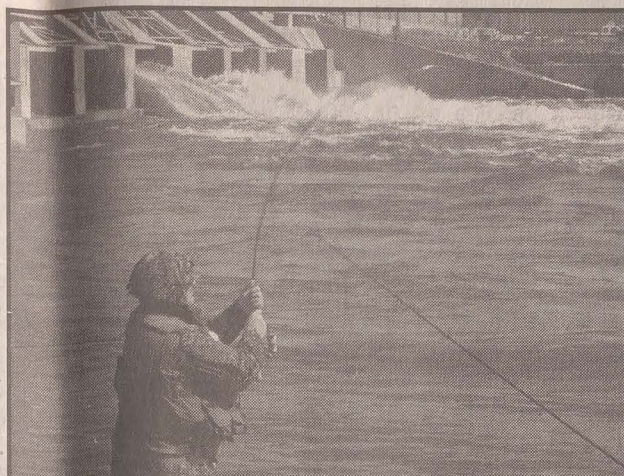
The public launch at Black Bass Bay just down the road can also produce perch with the same rig, but there is private property located on either side of the launch, so don't trespass just to get a better spot.

Mindack Creek, located at

the north end of Long Lake on Long Lake Road appears more as a ditch, but is always thick with perch in April. Fishing from the culvert on the side of the road is really the only spot available, but can provide lots of little perch and a great viewing opportunity for kids. Once again, the property on either side of the road is private, so heed warnings.

If you're up for a little drive, the docks at the harbor in East Tawas can provide some excellent fishing with both good numbers and sizes of perch. Trout can also be caught fishing from the break wall.

If it's crappie you're after, the dam by Paradise Lodge on Fletcher Pond should not be missed. Using the same bobber rig with a red and white



An angler experiencing a sunny spring day fishing for steelhead at Ninth Street Dam (photo by Chris Engle).

tube jig can't keep the fish away. Remember to set the hook gently - crappie have very soft mouths that will tear easily if you set too hard.

It is unfortunate that there are limited shore fishing opportunities available to

boatless fishermen, but if you look in the right spots and ask permission of landowners, your freezer will be full by May. Remember to treat private property with respect, and always leave it cleaner than you found it.

In the Hallways: SPORTS EDITION

Are you excited about the opening of baseball season?



"Not me particularly, but my husband is really interested."

- Amber McLarney-Vesotski



"I'm interested in the opening of the season, because my great-grandmother was a big baseball fan."

- Megan Lovelace



"I'm not interested in it at all."

- Travis Worvey



"I'm more of a basketball fan."

- Lynelle Sylvester



"I might watch the first game, or maybe the world series."

- Stephanie Idalski



"No, when I was younger I used to play, but I don't really follow it now."

- Holly Gohl

Intramural volleyball season off to spirited start

By Clare DeBlaay
Staff Writer

If you head down to the gym on Monday and Tuesday nights anywhere between 6-9 p.m., you'll see people diving on the ground, flying through the air, and possibly getting hit in the face. Don't worry though, there's no boxing matches going on. It's just students and faculty attempting to

play volleyball.

Bobby Allen, the ACC girls' basketball coach, is the one in charge of the intramural volleyball program this year. He said that this is the tenth year that they've putting on the intramurals, and it's been fairly successful each year. In fact, there are five teams playing intramural volleyball this year.

The teams play on Monday and Tuesday nights at 6, 7, and 8 p.m. Even though the games are just for fun, they are played just like regulation volleyball games. All ACC students and faculty are welcome to play, save for the members of the Lumberjack volleyball team.

Jimmy Hart, a student at ACC, plays in the intramural

league. He said that he decided to play this year "Because it's fun and I'm playing with friends that I love." He also said that he likes to play because you don't have to be very good.

Everyone involved seems to have a good time, and it gives the students an opportunity to do something active but in a relaxed atmosphere. Also, it's a fun

and positive place to hang out. Even a few teachers play, and they seem to enjoy themselves as much as the students. So, if you find yourself bored on Monday or Tuesday night, head on down to Park Arena and watch the volleyball games. Just make sure to watch out; you never know when a ball could hit you, the games get pretty intense sometimes!

