

# The Lumberjack

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

## Faculty/Students tangle in basketball fundraiser

By Dominick Miller  
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It had excitement. It had comedy. It had drama. No, it wasn't a new movie or a play. It was the faculty/student charity basketball game held at Park Arena on Wednesday, April 20.

The Great Books on Leadership class put on the event, as a fundraiser for their trip to the Gambia, in Africa, in early May. All proceeds made at the event will benefit the trip.

"We're out here to have fun," said Tom Ray, the instructor of the Leadership class as well as a participant in the game. "It was a fun, good time with no bloodletting."

Plus, as an added bonus, the game got serious and exciting toward the end. Bobby Allen, the women's basketball coach playing for the faculty team, was able to nail a three-point shot with 12 seconds remaining to give the

faculty a one point lead, 55-54. After some controversy on the ensuing trip down the court for the student team, they were awarded the ball back, but a desperation trip down the floor ended with no shot. The faculty escaped with the one point victory. The students had built a lead as large as six midway through the second half.

"It really was (an exciting finish)," said Student Senate President Jessica Slominski, a participant in the game, who then added, with a smile, "We should have won... Bobby (Allen) pulled it out at the end."

"It's a little bit of a letdown," an obviously dejected Rachel Brege, another student participant, said afterward. "It's all about bragging rights. It's a sad, sad day for ACC students."

Sadly, the crowd was sparse, and even the participants acknowledged that the advertising for the

game wasn't as much as it could have been. Even so, once the game started, it was all about having a good time.

"It was a lot of fun for a good cause," said faculty participant Matt Dunckel. Dunckel, along with faculty participant John Bellows, also mentioned that future student/faculty events should be planned, with other sports, or possibly a barbeque day.

Ray mentioned that the class has made about 60% of the funds needed for the trip to the tiny village of Njawara. Ray has taken trips like this before, but a lot of the students haven't.

Brittany Posthumus is going on the trip, and has mixed feelings. "I am really, really excited, but I'm kind of getting scared," she admitted. "I'm scared something bad could happen."

Slominski echoed those comments. "I'm scared. I've never experienced anything like that (what they will see and encounter in Njawara). I'm



The people who took part in the game (photo by Dominick Miller).

excited because it's the experience of a lifetime. How often do you get to go to Africa?"

"It will be a big shock for them," Ray lamented. "There are no showers, and none of the conveniences. There are no McDonald's and no Wal-

Marts.

"But it should be a lot of fun," Ray added.

While in Africa, the students will possibly help with construction of new buildings, but mostly they will be tutoring children. The group leaves on May 9, and will return on May

24.

The next fundraising event will take place on April 27, at Thunder Bowl Lanes. The event is open to anybody who wishes to participate. Also, if any person wishes to make donations to the trip, they should contact Tom Ray.

