

Alpena Community College

Lumberjack

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"We're Back"

Issue 1

Campus's Summer Improvements

During the past summer, the ACC campus has developed a clean and refurbished look. Don Witt, head of buildings and grounds, was enthused about the new improvements made on campus.

There were two criterions that Witt followed in planning job priorities. The first was deciding which areas the students had the most contact with, this area being the lounges and halls. The second criterion was to decide what rooms were deteriorating and in need of repair.

Both Besser Technical Center (BTC) and Van Lare Hall (VLH) lounges and halls, with the help of Alice Crittendon, have a new color scheme. According to Witt, the blue and cream colors were used to promote a lighter and brighter atmosphere for the students.

The most deteriorating part of the campus buildings were the roofs. The roofs at East Campus (EAC), VLH, and BTC had \$50,000 worth of reroofing done to strengthen it and keep out the rain. There are still parts of the roofs that need to be worked on.

EAC

There has been a bolder appearance given to the EAC gym. All surfaces on the outside of the gym

have been painted a dark burgundy with gray trim. The inside of the gym had new 3-point lines painted on the varnished floor, and also the bleacher steps were highlighted with new paint.

BTC

Witt would like to thank Tom Winter for painting the letters on the sign, "Besser Technical Center", and maintenance personnel Rich Grochowski and Larry Duby for installing the sign. Also painted in BTC was the concrete tech testing lab, Mr. Eller's office, Mr. Coggin's office, auto tool room and locker room, and Mr. Yules's ceiling in his office.

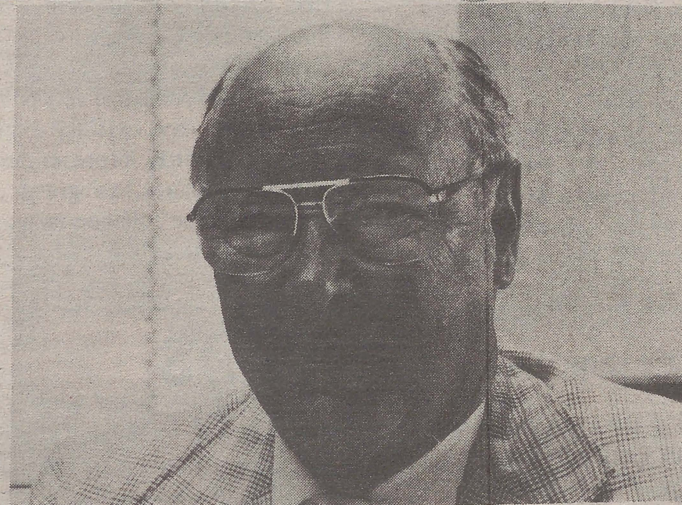
NRC

Most of the NRC repairs took place in the library. The individual tables and the big front table have been varnished.

VLH

Out behind VLH here has been a lot of ground work. A numerous amount of trees have been cleared away from the river for a better view. The bike path and exercise center have both been spruced up. The lawn has been treated with weedkiller and the plants and shrubbery have been provided with the utmost care.

Reflections



With his retirement approaching in January, Dr. Charles Donnelly, President of Alpena Community College, took time to reflect upon his achievements at ACC, the goals that weren't completed, and the changes he has seen in regards to the average student and what they have meant.

During the 10 years Donnelly has served as president, his major accomplishment has been to separate ACC from the K-12 grades. This separation has created ACC's Board of Trustees, policies, and own means of funding.

The next major accomplishment has been to help create ACC's endowment fund. This year the fund has reached \$600,000 with a future goal of \$1,000,000. This is especially important to the college since during the past few years federal monies have been cut 13 times.

Two of the goals that Donnelly hasn't completed and will pass on to his successor are to make ACC a tri-county college (funding being supported by 3 counties instead of just Alpena) and to have the programs and campus both expanded to meet the growing needs of the future students.

"In the past, the students have used a 'smorgasbord approach' when selecting classes," said Donnelly, meaning they selected classes that weren't necessarily connected. "Now, the students are more serious in their approach, and are taking courses to complete their degrees quickly."

Donnelly said the board is presently reviewing 67 applicants to fill his position. He stated, "I don't envy them their job." Donnelly's last day at ACC will be January 31, 1988, but he said he will help the board (and new

president) with the upcoming millage election in 1988.