Annual charity basketball game another success

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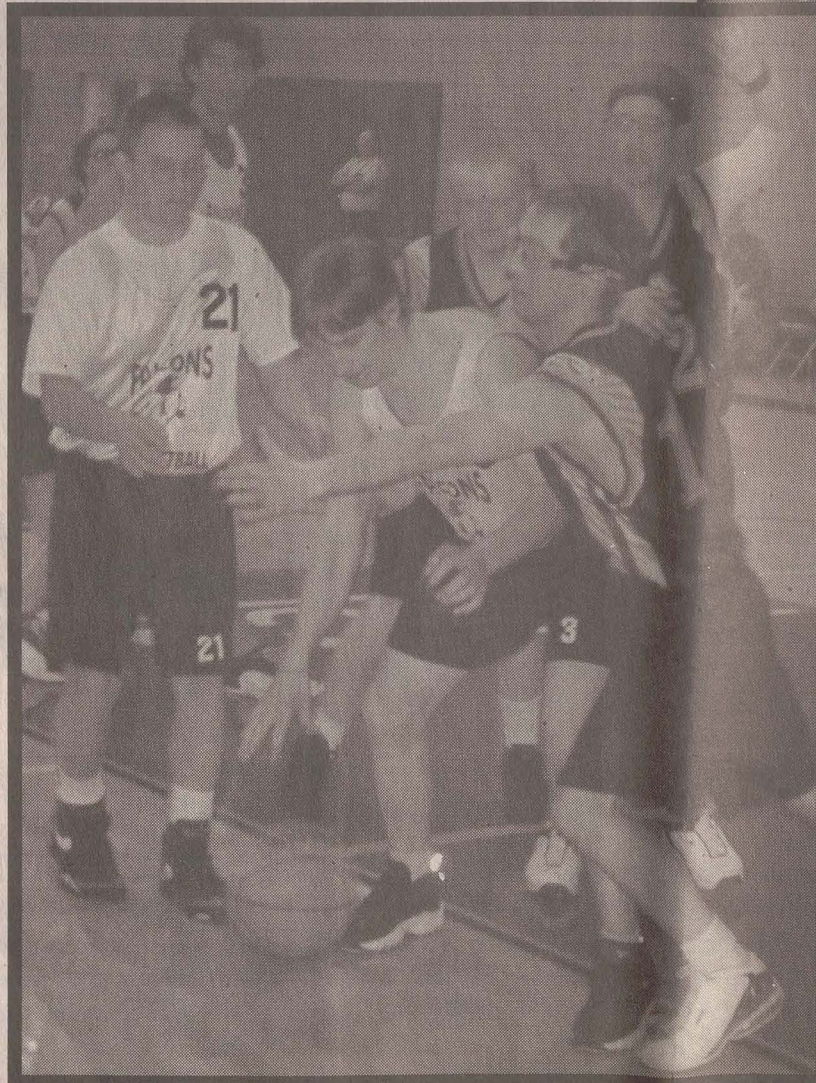
Thomas Donnan, playing for Pied Piper, was able to make a pair of free-throws, plus a shot from inside the paint, to give the Falcons a 44-41 lead. Later in the quarter, Unkovich was able to alley-oop a pass to Rogers for a spectacular dunk that allowed the Falcons to tie the game at 50. The game went back and forth as all the players entered the court, but it evened out in the end for the tie. After the contest, the teams adjourned to the Holiday Inn and CW's Barbeque for a pizza party.

Lumberjack coach Frank McCourt said it's a great activity for his players and the Falcons to participate in. He gives a lot of credit to Burke and Allen for setting up the event each year.

"I think every year the crowd will get bigger because it allows the community and their family to come out and see the guys have some fun," Allen commented. "I look forward to this every year. It's something that you can come out and have some fun with."

As it stands, the game will take place again next year, and all involved hope for an even bigger and better turnout.

"To watch those guys have that much fun and enjoy themselves was very neat." - Matt Unkovich, ACC player, pictured at right dunking the ball during the game. Below is Pied Piper player Thomas Donnan trying to escape some suffocating defense.



