

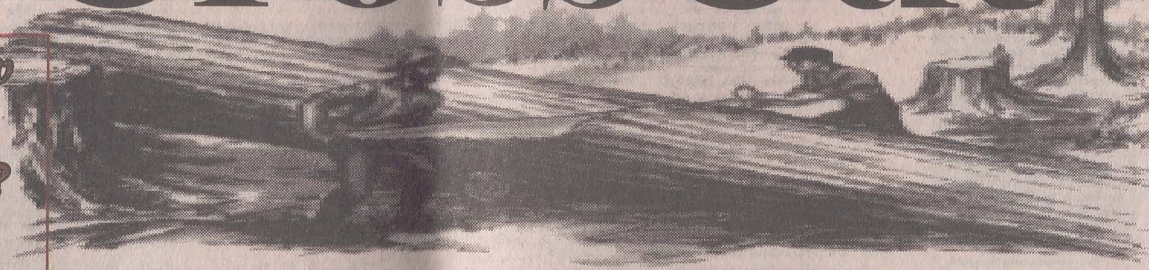
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By the people...for the people...

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He ran on a national campaign of "Change", but what changes do area residents hope to see?

"I personally feel that this election not only changes the mentality of our country but also of the world," said Justin Gomez, a field organizer of Michigan's Campaign for Change.

Peter Childs, a deputy field organizer of Michigan's Campaign for Change who agreed, said "Everywhere in the entire world was watching and just celebrating the fact that this is a new page in history."

It was a historic event, with the election of the United States' first African-American president.

Some would say that having an African-American run for the presidency did not have much effect on the outcome of the election, including Paul Mathes, an ACC student.

"As far as him being black, I don't think it mattered too much. I think it's just his policy," Mathes said.

Alpena resident and former ACC student, Anna Brindley said, "I think if he does a good job; if he does what he's supposed to accomplish, then that'll take it further than just him being elected. I think if Obama can do something great, then he'll be looked at as a great president."

During this election season many people believed the youth (18 to 24-year-olds)



President-Elect Barack Obama (shown rt.) and VP-elect Joe Biden, on the path to Pennsylvania Avenue.

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would turn up in record numbers at the polls.

"There was much speculation in a lot of news articles that were saying the college-age people and the people

just out of college will help win a decisive victory for Barack," said Childs.

Indeed they did. According to the exit polls at CNN.com, 98 percent of the youth

population cast their votes this year. 68 percent voted for Obama, while 30 percent were for John McCain.

"Adults are always saying we don't do anything; we're not taking an active role in our future; we're dependent on them and kids are staying at their parents' house," Gomez said. "I think that what they saw in this election, finally, and what energized adults, was that the youth were taking an active role. They were doing something about their own future."

Having a majority of the youth behind Obama, believing in his message for change, many adults were swayed.

"Two elementary school kids came in with one of their moms to get information," said Brindley. She added, often adults get set in their ways and it takes their children's participation and concern to generate their own interests and possibly change their views.

So, whichever way people see it, the 2008 Presidential Election is revolutionary, with the election of an African-American to the presidency, the highest office in the country, and the record of voters in the youth group range.

"The change that we keep talking about, the change that we want to give our country; it's already started," said Gomez.

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Greetings from Samoa

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On Nov. 7, 2008, Dr. Olin Joynton, President of Alpena Community College, said *bon voyage* to the States and left for a seven-day excursion to American Samoa (located between Hawaii and New Zealand). Accompanied by Tom Kane, of Alpena Regional Medical Center, and Jeff Gray, of the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary, the trio set off in hopes of uncovering new, innovative ideas from the American Samoa Community College as well as Fagatele Bay Marine Sanctuary.

"At first, I was apprehensive from partaking in the trip, more specifically on what people in the community might think. I hoped

to make it clear I was not jetting off for a vacation." Joynton said, "Florence Stibitz (ACC Board of Trustees member) was the sounding factor in my decision to go. She eloquently told me, 'Every time you are given the opportunity to travel somewhere, you broaden your horizons.' That finalized my decision."

The common denominator among the three organizations, and their select representatives, was outlined by Joynton into five objectives before he left.

"First, I'd like to learn more about the American Samoa Community College and their projected goals.

He said, another reason of interest is to find other ways to collaborate between the three entities locally, as

well as the island of Tutuila's Marine Sanctuary in Samoa.

Joynton said a third reason is to "tighten up relationships and share information" on what programs offered at each institution, such as ACC's Underwater Archaeology course.

"I've learned through my visits to other community college campuses that most of us parallel the way we function as a school and also the issues we face," Joynton said. "Conversing with the American Samoa campus might lead us to fresh insight on our own affairs."