Donnelly will return to Phoenix, Arizona upon his retirement. He is looking forward to playing golf and just relaxing. He won't be completely idle though, as he plans on checking in at the 4 community colleges, in Nevada, he helped start in 1947--at the beginning of his career. He will also be returning to ACC and Alpena to see his friends and how the college is doing on their expansion towards the future. "I will always have a strong interest in ACC," Donnelly stated.

Radiothon

A joint radiothon fundraiser, sponsored by the ACC Foundation in association with radio time donated by WATZ-FM, was held in the Besser Tech Center lobby September 3. The radiothon netted in excess of \$38,500 for the college.

The money, in addition to \$100,000 that was previously raised, will be matched by the federal government as part of the Title III grant program and will be placed in trust for a period of twenty years.

The available \$150,000 federal matching funds will put the foundation trust at well over the half-million dollar mark. The grant program is an effort by the federal government to secure a stable financial base over the long run for those colleges selected.

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Suspends election Procedures

The Student Senate elections for 1987-88 are being held for the offices of President, Vice-President, two sophomore representatives, and five freshman representatives.

The positions of President and Vice-President were both elected during the spring semester of the school year as normal, but because of a residence change and other technicalities, both offices have become vacant.

The current voting members of the Student Senate suspended Article II, the election procedures, of the Senate Constitution, for the dates of September 1 to October 1, 1987. The Senate's Secretary and acting President, Chuck Witt, said this was done to, "get the elections done in a lot faster way than what

the constitution calls [for]."

In order to appear on the election ballot, a person must present a petition, signed by at least 50 students, five instructors, and that student's academic advisor, to the existing Student Senate acting President.

All positions in the Senate are done as volunteer work; of course, holding a position of President or Vice-President would require more work than the others. "But a student does not have to help on everything," Witt said. "We need students who want to be involved."

Non-senate participation is welcomed and encouraged. Witt commented, "It helps if there's a body behind the organization."



Lumberjack Staff. Back row, L-R Kevin Konczak, Joe Bastow, Sheila Lewandowski, Karen Nowicki, Don Elliott, Cavid Lipski, Jill Herrick, Paula Edmonds. Second row, L-R Stephanie Davison, Brenda Roy, Mary Bartz, Kara Dulac, Carol London, Sue Nunneley, Dwayne Haken. Front row, L-R Tom Krist, Ann Marie Meldrum (Editor), Lisa Smith (Ass't Editor).

Editor's Note

Hi! I'm the new editor of *The Lumberjack* and, (guess what?), this is going to be an exciting year!

First of all, *The Lumberjack* will be taking on a new look, beginning with its flag. A special thanks to Chuck Witt for developing the new clean and concise flag. "Thanks."

The body of the paper will have a "computer look" because the articles are going to be composed on the Macintosh computers. Hopefully by having the newspaper's staff members using the computers, they will become more fluent with them. I am pleased with the new look. I only hope that you, as a reader, are pleased as well.

If you are out walking around campus, be aware of our photographers with their cameras; you never can tell when your picture will appear on our "picture page". I intend to run a "picture

page" in every issue. It will consist of student interviews and life on campus. Keep a lookout.

I would like to establish a stronger involvement with the campus clubs, but I can only accomplish this by having clubs keep in contact with our staff members. I know very well that campus clubs plan activities for the students. So, when these activities are planned, let us know and the paper can help promote student involvement. We can't help unless we are informed.

Hey, if you are a poet or have creative writing talents, please feel free to submit your works for publication. I will also welcome letters of positive or negative concern, and personnel viewpoints. *The Lumberjack* will try to give everyone equal representation within its pages, so grasp the opportunity the college newspaper offers and use it to its fullest potential.

Improvements

Most of the work was done by the Youth Corp. When asked how their work performance was, Witt stated, "I can't give them enough praise, they were wonderful."

Witt has also been very pleased with the custodians on campus. This summer they started a new floor care program. The program uses a new type of wax to give the floor an extra shine. "I am very proud of the custodians for their hard work," commented Witt.

A problem was pointed out, by Witt, about ACC campus. The problem is litter. Witt asks that everyone be responsible for their own trash and help keep the campus clean. If anyone has an input on a solution to this problem, Witt is open to hear it.

Jobs

According to Doris Feys, Job Placement Co-ordinator at ACC, work-study jobs are still available for students who qualify.

The types of work-study jobs still available vary from faculty aides to maintenance aides. At present, there is mainly a need for maintenance aides, since faculty members usually choose their own help.

In order to find out if they qualify for work-study, students must first apply for financial aid, after which they will receive an award letter stating whether or not they qualify for financial aid.