Arts & Entertainment

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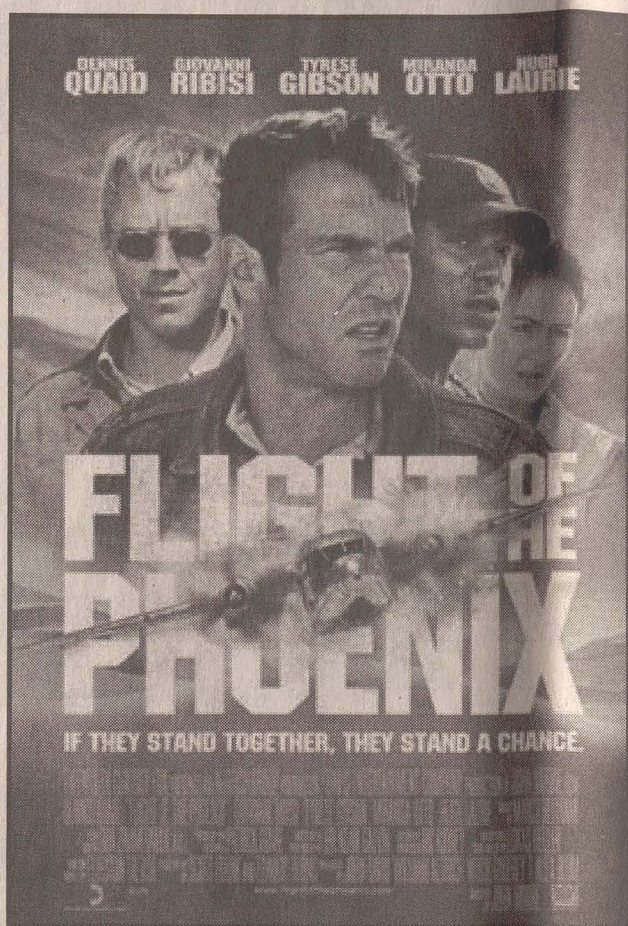
Flight of the Phoenix crashes and burns

By Chris Engle
Sports/A&E Editor

With director John Moore at the controls, *Flight of the Phoenix* takes all the potential for a good movie that we saw in the trailers and nosedives it into the top of a steaming pile of bad movies and KISS albums.

The movie is yet another weak effort by Hollywood to remake an older film of the same name. It takes place in the middle of the Gobi Desert where a plane full of newly unemployed oil field workers piloted by Frank Towns (Dennis Quaid) encounters a deadly dust storm and is forced to crash into the sand. Luck is on the side of the survivors, however, since they have several large jugs of water, a decent supply of food, and plenty of equipment, tools, and manpower that will help them rebuild the plane if they decide to do so...Here's a spoiler for you, they do!

Assisting in the construction of the new plane is another lucky draw- an airplane designer named Elliot, who kind of



Flight Of The Phoenix movie poster.

looks like a blonde Lars Ulrich with glasses, and is just as annoying. He explains to the rest of the crew in blatant terms that, since the plane isn't too badly damaged, parts of it can be used to construct a new plane. The crew

responds with, "What the hell are you talking about?" like he has just described in great detail the complex physics of aviation in Chinese.

Finally, about 45 minutes into the movie, the crew decides to work together to

build the Phoenix and...spends the next 45 minutes standing around yelling at each other without accomplishing anything- It's the new season of MTV's *Real World: Gobi Desert*.

Throughout the film, we are treated to bad music and pointless interruptions that just bog the movie deeper into the sand. The only thing left to dig it out is a spectacular flight of the plane that we rented the movie to see in the first place...too bad it's the last two minutes of the movie.

The DVD, released on March 1, has special features that also seem to be pieced together with the wreckage of the film and includes commentary, deleted/extended scenes, and the Phoenix Diaries, which is a slow paced making-of the movie.

Think twice before renting this one...It's over weight, underpowered, and should remain grounded on the shelves of the video store.

1 out of 5 stars.

Famous Trombonist

By Nick Jarmuzewski
Staff Writer

Vincent Gardner, one of the premier trombone players in all genres of music, will be joining the ACC Jazz Band for a performance on Tuesday, April 19, as part of the Spotlight Series.

Jeff Mock, a trombone player in the Jazz Band, is keyed-up about his opportunity to perform with such an illustrious and talented musician. "[Vincent Gardner] is pretty much a powerhouse on the trombone, so it's going to be sweet to play with him. The pieces he sent us to practice, which he wrote, are amazing. They're going to be a lot of fun, and should rock the house."

Gerard Alghren, who plays trumpet in the Jazz Band, has been a long time fan of Gardner. He had previously met him when Gardner had traveled to Alpena High School to work with their jazz band. At the time, Alghren was playing lead trumpet. "It was a shock for a high school band to have pros like Gardner come in and play with us and help us with our music. He's like the Arnold Schwarzenegger of trombone."

