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# THE POLEMIC

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## ACC in brief

### Board of Trustees meet

ACC's Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, October 17, 1991 to dispense with a light agenda.

Purchases approved include: a universal lift rack for the automotive technology program -- to be 50% funded by federal vocational education monies, a 1992 Dodge 3/4 ton pickup (from Louis Motors) for snow removal, and a 1992 GMC Sonoma (from McCoy's) for maintenance activities.

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### LBJ awarded

English instructor Jim Miesen has captured November's Lumberjack of the Month honors.

A man of local renown for his talent on the stage and his ability to expound upon the more abstract aspects of 18th century American Deistic thought, Miesen is commended by ACC President Donald Newport "for his dedication to our students."

### Instructor takes 2nd

Joe Donna was awarded second place in the Jesse Besser Museum's Juried Competition with a work of mixed media entitled, "Mechanical Bird."

Of the 243 works submitted, 40 were selected for the competition.

## Russian teacher gives her impressions of U.S. education

by Joe McKenna  
Staff Writer

Northern Michigan schools have some very unusual visitors. Among them is Ms. Tatyana Gorskya-Belova, a Russian teacher from Moscow, who is teaching introduction to psychology classes at Alpena High School.

Gorskya-Belova is part of a seven teacher, fourteen student Russian contingency that is spending five months in Northern Michigan schools. The Russians are scattered throughout a number of area schools including Alpena, Alcona, Onaway, and Rogers City. The exchange is led by Russian Principal Sergei Pomeramcev.

Gorskya-Belova teaches at the Moscow Classical Lyceum, where she holds classes in geography and psychology. Although the West often refers to the Lyceums as Russia's talented and gifted program, Gorskya-Belova insists that the Lyceums are geared for the "average Muscovite high school student."

When asked for a comparison, Gorskya-Belova has nothing but praise for both our educational programs and their Russian counterparts. However, she is quick to point out the differences between the two.

"Russian schools are much more oriented to theory, while American schools are very lucky and fortunate to have 'hands on' classes," she explained. Gorskya-Belova stated that she was impressed by our many Vo-Tech programs, like Nursing, and Auto Mechanics, and the extent of Chemistry and Biology labs. She feels that Russian schools have a lot to learn in this area, since there is a dearth of similar programs at

the Russian high school level.

The strengths of the Soviet schools lie in discipline and theory. She quickly reminded me that the 11th grade mathematic curriculum here at Alpena High School was completed five years earlier by the Russian students. "Maybe Americans could learn from us, too," she stated.

Overall Gorskya-Belova has a very favorable impression of America and its schools. She claims that the only difference between the students is discipline.

"There is much more kissing in the halls here," she cited as an example. She went on to explain that, "this is probably

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## College group travels downstate to economic meeting

by Rich Spicer  
News Editor

A group of students representing ACC and the Huron Shores campus took part in an economic conference sponsored by the Economic Club of Detroit (ECD) at Cobo Hall last week.

The November 12th presentation featured a private question and answer session between the ACC contingent and Thomas E. Kiernan, Chief of Staff for William C. Rosenberg, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Topics discussed included the market for pollution rights and corporate auto fuel efficiency standards.

Following that, the group attended a luncheon where former General Motors chairman and current ECD head Max Fisher spoke. After lunch, newly appointed director of the Michigan

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Roland Harmes discussed the recent restructuring of that organization.

According to ACC economics instructor David Eger, who travelled with the group, Harmes described the "new" DNR as "more structured and more powerful . . . streamlined with an emphasis on Michigan environmental policy."

After Harmes, Kiernan spoke to the 800 attendees on the subject of "The New Clean Air Act: All Aboard the Clean Air Bus." Eger said Kiernan, who worked with Rosenberg on the Clean Air amendments, spoke of "allowances created for sulfur dioxide emissions" so that "higher polluting firms must reduce the level of pollution or must buy rights to pollute" from lower polluting firms.

Eger explained that the Clean Air amendments detailed by Kiernan "at least theoretically" result in "the maximum pollution reduction at a minimum cost . . . a

competitive market . . . a major, major, breakthrough."

Following the forum, the group was invited to the Air, Water and Waste Technologies '91 Exposition where they were shown the latest in environmental technology, with representatives from over 55 companies on hand.