Work-study students are paid current minimum wage. They can work up to 10 hours a week while classes are in session and up to 37 1/2 hours a week during vacations and the summer.

Try Exploring Alpena

Hey out of town students, Alpena is bursting with activities this fall, and it is a perfect time for adventure and excitement. Be sure to take time out from your studies to go out and explore glowing Alpena.

Your first stop should be the Jesse Besser Museum. They will be holding their Harvest Days Festival, which continues throughout the month of October. For more adventure, visit the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary. There are self-guided nature walks on the island where you can view the wildlife, or you may canoe around the sanctuary on the Thunder Bay River. The choice is yours.

There are plays opening

continuously at the Thunder Bay Theatre, where excitement always fills the air. The theatre offers discounts to students, making the plays affordable, along with a night of entertainment.

If you are a person who enjoys large crowds and activity, attending an ACC basketball game is for you. At the EAC gym you will be able to stand up and cheer for our teams this fall.

If you prefer participation, then you should put on your sweats to a workout of your own. The EAC gym is open to all students. The hours are posted at the EAC gym for your pleasure.

We sure hope you will explore Alpena, and join in on the activities waiting for you this fall.

Letters to Incoming Students

Tricks of the Trade

Congratulations, you are in the big leagues now! You made it to college, but there are some things you should know. You're in luck, because I am going to inform you of the things I have learned through my two-year college experience.

First of all, invest in a good pair of winter boots. The college parking lot is known as the artic zone, duly named because it is always ice covered. To prevent a slip and fall, good traction wear is a must.

Second, buy a very dark pair of sunglasses. These come in handy when you're ditching a class. It never fails, just when you think you're home-free and out of the door, the instructor will be striding towards you. Sunglasses will prevent a touchy situation.

Also, be aware of all back doors and side entrances. Unlike high school, we give the instructors a ten minute grace period. If he does not show up, you are free to leave. Of course, the instructor is usually walking into the building just as the minute hand is on the ten. In this case, appoint a leader and make a run for it.

If you're a smoker, quit. Nobody will like you. Even in the smoking sections, the non-smokers will all gang up on you and give you dirty looks. They will try to make you feel guilty by falling to the ground and gagging. In this case, grab a cup of hot chocolate and go outside before you get hurt.

Another thing to watch out for is the instructors. They will all tell you that their class is the most unique and that you should work the hardest for them. In this

This fall marks a lot of changing, adjusting and growing that will begin to take place in the lives of many freshman entering ACC.

College, unlike any schooling you've had before, more work than many people believe it to be, even at a community college. As I look towards my sophomore year and reflect back upon my freshman year I feel I am at the liberty to give advice to unsuspecting freshman.

One major aspect to remember when entering college is that you, or least someone, is footing the bill for this education which means you should try and get the most out of it.

Regarding absences, if you are absent be sure to see whether or not an assignment was given or get the notes taken. In most cases, depending upon the instructor, the assignment will be due on the day of your return. If you want to be a successful college student, organization is definitely needed.

situation, it is best to ensure the teacher that you agree, and try to tell him/her at least twice a week what a great teacher he/she is.

Also, be choosy when picking friends and/or lab partners. Try to scope out the one with two-inch thick glasses. Make sure he has three different colored pens in his front pocket. This will ensure a good grade in the class with a minimum amount of effort. Unless you're rich, there are a few tricks of the trade when it comes to parking tickets. Always keep old tickets to put on your windshield in order to fool the ticket giver. Be sure to place the ticket face down so the date is not showing. If all else fails, remove your windshield wipers. It works, sometimes.

It is also a good idea to open a credit account at McDonald's. Expect to eat there at least four times a week. Remember, you're in college now-food is only a matter of sustenance, not enjoyment.

Now you have the basic knowledge to be successful in college. Refer to this article as needed. Oh, by the way, there's one more thing necessary for this list to be valid- -study like crazy!

"Super" Student

After several years as both a full and part-time student in the Pacific Northwest, and now in the Northcentral state of Michigan, I feel that I am qualified to speak as a non-traditional student.

I must admit that "non-traditional" sounds negative. This implies that we are not at all like the rest of our fellow students; and, therefore, we should be considered unusual.

There is a better classification for students like us, and I have just the name to call us. We are, in fact, "super" students! Furthermore, there are quite a few of us at ACC!!

We are "super" students because we are very busy educating ourselves while raising our families, managing our households, working at our jobs, fulfilling community commitments, maintaining relationships, and finding leisure. Remember, we are not "non-traditional" students. We are "super" students who are striving to achieve the goals that we have set for ourselves because we have chosen not to accept the status quo. May we all become "super" successes!!