The concert is sure to be a learning experience for members of the Jazz Band. "If nothing else, the concert should rock pretty hard. I'm excited," Mock adds. Most of the Jazz Band members are anticipating the opportunity to play with, arguably, one of the best trombonists around.

Throughout his nine year professional career, Gardner has created an impressive résumé. He toured and recorded with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, Bobby McFerrin, The Count Basie Orchestra, and The Glenn Miller Orchestra. He was also Professor of Trombone at Michigan State University for some years. He experienced the mainstream music scene when playing with groups such as A Tribe Called Quest, Matchbox 20, and Lauren Hill. Gardner currently plays with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, which is considered one of the most professional and talented ensembles in the world.

The concert will feature Gardner in three pieces with the Jazz Band, and several pieces with himself and a small ensemble. Gardner himself wrote the ensemble pieces.

Jump for joy, it's Iron Maiden's *Dance of Death*

By De Maramed
Managing/News Editor

Heavymetal is like a family. Black Sabbath and Rainbow are the grandfathers; Judas Priest the gay uncle; KISS is the creepy old man next door that everyone wishes would move away; and Iron Maiden is the prodigal son, proudly carrying the family crest for decades.

Recently reunited with their star singer Bruce Dickinson, the now six-man English band continues to produce awe-inspiring albums, proudly showing up the crap-tastic groups that clog mainstream American music. You know who you are, KoRn. Held up by the band's incredible talent both musically and lyrically, Iron Maiden has struck gold yet again with their thirteenth studio album, the polished and epic *Dance Of Death*.

The album fires up with "Wildest Dreams," Maiden's first rock anthem and most radio-friendly track since 1983's "Run To The Hills."

"Rainmaker" is up next, another short and sweet and catchy track. Where the next track, "No More Lies," slows the pace down, "Montsegur" picks it right back up, telling the true tale of a citadel in France witness to a massacre of innocents by Catholic greedheads "for the pope on his throne."

The epic title track "Dance of Death" rolls up to almost ten minutes, and also sounds suspiciously like an updated "The Number Of The Beast." The track tells the tale of a drunk man wandering in the everglades who stumbles upon the undead, ascended from hell, dancing around a great fire.

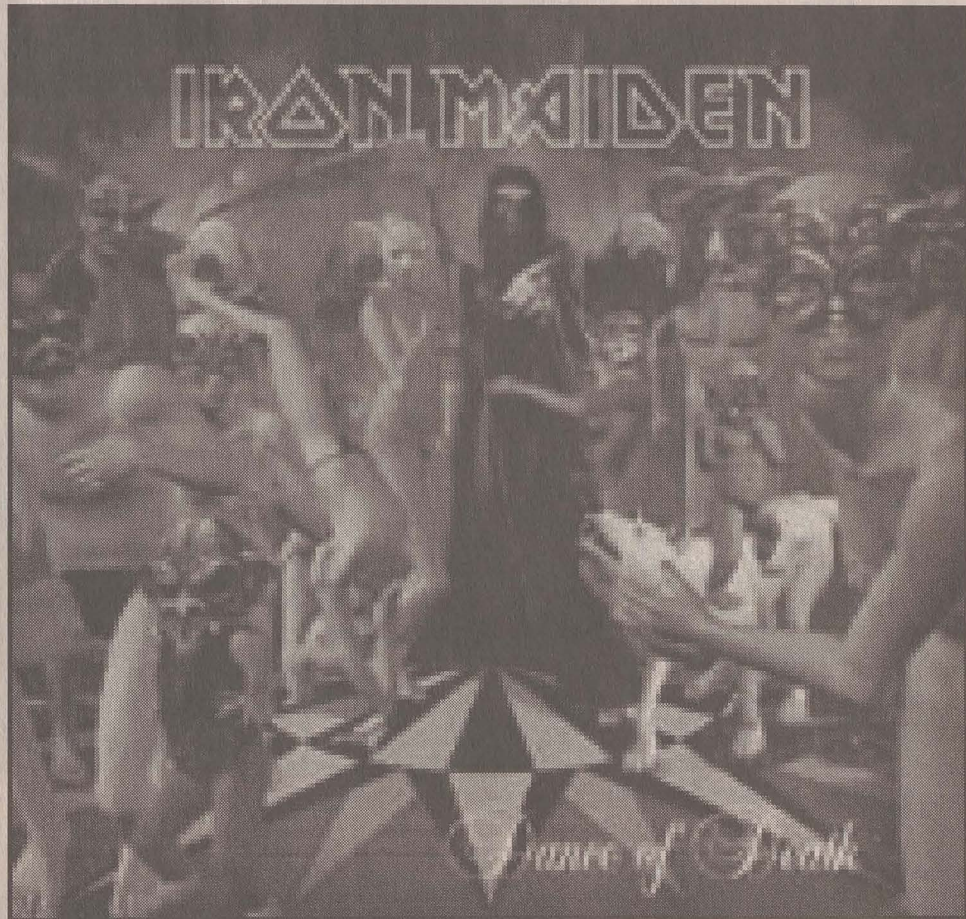
"Gates Of Tomorrow" and "New Frontier" crank the speed back up, as both jump right into their songs and keep the pace going until the eighth track "Paschendale." Another nine minute epic, "Paschendale" is also the strongest track on *Dance Of Death*, telling the story of a