## Leaving behind a legacy

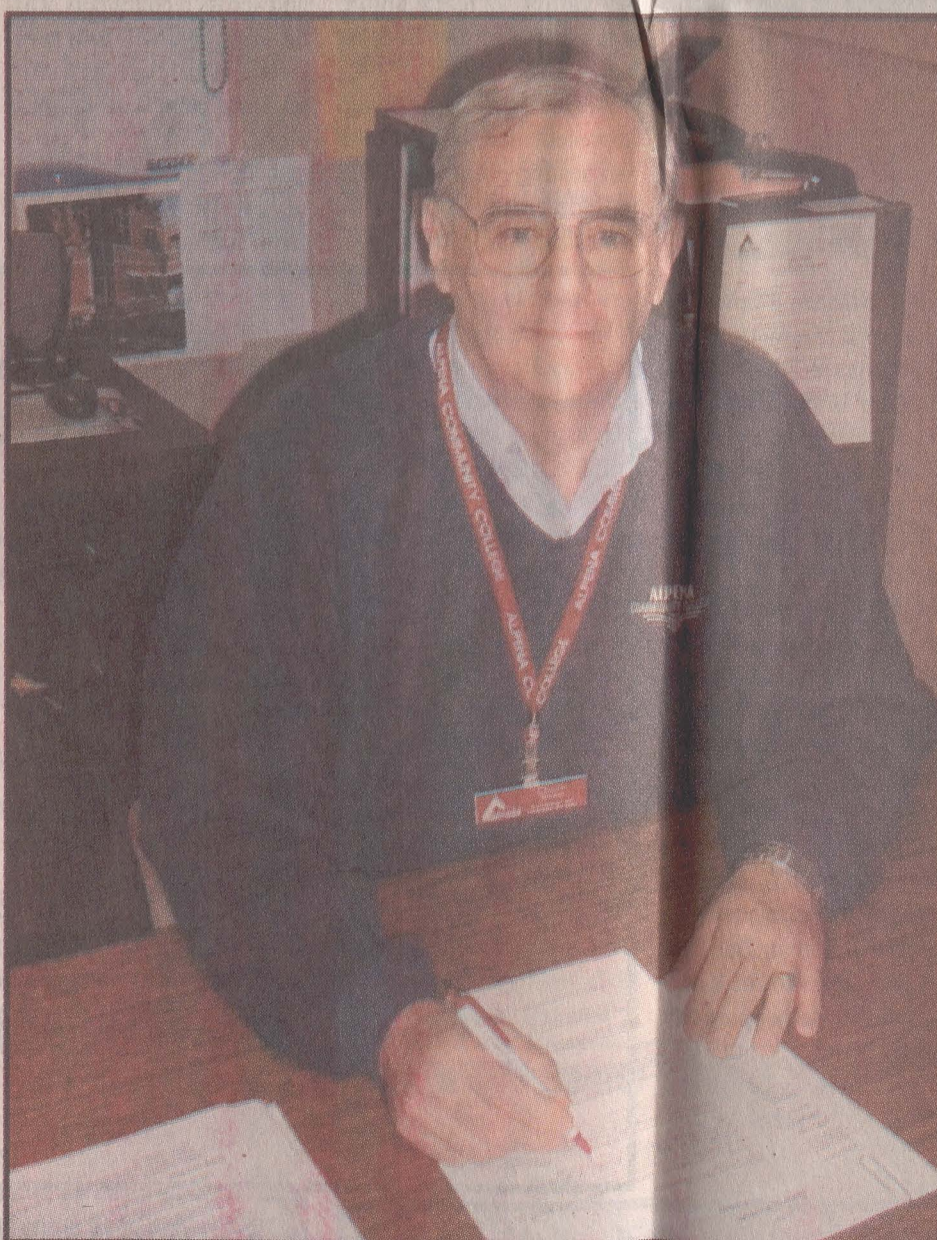
By De Maramed  
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April 22 was Chuck Wiesen's last day at Alpena Community College. At the time of his retirement, Wiesen held the position of Dean of the Center For Professional, Community, and Volunteer Services. But through over 30 years of service to Alpena and its community college, he has held a number of positions.

Wiesen first found his way to Alpena in 1970 when the Personnel Director of Alpena Public Schools was conducting interviews at WMU. At the time, Wiesen was a senior at WMU. He got the teaching job, even though he wasn't quite sure where Alpena was.

He admits he wasn't very good at it, so when an opening for an adult education director became available, Wiesen jumped at the chance and applied for the position. He stayed with the public schools until 1975, until there was another opening, this time at ACC.

"I was first hired in here as Director Of Continuing Education," explained Wiesen. "We looked at all kinds of ways for the college to reach out into the community, and also bringing people on to the campus. We averaged about 3,000 registrations a year for



Chuck Wiesen sits in his office and does the last of his paperwork. Friday, April 22 marked the last day of his 34 year career at ACC (photo by De Maramed).

activities." In 1982, Wiesen moved from the Alpena campus to Huron Shores, then called the Oscoda campus. In 1988 he moved back to Alpena to be

part of what was called the Center For Economic And Human Resource Development. "The direction from then to now is to provide small business

consulting and support, through the Small Business & Technology Development Center. We also provide a highly sophisticated

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## Psychology class plans Chicago trip

By Amy LeMieux  
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By now most of Alpena Community College has heard about the Leadership class taking a service trip to Africa, but there is another group within the halls of ACC that needs equal support and acknowledgement. They are five psychology students and one instructor, the group advisor Dr. McLarney-Vesotski, best known as Dr. V.

"It's really about making connections," says Dr. V. The Directional Research Psychology Practicum class is aiming to travel to Chicago this May to attend the Midwestern American Psychological Association Convention. There they will mingle among fellow psychology majors and ask questions of other professors.

Students from across the Midwestern region will be presenting research projects at a poster board presentation. Although our ACC psychology students have been busily researching an experiment of their choice, they will not present at this year's convention. Instead, the small group will travel to the windy city only to observe and get a feel for next year's destination.

"The students who return to the project in 2005 for the fall semester will gain knowledge at this year's psychology

conference, which will help them prepare a poster of their own. It takes a full year to conduct research and analyze an idea, and next year the group will be ready to demonstrate what they have theorized," explains Dr. V.

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