A Foray in a Fast Food Franchise

I have been developing this theory that could help explain some of the unusual and pseudonymous eating behavioral patterns of our nation's youth. I mean to say that some of these youngsters, notably the adolescent to teen-aged individuals, appear to be consuming some sort of nutritionally balanced diet, when in fact they are eating the aptly described "fast food." This can be explained in further and more revealing detail by the introduction of a brief case history that I have been privy and witness to in the past few weeks.

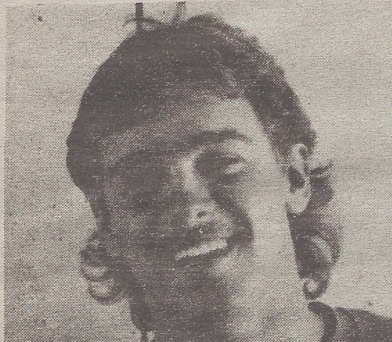
A friend's daughter is a prime and classic example of this phenomenon. This girl, whom I'll call "French Freida" for purposes of confidentiality, exhibits a compulsion to eat virtually all of her meals at a well-known franchise restaurant, and in fact, is reluctant to indulge in the standard "home-cooked" meal, diligently prepared with painstaking care by a parent who spends a good deal of their time worrying about what she will eat. Frieda is enamored of the thought of a flash-fried cheeseburger kept happy, wealthy, and wise under a "heat" lamp for an undetermined length of time. This conjured image has been known to send her into, alternately, paroxysms of frothing at the mouth and trance-like states reminiscent of some children watching Saturday morning programming. It is the behavioral trend, quite in vogue with the younger set these days, which, frankly, scares me. Better I should watch "Friday the 13th, Part 13" on Friday the 13th in a graveyard in Transylvania at midnight on big screen TV. My observations have inspired me to truly revolutionary thinking in this regard. Isn't it possible, I hypothesize, that maybe during the preparation process some mistake had been made along the line, allowing for entry into the food some sort of subliminal message that had been planted to subvert the minds of our nation's youth? Yes, I know, I know, that sounds paranoid and subversive, but just consider if it had? Little slips of good-tastiness inserted into your sausage McMuffin? Desire pills under the bun? Narcotic-like powders in your McTenders? Is it possible? Could it really be true? Eh, probably not, but it sure sounded good at the time. By the way, you know what really sounds good right about now? I think maybe I'll sidle on up to the salad bar, as I've got a bit of a taste for ruminating right now...eggscuse me for being so obviously bowled over...after all, why do you think they call them McDtease? Somebody pass the cookease please.

Students "Say it Like it is" at ACC



Lori Nash

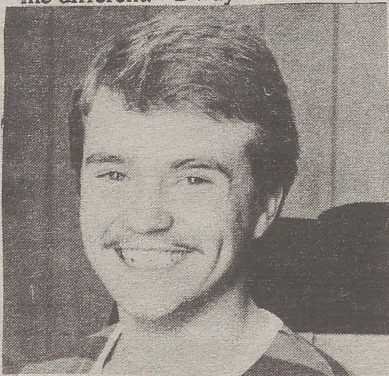
"I'm having a pretty good time...classes are few and far between...it's bigger than my school but most things are." Lori Nash



Kevin Sabourin

"First week's been really good...there were really no problems. I was registered in the summer...books were a little expensive, but overall, it's pretty good, I'm looking forward to a good education in Concrete Tech." Kevin Sabourin

"It blows high school away completely. Freedom. Complete freedom. My old man even treats me different." Dwayne D. Haken



Dwayne Haken

"I don't like carrying my books around, but it's okay." Lisa La Cross



Lisa LaCross

"A lot bigger than my old school...come from Posen, anything's bigger than Posen..." Stan Gabrysiak



Brett MacNeil

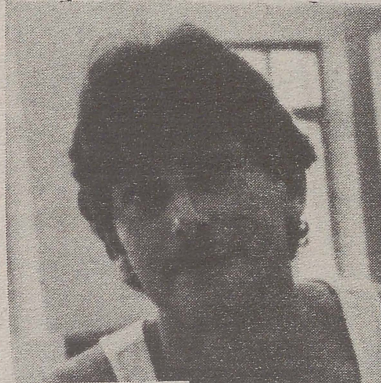
"It's okay, I guess. Different from high school." Brett MacNeill