Joynton said the three men will be spending a great deal of time separately while abroad.

Joynton said, "I've found that

the best way to solve a problem or assess a situation differently is to leave home. Consequently, the issue becomes prominent in another light and a new perspective is found."

Like Alpena, the island of Tutuila boasts a National Marine Sanctuary, LBJ Hospital and a community college. The three men were chosen by organizers of the trip to represent Alpena at their corresponding sites in American Samoa.

Joynton said, "Post trip, I plan to construct a report and present it to the Board of Trustees on our findings as I'm sure Tom and Jeff will do the same at their respective work sites. I hope to get the most out of this opportunity and acquire useful information to benefit ACC."



Dr. Olin Joynton
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Benefits of student IDs

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Smile! A picture might be worth a thousand...dollars?

Students are encouraged to obtain their student identification cards (first one free at the Alpena Community College Library) and

put them to good use: saving money.

Past Student Senate president Barb Ellman is working with the current Senate to compile a list of businesses that will give students a discount and a tax break for the business. For this purpose, Ellman said she has developed a contract and, at this time, every-

thing is going through the ACC Foundation with a compiled list expected by the end of the semester.

"Students are flashing their ACC student IDs and getting discounts on products as far away as Detroit and Traverse City," said Ellman.

Library Technician Nat Salziger

said he has heard of students flashing their IDs for discounts with success at Burger King, Wendy's and the local movie theater. He said that the ID is your library card and will get you seated for proctored testing along with discounts at some stores in Saginaw, Traverse City and Petoskey area malls.

Ellman cautions students to be courteous when using their IDs.

"Do not hesitate to show your ID in such areas as Tawas, Lincoln, Rogers City, Posen, Oscoda, Atlanta, and Hillman," Ellman said, adding, these areas have traditionally been very generous with ACC students.

The current discount list:

Spruce Shadows Farm Yarn Shop at 10 percent off of a purchase.

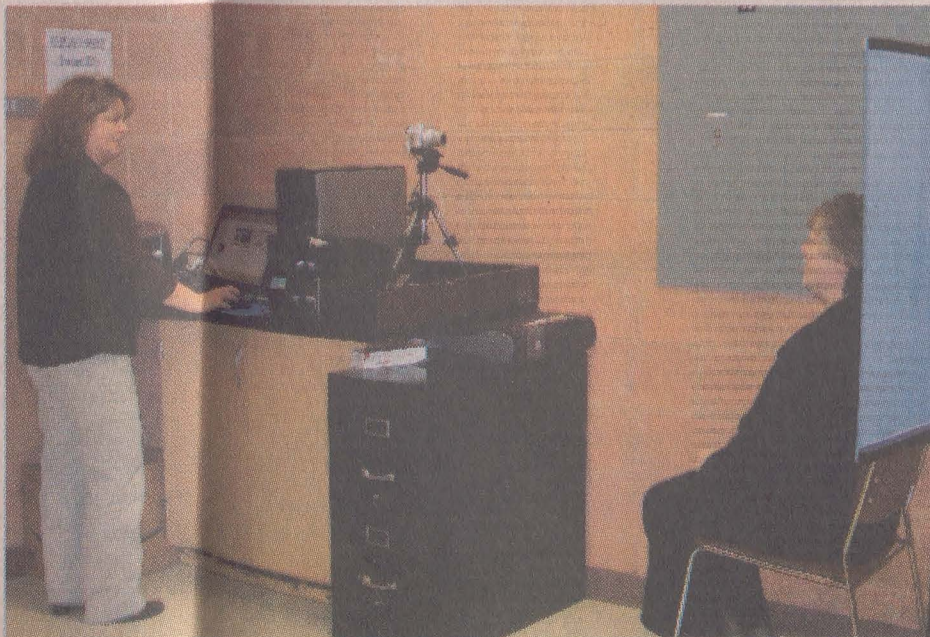
Stitches n' Blooms has a 10 percent discount of any framing supplies for art students

Attractions Salon offers \$2 off haircuts, \$10 off a full set of acrylic nails with Nikki or Beth Ann, a \$10 pedicure discount, and half off their bottle tanning lotions with the purchase of a sandwich.

Sophisticuts Salon & Day Spa also offers a discount of 20 percent off all product purchases.

Ice Diggers allow a discount of \$2 off the entrance fee to a game.

Massage Works offers a 10 percent discount.



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ACC Photo ID's have big benefits. Stephen H. Fletcher Library technician Kelly Jackson takes ID photo of Kim Salziger student, adjunct teacher and learning center technician.