Eger said that he found the experience very rewarding. "At the start of the day we had nine people who didn't know each other and by the end of the day there were people involved in one-on-one conversations with a lot of enthusiasm."

The trip was made possible by General Telephone and Electric (GTE), who purchased the tickets to the presentation. David Alger, GTE Public Affairs Manager, joined Eger for the trip, along with ACC students Patti Clark, Patrick Green, Janie Mouser, Alphonso Williams and Traci Zielaskowski. Huron Shores students who attended were Danielle Ballard, Rob Bejesky, and Denise Wilson.



Photo by Elaine Kosoloski

The difference in the written language is demonstrated by Tatyana Belova, Russian teacher a participant in the cross cultural exchange program based locally.

# Kevorkian: is he the angel of death for physician-assisted suicide?

Just take a moment to ponder this: the right-to-life debate rages on inside our minds and outside of abortion clinics nationwide. At the same time, the right-to-die controversy has rekindled.

The man in the eye of this hurricane is Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

The issue first came to light last year when Kevorkian, a retired Michigan pathologist, hooked up an Alzheimer's disease patient to his suicide machine, which he invented. When she pressed a button on this contraption, a lethal dose of drugs was released into her system.

This resulted in a murder charge against Kevorkian. That charge was subsequently dropped by a judge, but it was ruled that Kevorkian could no longer use his machine.

The hubbub had calmed down some; then on October 23rd of this year, Kevorkian defied the court injunction and connected two women -- one suffering from multiple sclerosis, the other not terminally ill but ingesting mood altering drugs, (which opens up a whole new can of worms) -- to his machine. They died within minutes.

With the latter two deaths, it

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News  
Editor



again appears that Kevorkian was far enough removed to avoid a murder charge. Should he be charged for murder? Absolutely not.

Kevorkian's lawyer has said (correctly) that he acted as a doctor should - with compassion. After all, isn't helping a person in need a doctor's job?

It is true that, in most cases, killing a person goes far beyond the duties of a doctor, and some dismiss Kevorkian as little more than a headline-seeker out to garner attention for himself and his invention.

The doctor, for his part, said he had no fear of defying the court order and he would, if asked, do it again. He feels that helping a desperate patient takes precedence over a court injunction.

Let's concentrate now on the

most pressing issue. Should individuals themselves determine when they die? That depends upon the situation. In the case of a non-terminally ill person, this question should be seriously debated.

However, ask yourself this question: if you found out tomorrow that you had a debilitating disease which would gradually rob you of your strength and/or mind, would you want to die before the effects of the disease stripped you of your pride and dignity and left your bank account dry due to massive medical costs? If I were confronted with that decision, I would definitely want to end my life early.

The current obsession with the right-to-die topic extends to literary circles as well. *Final Exit* by Derek Humphry, a book about, of all things, how to commit suicide, recently ranked second on the *Publishers Weekly* nonfiction bestseller list. Only Katharine Hepburn's autobiography sold more copies.

No matter what happens, we can all rest assured that the legal and mental tug-of-war will continue for months, or maybe years, to come.

Chronic patients forced by artificial means to live hopeless lives could persuade me to make an emotional decision in your favor; but, what stops me is the fear of all the ways your methods could be misused.

Suicide, and whether it's right or wrong, is a personal, private decision, which your lawyer seems determined to makeover into a media event. I resent that.

In fact, I have a hard time trusting a man whose choice of legal counsel has been quoted describing himself as "... the best there ever was or ever will be."

For me the bottom line is this: even if you are a supremely ethical person who will **always** do the right thing and **always** make the right decision, what happens when you're no longer able to perform this 'service'? We won't (as a society) be able to turn back once you have established your method as an option.

Perhaps, in actuality, you're a set-back for physician-assisted suicide. How many others like myself, who may have decided in its favor, are having second thoughts because of your made-for-television version of this private decision?

by  
**Jackie  
Skaluba**  
Assistant  
Editor



and/or he have to cry 'harrassment'?

It's called physician-assisted suicide, but you're a doctor without patients, a pathologist who studied disease in a laboratory, not a doctor practicing medicine.

In my opinion, you seem to be giving more consideration to the legal ramifications of your actions than the moral ones.