Trina Redding

"I'm new here, and I really like it. I think that all the teachers that I have are excellent...very informative and patient...I think that the aspect of their patience has to do with the size of the college." Trina Redding

"Great. I get good grades in most of all my classes...as a matter of fact, some teachers make it fun and interesting and time flies by...I've only got one instructor who puts me to sleep, but he'll remain anonymous." Sid Merchant



Sid Merchant

"I like it here...it's different than I thought it would be...if I wasn't here, I'd be working." Jan Sobeck

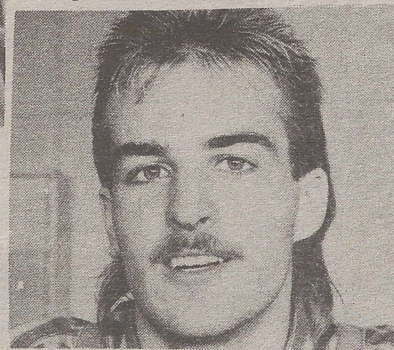


Jan Sobeck



Brenda Brege

"I guess I like it...it's a lot of fun, I'm meeting a lot of new people and enjoying my classes." Brenda Brege



Brent Voss

"I love the teachers all except for one...the goose crap is all over the place! It's a pain...I also like the interaction between the teachers and the small classes." Brent Voss

London Trip Big Success

On May 16 of this year, 22 people from the Alpena area, including 10 college students vacationed in London, England for 10 days.

Although the cost of the trip was \$870 per person, college student Chuck Witt thought it was well worth it. They had the chance to see and do many things such as visit the Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum, The Tower of London, and have lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Other highlights of the trip included a visit to West Minster Abbey, Parliament, Covent Garden where they saw the play "Me and My Girl," and they toured the



oldest city in England, Bath.

In Bath they saw the ancient Roman baths and springs. They

also toured the famous site of Stonehedge.

Mr. Matteson, who organized the trip, said that, "traveling to England is a painless way of acquainting people to international travel because they don't have the problems of dealing with language barriers.

Matteson believes that overall, the trip was a success. He is planning on another 10 day trip that would leave May 14, 1988 and another that would leave in early August. One will be a trip to England and the other one to Ireland. Anyone interested in either trip should contact Matteson.

The donations and matching funds will be placed in trust for twenty years, but this does not mean, however, that ACC won't see an immediate benefit from the donated funds. The interest accrued on ACC's contribution can be used on a yearly basis for worthwhile scholarships and other programs. At the end of the twenty year period the money will belong to the college.

"We were very pleased with the Radiothon and the support we received from individuals and industries in the community. It was remarkable," Dr. Donnelly stated.

Spring Graduation

May 15 was the day 155 students graduated from ACC last Spring. During the ceremony, Chris Rober and Rich LaMay were presented the Anna and Jesse Besser recognition awards.

The Anna and Jesse Besser awards are two awards which recognize the male and female student who have made an outstanding contribution to Alpena Community College. Rober and LaMay's excellent contributions through scholarship, student leadership, and expression of responsibility in the solution of social problems made them the perfect recipients of these awards.

Immediately following the ceremony was an informal buffet luncheon held at the Holiday Inn in honor of the 1987 graduates. Tickets were sold prior to the event for graduates wishing to attend. Family members and guests were also welcome.

The luncheon was a large success where the graduates relaxed and enjoyed the companionship of their classmates.

Wurtsmith Air Force Base was also proud to have 23 students graduating with them last spring.

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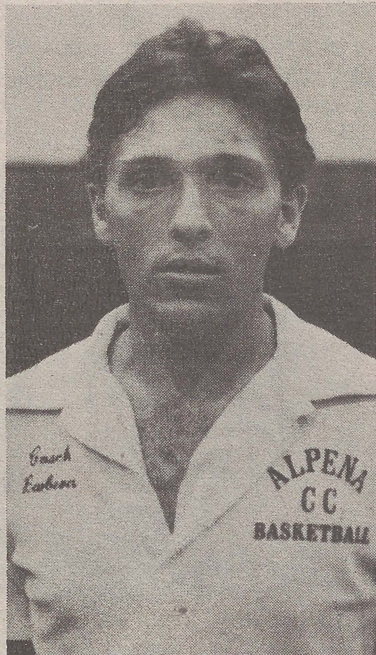
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New Coach with motivated attitude

Like with everything that's new, Jim Barbara, our new men's basketball coach, proves to be a fresh and uplifting change of pace. Coach Barbara expects this year to be more exciting than last. He plans to run the team hard and "give out a lot of pressure" to the other teams.