long forgotten battle in WWI, and the soldiers who fought in it.

"Face In The Sand," is the next track, and a very strong one at that. Dickinson really outdoes himself in the singing department. Unfortunately, "Age Of Innocence," is up next, and is the only black mark on the album. Despite a strong chorus, the lyrics are reshaped and forced.

"Journeyman" ends the album on a high note, and is consequently the quietest, most subdued Iron Maiden track ever. A purely acoustic song with deep, powerful, emotional lyrics, this is the sleeper hit of *Dance Of Death*.

Dance of Death is essentially split into two types of songs. There's the fast, all out rockers that typified Iron Maiden's music in the 1980s to early 1990s; and then the other half of the album follows the tried and true start-out-slow-and-build-up formula that made up the late '90s up



until now.

Even the faster songs, however, rarely dip below four minutes. It's as if Maiden is intent on making each song

an epic. So for those fans looking for a return to the days of *Powerslave* and *Piece Of Mind*, you might not like what you find. For the rest of us that

likes or doesn't mind the slower, longer, more polished Iron Maiden, then *Dance Of Death* is a winner. 4 stars out of 5.

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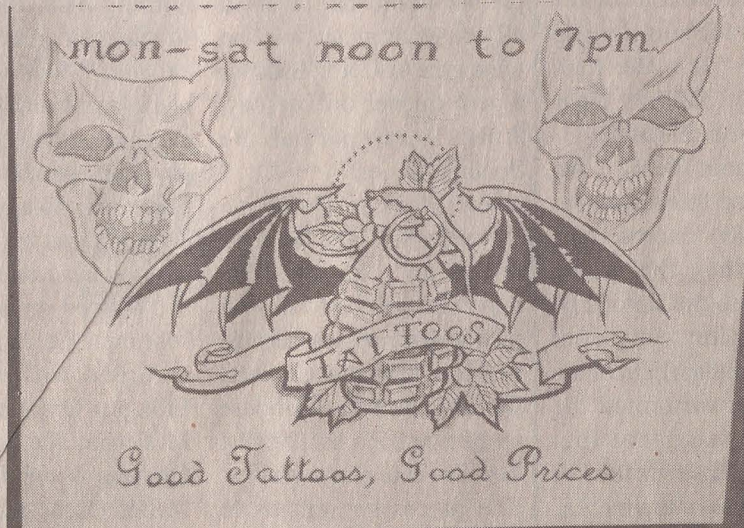
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Tattoos by Scott



By De Maramed
Managing/News Editor

With eight years experience tattooing and running his own tattoo shop in Quincy, Illinois, tattoo artist Scott Myers is doing what he's always wanted to do: work by himself, doing his own thing, in a laid back atmosphere.

Myers moved into the Alpena area from Quincy, Illinois with his wife Darcy at the beginning of the year, and happened to walk into Concert Connections just as the previous tattoo artist, Chad of Ace Tattoos, was packing up his equipment to leave for Traverse City. Myers had talked with

Wayne Gauthier, the owner of Concert Connections, a few months before moving to Alpena, so by the beginning of February, Myers had set up shop in the back of Concert Connections.

Eight years ago, Myers was attending Quincy University with plans on becoming an English teacher. Initially he had a job painting woodcrafts for Disney World. He worked with several forty-year-old women who would sit around and watch soap operas while they painted. Myers was nineteen at the time.