Your stated position is that although you provided the equipment, drugs, and expertise, you "did not assist in the deaths at all" -- are you kidding?

I haven't finished sorting out my feelings concerning euthanasia. Some of the 'heroic' measures taken to prolong the lives of people who only want to die with dignity are truly disturbing.

Dr. Kevorkian. Dr. Death. You scare me. You're trying to assume a (self-appointed) place in our society that you have no right to. You won't sound retreat; you're going to make a stand. A grandstand?

I question your motives. Have you also questioned them? Your lawyer insists that you are worthy of our trust, but...

He also seems fond of holding press conferences and crying 'harrassment' and 'McCarthyism'.

Did you really think that the authorities wouldn't investigate? That's how it works. And now that investigation has turned up the fact that one of your latest patient/victims was using Halcion, which is itself under investigation because of its possible side effects -- bizarre behavior, including suicide and murder.

The issue of physician-assisted suicide is an incredibly complex and highly emotional one, not the 3-ring circus your ringmaster/lawyer is attempting to orchestrate.

Maybe you consider yourself a pioneer in the field; but, until we as a society have been able to work through the complex layers of emotional, ethical, and religious issues involved, what right do you

## Students Speak

## How do you feel about doctor assisted suicide?

**Amy Grochowski** "It depends whether or not the patient is critically ill and how long they are expected to live."



**Jay Bushey** "If the pain is to continue for years for that person and there is no cure, why not?"

**Becki Rabeau** "I feel that if the person is 100% sure of their decision about committing suicide then the aid of a doctor could make it less painful. I feel it is each individual's choice."



**Barbara Tyler** "I feel a positive and negative on this. I feel it depends on circumstances. I would like to think something was there if I needed it for something serious. But I also feel its wrong."

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# Buy bombers with blueberry muffins

... and save the American education system

by  
**Joe McKenna**

Staff  
Writer



Deer Mista Bush,

I is very good in skool. Dont beleev thje xperts who say i izn't becauz I is doin well. I good in a math, inglish, sience an histry. Reely does not worry, we is capeable of doin a totolly bodacious job aftir you is gone. Pleez dont spend eny mo' money on us becauz we is all reddy reel smart.

Cowabunga,  
Johnny

I am going to propose something a little radical. I want to take the defense budget and the education budget and switch the accounts. Under this proposal the previously financially strapped education system would have a cornucopia of funds to disperse, while the military would have to learn how to cut corners and pinch pennies.

Could you imagine that scenario -- voting on millage increases to cover military expenditures?

The United States Air Force wishes to purchase one (1) B-2 Stealth Bomber for \$883 million dollars. They are asking for a 10 mil increase in property taxes to finance the purchase. Then imagine the horror if the voters stuffed the ole' "nay" box.

So here we are full circle. The Department of Defense holding a Pentagon Bake Sale to finance the B-2 Bomber program.

Let's say they want one (1) of those quasi-invisible planes at \$883 million dollars. All the

military housewives and househusbands don their aprons and bake blueberry muffins for the big sale.

They sell the muffins for a quarter apiece. That equates to a necessary sale of 3,532,000,000 blueberry muffins to cover the \$883 million dollar price tag. That's fourteen blueberry muffins for every man, woman, and child in the U.S. Eat up.

The current state of America's education system necessitates such drastic measures. Our students dwell in a schooling wasteland of self-delusion and derisory funding. The product is today's youth -- first in Nintendo; last in everything else.

Just a couple of years ago George Bush and the governors sat down to establish goals for the American public education system. The goals still remain as distant as ever, and alarming statistics continue to mount pointing to the demise of our once proud school system.

For a protracted period of time our liberal arts education has lagged considerably behind the rest of the industrialized world. However, recently it has been shown that even our forte of math and science ability has begun to slip in the world market. Maybe tumble is a more appropriate term. Actually sink like a rock sums it up best.

How bad? The U.S. students could only manage a meager 12th place finish in math and science ability. This was out of a field of 14 industrialized nations.

More disturbing is the fact that the top 5% of US student scores barely placed in the 50th percentile of Japanese student scores.

Much to our relief our SAT scores have risen. They are currently back to their 1971 level. Twenty years spent going absolutely nowhere.

Alarming high school drop-out rates that some claim to be as high as 30%.

