

Trip to Chicago will benefit current and future psychology students

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 Their topic, Interpersonal Sensitivity, includes testing people's ability to accurately read another person's mood and gender. Any further explanation on the topic is not allowed, as experimentation is still in progress.

This is the first semester Dr. Vestoski is offering a chance for an organized team of psychology majors to come together, research, and design a project and gain college credit at the same time. "If you are considering psychology as a prospective major, you should know that many graduate schools look for research experience in their graduate school candidates. Unfortunately, only a select few students get that chance at larger schools due to it being an unnoted requirement," informs Dr. V.

"I think it's just great getting a head start on learning how to perform

research," exclaims Shane, a student involved with the psychology class. Melissa, another research participant, concurs. "We're learning a lot of things you typically wouldn't learn until your third or fourth year [of college]."

The newly created research-based course isn't limited to research. In the class, you will learn information on a psychology career that would fit your interests, how much that career would financially pay, and select schools to work towards gaining admission. You'll also have many opportunities to improve upon writing in APA format. Alpena Community College is only one out of a few other community college-level schools that offer this sort of credit-based course in the U.S., and if you plan on pursuing a future in psychology, a class like this is highly recommended.

To gain entrance to this particular psychology course, you must register Dr. Vesotski as your advisor. A short, informal interview will be arranged where you will discuss why you wish to major in psychology and explain your interests and dedication in the research project.

For the fall semester of 2005, there are currently two spots available, and if interested, you are encouraged to register for the course as soon as possible. The class is listed as Directional Research Psychology Practicum (PSY 251), and offers two credits. With this class, you will undoubtedly gain experience that you will benefit from years down the road.

"I think the benefit of going to the conference is really the interaction that they get from other students that are also at undergraduate level, so you can communicate and create contacts," says Dr. V.

Chuck Wiesen retiring from ACC after 34 years of service

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 customized training program for business and industry."

Up to now, that has been Wiesen's primary responsibility. In February of 2005, he picked up another responsibility at the request of Dr. Joynton. The administrator for Huron Shores had resigned, so Wiesen provided leadership until they found a new administrator.

But in the beginning, he had no plans to stay in Alpena for long. He had planned to stay only a few years, saving some money and adding to his resume in the process. However he soon found that he liked the people he was working with and for, and working at ACC he has been provided with several opportunities to work with the community that he loves.

The biggest changes he's seen in his years at ACC? The introduction of technology to the whole process of learning. The students have stayed the same, however. Some show up motivated, some undirected.

What his peers say:

"Chuck Wiesen leaves a great legacy of accomplishments in many great areas of the college."
 - Dr. Olin Joynton

"Always very upbeat and positive. Very very supporting, thinks of all students and all areas are equally important."
 - Tom Winters

"He's very good with people. Chuck sits down and personally helps them whenever he can. College is a different world, and he made it much easier, less frightening."
 - Katherine Meharg

"He really cares about the people he works with and for."
 - Max Lindsay

Either way, Wiesen is glad to have been able to have helped them stay motivated or find much needed direction.

Wiesen says that the biggest thing he'll take away from his 34-year career is satisfaction. Satisfaction in representing the college and serving the community. Into his retirement now, he has no plans of moving away or relaxing. He has several projects with non-profit boards, a keen interest in the American Civil War, projects around the house, and several

books to read. He intends to keep busy.

"I've been here for 34 years," Wiesen said. "You've gotta know when to say when. The college is going through some challenges in the next few years, and they're gonna need some new leadership. I'm ACC through and through, but it's time to say goodbye."

It's time for Wiesen to bow out, and time for ACC to forge ahead.

Local rock the tsunami event

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The benefit concert for the tsunami victims took place at Hillman Jr/Sr High School on Saturday night, April 9th. The school's Youth Community Service Club hosted the event. All the proceeds will be donated to one of the charities that are working to help the children in Southeast Asia; the event raised over \$600.

"It was an idea from the Community Service Club," stated Laurie Sauer, the event coordinator. "It was a fun way to help the tsunami victims and bring kids from other areas to help out too."

A Skylight View kicked off the shindig as a small crowd of fans ran to the floor. The vocal styling of Carolyn



Crown of 91 performing (photo by John Garavaglia).

Clemmons brought a touch of country western to the hard rock atmosphere. For some it was the first time performing, the Onaway group, Nightfall, made their official debut playing instrumentals.

One of the highlighted performances was an Alpena group called Crown of 91. They passed through the night with their smashing hits, and performed a few songs from Green Day

and A Simple Plan. The band sold T-shirts, hats, and copies of their demo CD, *God Hates Us and We Lived*, during the concert.

The band is already on tour and they will perform at the Presque Isle Hall on April 30.

High Society brought the audience down the final stretch and Hillman's own Vs. Disney wrapped up the night with a lively performance of original songs.

"The concert was really fun and it was for a good cause," said Vs. Disney lead guitarist Jonathan Behring. "Everybody should know how bad those people have it over there."

"Everything we can do we should do for them."

8th Annual World Tai Chi Day Announced

Once again, the public is invited to join in celebration of the Eighth Annual World Tai Chi Day! Groups of Tai Chi students and newcomers gather to learn about, and experience, the amazing benefits of Tai Chi.

World Tai Chi Day is an unprecedented global health and healing event which will unfold across the planet on Saturday, April 30th, 2005,

10:00am worldwide.

Beginning in New Zealand, this event will spread, time zone by time zone, across the globe through 60 countries and across 6 continents. This healing wave will be a spectacular visual sight, as well as promote calm and wellness worldwide.

In Alpena, Tai Chi students of the Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center invite

the public to their celebration. It is the 3rd year that this group is hosting a local World Tai Chi Day event. This year, the location will be 106 River Street, Downtown Alpena

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