But when he got married

shortly afterwards, and was having a hard time paying rent, he decided to try his hand at tattooing. He started tattooing in his house, and within six months he was getting good and was starting to make money. He paid his rent on time, and made the decision to devote his life to tattooing instead of becoming an English teacher.

"When I did the first one, I knew that I would do it forever," said Myers. "It came naturally, and I couldn't imagine doing anything else. I'll die in my chair."

Myers eventually moved into the back of a nearby

tobacco store, and stayed there for three months. The owner, however, was taking a 30% cut, which was too much for Myers. So he opened up a tattoo shop right next door to her store, and worked there the rest of his time in Quincy.

Called Pleasurable Pain, the shop prospered as Myers systematically took the best guys from the other shops in town to work for him. At one point he had five artists working for him, and a little over a million dollars would move through the place a year. And Myers quickly became stressed out.

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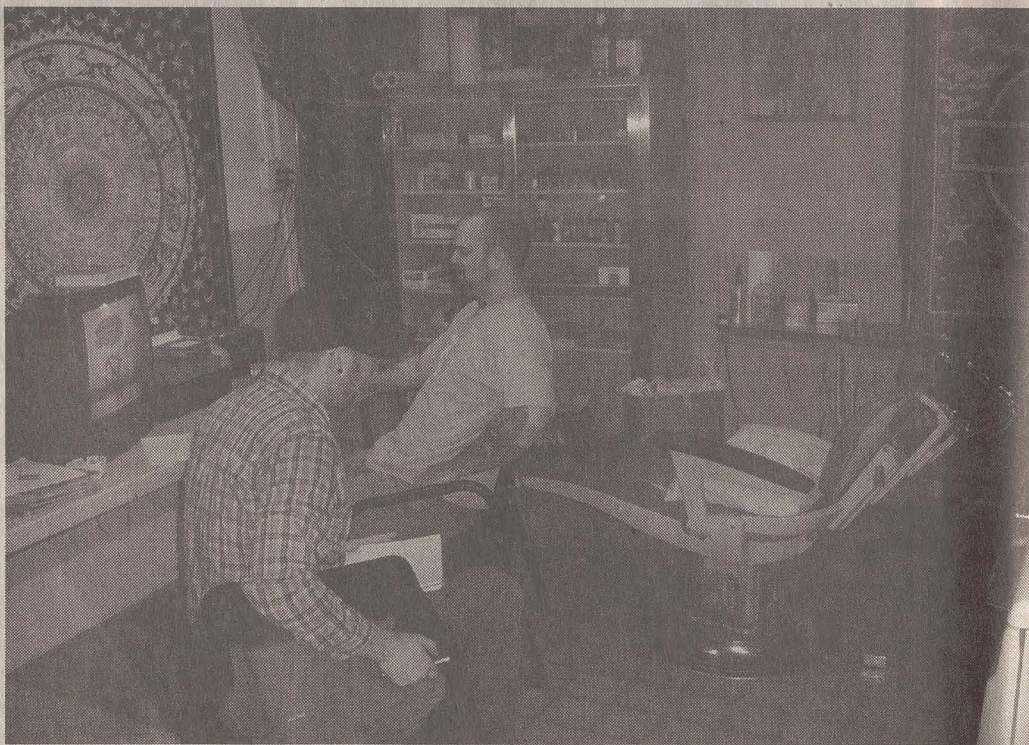
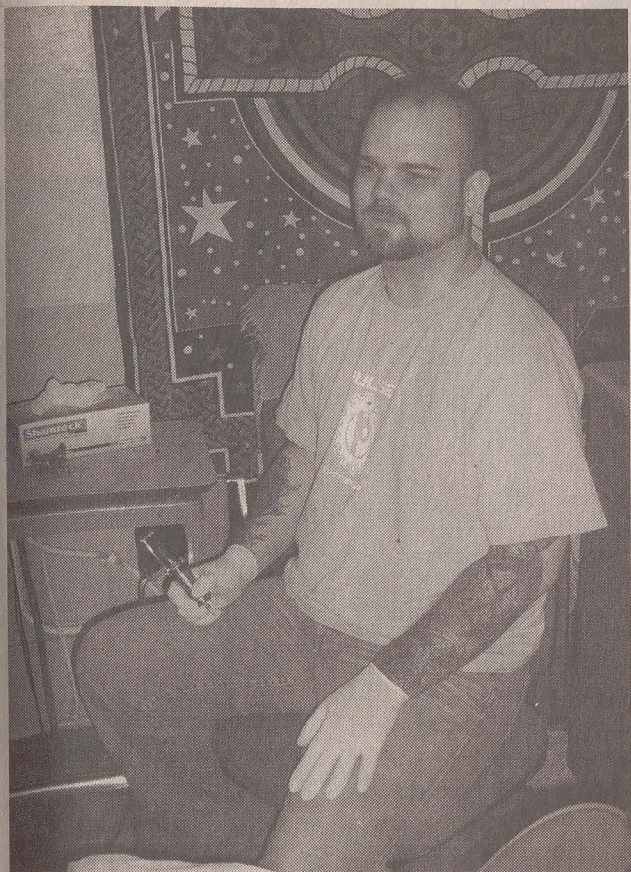
everybody else's kids were fed. I'd have guys [employees] that would disappear for three weeks at a time," Myers explained. "They'd come back and say they got arrested in Mexico on a coke binge. I had guys on parole, and I'd have to talk with their parole officers. Girlfriends would come in, ask to borrow money for diapers for kids."