Only 3% of Americans can solve *intermediate* algebraic equations.

Our current educational practices only succeed in inflating egos and tutoring in delusion.

Recently 7th grade students across the nation were given a standardized mathematics comprehension test. The first question on the test asked the student to answer the following question: "I am good in mathematics."

Students in our nation's capital ranked the highest in answering that question "yes" Almost 25% gave an affirmative response.

The horror story is that these same students ranked next to last in skills. Only the Virgin Islands placed lower in skills. Ironically, the Virgin Islands students were the second most likely to answer the "I am good in mathematics." question "yes". What more can you say?

Our educational demise is the most critical crisis facing this country. Without a trained and educated population how can we expect to answer the serious political, economic, and environmental questions that face us?

If we are serious about solving this dilemma then everyone must get involved. Parents, teachers and students need to break the trend of expedient methods and self-delusion.

Yes, the schools do need more money. From head-start to graduate school, education must be made available to everyone who wishes to pursue it.

I have no illusions that more money is a cure to our problems. But we do have to invest in our future. Our future is with our children, like it or not. If we fail to solve the problems of their immediate future, then there simply will not be one.



## Too shy to talk about it?

by Lisa Suszek  
Editor

Speaking from experience, I can relate to every student who has sat in class bored, confused, or down right furious at the way the professor is teaching it.

To those students who fought against the unfair grade, and took a stand for their different opinions, knowing the risk of jeopardizing their standing with the teacher, I say thank you. I've always been a coward up until now, silently backing you but never having the guts to do it myself.

By staying silent I've done more harm than good. I've cheated myself out of an education that I'm paying for. I've allowed professors to say, "It will come to you.", after they half heartedly explained answers to my questions and skipped on to another problem in the book.

Several times I have allowed misunderstood questions to slip by for fear of holding up the rest of the class, later to discover that everyone was as lost as I was.

I used to blame the professors, by saying, "he's burned out," or "My professors are very intelligent people. They know what they're teaching, but they don't know how to teach it."

I still believe this is true in some cases, but I've realized that the blame rests on my shoulders

too. A corporation isn't going to change its product unless the consumer tells them that something is wrong with it. Staying silent leads professors to believe that what they're teaching is making sense to the students.

My biggest excuse for not standing up for myself was, "If I get on his bad side, he's going to mark me down when grading time rolls around." After all, on the first day of classes my freshman year, I had three different professors preach to the class that if a professor can put a face to your name come grading time, your grade will reflect that.

That can work two ways. If the face that appears to the professor belongs to someone who had the tendency to disagree with him, a less favorable grade may pop into his mind.

It states in the 1991-92 Alpena Community College Student handbook, "A student has the right to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in the classroom without being penalized. The instructor has the right to limit discussion." This, however, doesn't necessarily guarantee that a student won't get penalized when there is a choice between an A- and a B+.

It narrows down to a communication problem. We, the students, can't sit quietly and let knowledge pass us by because of any fear. We must ask questions . . . speak up . . . fight for the education.

As for all you professors, when you look out into the class and see me staring with a totally speechless, oblivious expression, please call on me. . . get me involved . . . talk to me . . . ask me if I understand . . .

"Why?", you ask.  
I'm shy!