This year, Barbara wants to "set high goals" and "keep a game up-tempo." "I want every team we play, win or lose, to go home saying 'we really had to play a hard game of basketball' I think they will."

Coach Barbara has an excellent attitude and is very motivated. He hopes for a very close-knit team that is "bonded" together, has a good attitude and respects others. If someone has a problem, he'd like them to bring it up to him instead of letting the problem build.



Coach Barbara.

Coach Barbara comes from Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula and he has always wanted to coach men's basketball. At age 24, he is doing what he has always wanted to do. He says his age has nothing to do with his coaching ability and he thinks the players can relate to him better.

Coach Barbara has a teaching degree from Ferris and his first concern is that his players do graduate. He would "like to get more out of a student than they had when he first came to ACC."

The first game is against WAFB and it should prove to be a lot of fun and a definite crowd-pleaser. Coach Barbara hopes for a fan-tastic turnout in the stands. "It's just human nature that if the environment is exciting, the players will react," stated coach Barbara.

A Strengthening of Athletics

Alpena Community College will be seeing a new face in its athletic department. Tom Bennett has replaced Frank McCourt as the new athletic director.

When Bennett was asked about his outlook for sports this year, he commented that the college sports programs need to be more competitive with other junior colleges throughout the state of Michigan.

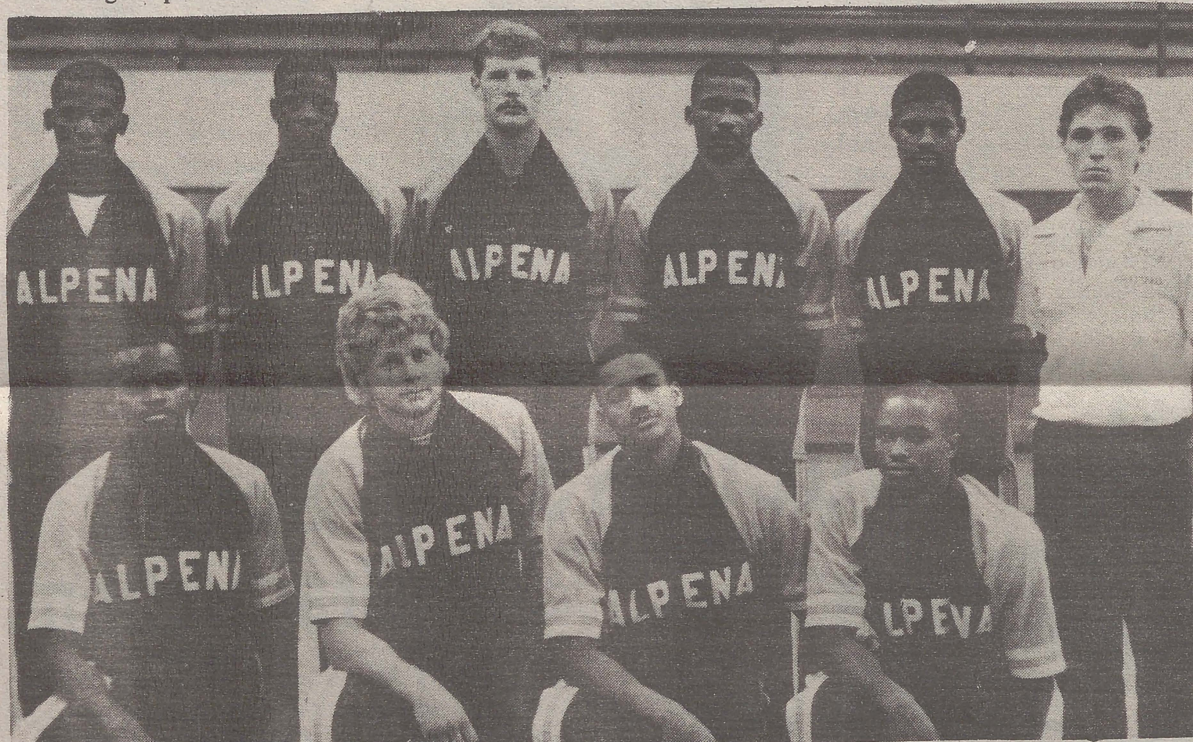
According to Bennett, in order for

the sports programs to become competitive, there are problems that must be resolved. Among these are promoting athletes, facilities, and funding of the programs.

Besides being ACC's athletic director, Bennett also teaches biology at Alpena High School. Hopefully this year will prove successful for him and show some improvements in the athletic department.

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