Myers finally decided to quit, giving the key to the guy who had been there the longest, and moved. He had originally planned to move to Canada, but he couldn't obtain a work permit, as Canada doesn't consider tattooing a profession. His

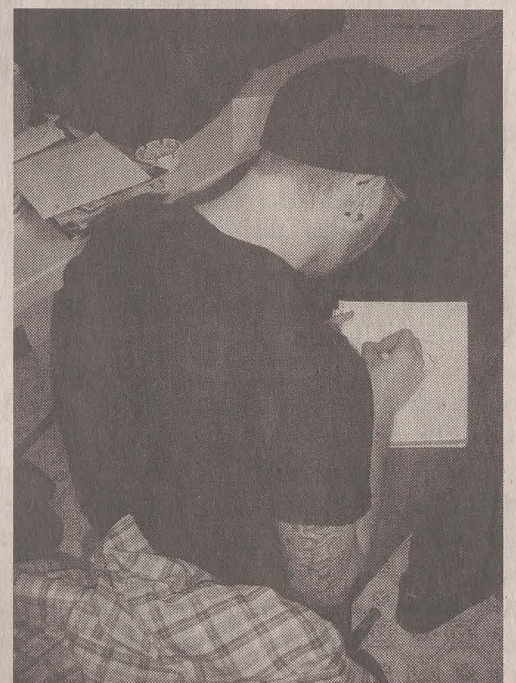
wife had family in the area, so the couple finally decided to move to Alpena.

"I'm trying to build the place back up to where it was before. Used to be a decent place from what I understand," Myers said.

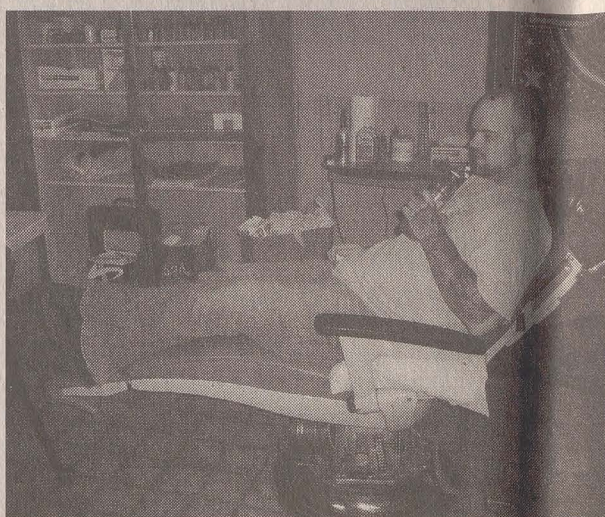
Myers plans on staying in town for at least a few years, but it all depends on the business. He will most likely stay in Concert Connections. The overhead is low, as Myers is used to paying up to \$1200 rent. He wants to add on to the space he has, tearing down one wall and opening it up. He is apprenticing Brian Madsen, so that when he does finally leave, Madsen can take over.



Myers and Madsen in their shop, relaxing between customers.



Brian Madsen sketches out a tattoo for a broken hearted man.



"I'll die in my chair."