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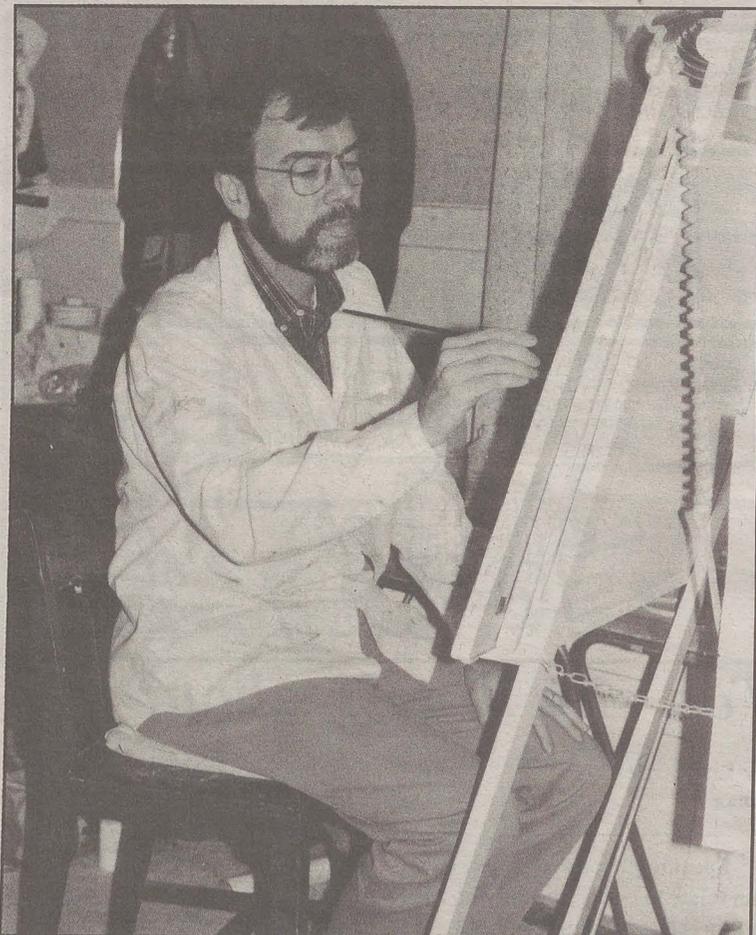


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Terry Hall finds much pleasure and relaxation through art. Here he puts the finishing touches on his latest work currently on exhibit at JBM.

## Instructor's hobby draws praise

by Ken Ferguson  
Staff Writer

*Baylight*, a painting by humanities instructor Terry Hall, will be displayed through the end of December in the Northeast Michigan Juried Art Exhibit at the Jesse Besser Museum.

Hall started painting just this past summer, completing about ten pieces of art so far. He has taught humanities at ACC for 23 years and has focused the last 15 toward assisting his students in understanding, appreciating, and enjoying the arts.

Last year, Hall began requiring students to produce a work of art for the course, and felt that he should do that himself.

His first paintings were representational, reproducing a scene as it looks, which he found relatively easy to do but also relatively uninteresting.

He became more interested in the borderline between abstraction and representation, where one can look at the painting one way and see what it looks like and look at it another way and it appears more like a pattern or design.

Hall admires artists such as Cezanne, Mondrian, and Van Gogh because he feels challenged to retain the image of a scene and yet at the same time express a design.

*Painting was a natural choice for Hall who admires the colors of sunsets and the changing colors of autumn. His ideas are inspired from things he sees or imagines in nature, especially with water or sky. Baylight was imaged on a foggy night driving across Squaw Bay.*

As a teacher, Hall hopes to open doors for students to experience art and gain interest in its many forms of expression. In his leisure time he finds painting very enjoyable and encourages others to try new things.

*Baylight* was one of two entries submitted by Hall. The 40 pieces of art on display were selected from 243 entries from 10 counties out of the 15 eligible in Northeast Michigan. The juror this year was Jan White Arbanetes, art instructor at Alma College and director of the Clack Art Center in Alma.

## ACC to host community forums

by Steve Smith  
Staff Writer

"We need to find a better way for the public to learn the public's business." According to their press release that is the reason for the creation of the National Issues Forums (NIF).

National Issues Forums are organized locally across the nation to bring people together to discuss timely, preplanned, issues of public concern.

In the first quarter of 1992, Alpena Community College will be the site for a series of meetings that will give students and people from the community a chance to discuss issues of national and local importance. The meetings will be held through the auspices of the NIF with a local moderator.

Although the final list of topics has not been chosen, the topics picked will have an interest for the people of Northeast Michigan. National issues might cover the boundaries of free speech, energy options, or America's role in the world. Issues on the local level could include one or more of the following: Systech waste disposal system, the ambulance service, or year-round schooling.

Volunteers working on the community level through the NIF are Charles Wiesen, executive director for Economic and Human Resource Development; Vernie Nethercut, director of ACC's Volunteer Center; and Virginia Watson, special projects director at the local intermediate school district.

The NIFs were established to encourage debate on topics in a non-partisan, neutral format that shows people how to debate and find answers or understanding on common ground. People leaving the meeting might not reach agreement on issues, but

hopefully they will learn how to communicate and how to deal with one another on issues that impact our daily lives and to channel what is learned into the political process.

When Nethercut was asked why an ACC student should become involved in the meetings, she replied, "Today's world is complex. College students need to learn about ideas, other person's

viewpoints, to form conclusions and influence what is happening." Wiesen added, "It would help the student to listen, deliberate and make choices."

Anyone having an interest in attending the National Issues Forum series should become informed on the topics to be discussed. For more information, contact Mr. Wiesen or Mrs. Nethercut at 356-9021 (ext. 235 or 271).

## College bids for literacy grant

by Kurt Anderson  
Staff Writer

One of ACC's main objectives has always been, of course, education for its college students. Now, according to Assistant Dean Rita Macy, that goal may extend beyond the doors of the college.

Macy recently drafted a proposal for a Student Literacy Corps Program, a two-part program which would establish a volunteer tutoring network between ACC students and the public schools in our area. The program also will teach parents about the changing language and literacy needs of their children.

Macy based this idea on a project she directed in Neosho, Missouri, a tutoring program much like this. "The program was a national effort and gave the kids good mentor experience as well as good PR with the community. Neat, neat!"

The program, said Macy, has been in the works since she moved here in August and became aware of the strong volunteer and intern programs at ACC.

This two-year, federally funded program would establish a course

of study for any education or social science majors interested in community literacy work. Macy hopes to eventually attract a pool of volunteers from the Volunteer Center to create an organization of college students affiliated with the National Student Literacy Corps.

According to Macy, not only would such a program be beneficial to students and children, but it would also try to reach parents of preschool age children, teaching them through workshops and student projects what to expect as their children reach each grade. ACC students could assist the parents in helping the youngsters prepare for school.

Macy wishes to begin the program at Hinks, Lincoln, Besser, and Cedar Lake schools, later reaching a total of ten public schools within a two-year time frame.

Macy feels the school has a very strong chance of being funded. "We have key personnel and a very capable volunteer center to support a written course of strategies of individualized tutoring. Our students seem to get really involved; they'd see what it's like to teach and be a real benefit to...the community."

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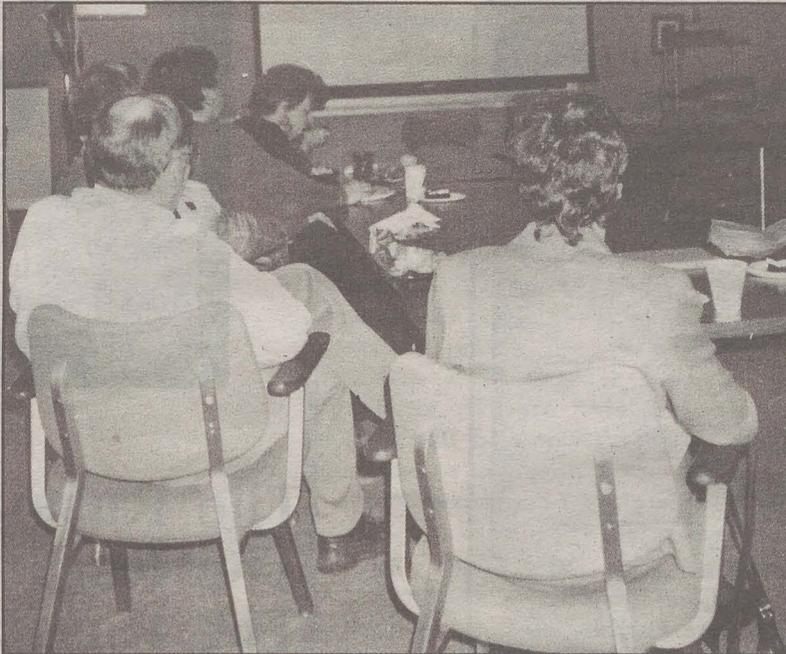


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Staff and faculty meet for the second Women's Resource Center sponsored brown bag lunch featuring the video, "Gathering of Men."

## Women's resource center aids students

by Lisa Suszek  
Editor

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) has expanded its programs to accommodate the growing needs of the student body.

WRC, located in Van Lare Hall (VLH) 102, provides students with activities and services designed to help them increase self-esteem, develop their full potential, improve communication skills, and have direction in their lives.

A common misconception about WRC is that it's for women only. The WRC library contains books, video cassettes, and other materials on topics that are generally considered women's issues, but men are also welcome to check them out.

Students can make counseling appointments to discuss personal issues, academic concerns, and career exploration.

A women only support group, "Care and Share," meets every Wednesday at noon in VLH 102. The group discussions revolve around a variety of problems, such as grief over the loss of a significant other, divorce, single parenting, dealing with the system, children, relationships, alcoholism, abuse, and career moves.

"It's not a stagnant group," commented Bonnie Urlaub, counselor and coordinator of women's programs. "Women are welcome to come to the group as

their schedules and time commitments permit."

"It's a women's group so women are free to voice their opinions without having to fight it out with men," Urlaub stated. "We make it clear at every session that what is said is confidential."

A film based workshop dealing with parenting this semester and relationships next semester, takes place every Thursday at 11am in VLH 104. A film is shown at every meeting followed by a discussion dealing with the film's focus. Men and women are welcome.

The Brown Bag Lunch Series for faculty/staff is another agenda item which focuses on ACC programs and services. Two sessions have been held this semester, the first dealing with women and leadership, and the second with men's issues of surviving in this contemporary age. "Approximately 20 faculty/staff members attended and enjoyed the interaction," stated Urlaub.

WRC is also working with the 4-C, Northeast Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care Advisory and Planning Council, whose goal is to establish community support for quality day care in Alpena and on campus. Monthly meetings continue to focus on community needs and possible directions to take in this area.

The WRC/Student Services Office is open daily on a walk-in or appointment basis.

## Student Senate gets down to business Issues decided in brief 30 minute meeting

by Lawrence Lisiecki  
Features Editor

On November 7th, the Student Senate held its weekly meeting which lasted only thirty-minutes. Agenda items included what to do with the accumulation of previously purchased sweatshirts and amending their constitution.

First, what to do with the forty-six sweatshirts left over from last year's fundraiser? The Senate's decision was to donate fifteen of the shirts to be raffled off, one at each home basketball game, proceeds to go to the Alpena Booster Club.

Conditions for this donation consist of a public verbal acknowledgement of the donor at

each of the game and a poster mentioning the Senate's charitable gesture. The balance of the shirts will be sold at twenty-six dollars each and those proceeds used for future Senate functions.

The Student Senate voted to amend their constitution. In the past, voting procedures required the president or vice president in addition to six other Senate members to be present. With the new amendment a two-thirds majority is required instead of a specific number.

When asked the significance of this new amendment, Senate secretary Jackie Skaluba replied, "When school started this fall there were only four members, so technically we couldn't take any action. In order to follow the

voting procedure laid out in our constitution, we had to wait until after the election of the freshmen reps to have a quorum."

Due to lack of participation from one of its members, the Student Senate will request a letter of resignation and the position will be offered to another candidate.

Why this lack of participation by students and Senate members at campus functions? Senate President Bret Benvenuti answered, "I see this problem as a lack of advertising and the fact that many of the students live outside the Alpena area."

Note: The Student Activities Committee will meet every Tuesday at 11am in the Senate office.

## LSSU's 3/1 transfer program Looking for human services students

by Jackie Skaluba  
Assistant Editor

Contrary to the grist being ground out on the campus gossip mill, ACC's 3/1 transfer agreement with Lake Superior State University (LSSU) remains intact.

The transfer agreement makes it possible for some students, depending on their course of study, to complete three years of their program at ACC before transfer to Lake Superior for their final year.

The amount of participation in the human services segment of the program, however, has not met anticipated levels, which were based on a survey that indicated interest of approximately 86-93 individuals.

The lower participation will not have an immediate result, according to LSSU Representative Mary Jason, as the human services curriculum may still be offered again next year if minimum enrollment requirements (15 students) are met.

Interest/participation levels in the human services area, also, will not effect the other elements of the 3/1 transfer curriculum: corrections and criminal justice, nursing, and business.

"It continues to be important for interested students to contact me so I can demonstrate the interest level here to the University. I don't need a major commitment, but a name, address, area of interest; with that kind of information I can let LSSU know what people are interested in and I can keep students informed, as well," concluded Jason.

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because Americans are used to your freedom."

Gorsky-Belova commented, "I think American students have an excellent opportunity to advance with wonderful training programs, counselors, laboratories, teachers and libraries. You have more choices open to you than maybe anywhere else in the world."

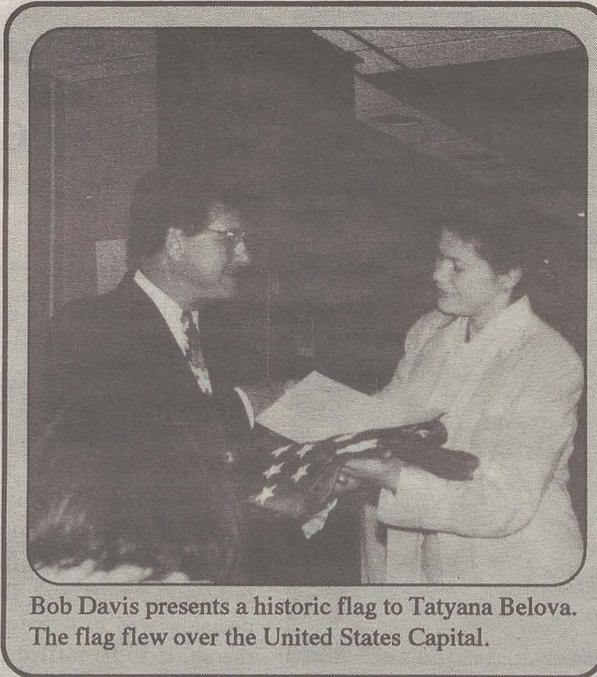
Gorsky-Belova is also teaching two classes in conjunction with Adult Education. The classes cover a variety of subjects including Russian language, history, culture, and nature.

Gorsky-Belova expressed the desire to return to this area. "I

have loved the experience and I find Alpena's climate very similar to my native Moscow's."

Gorsky-Belova expressed hopes that both countries can continue their exchange. She would like to see the program expanded to encompass college exchanges as well, especially in the business sector.

She believes that educational exchanges are essential and beneficial to both countries, as each one offers something the other lacks. She expressed a firm belief that such programs can only reap positive benefits in the exchange of cultural awareness and educational information.



Bob Davis presents a historic flag to Tatyana Belova. The flag flew over the United States Capital.



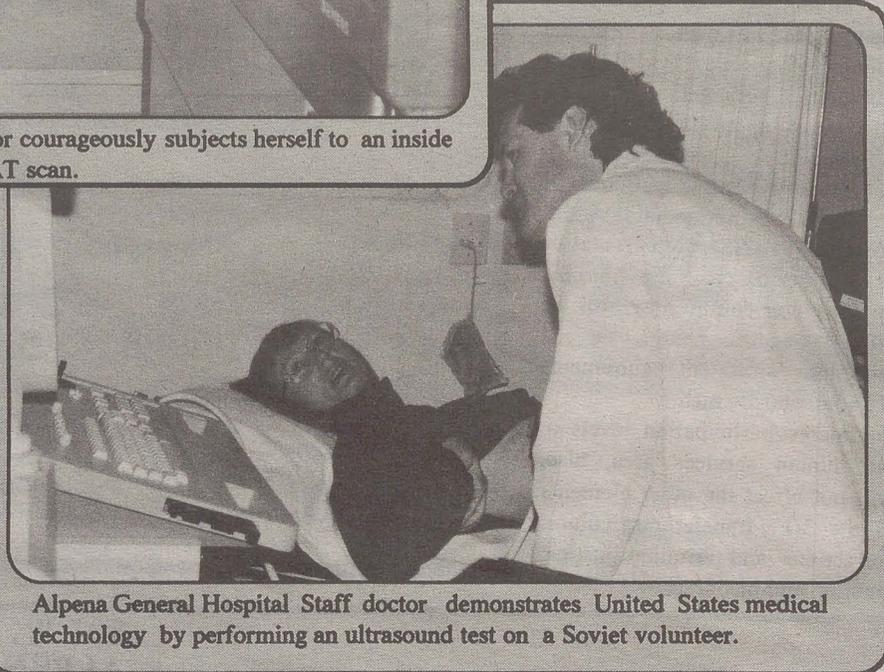
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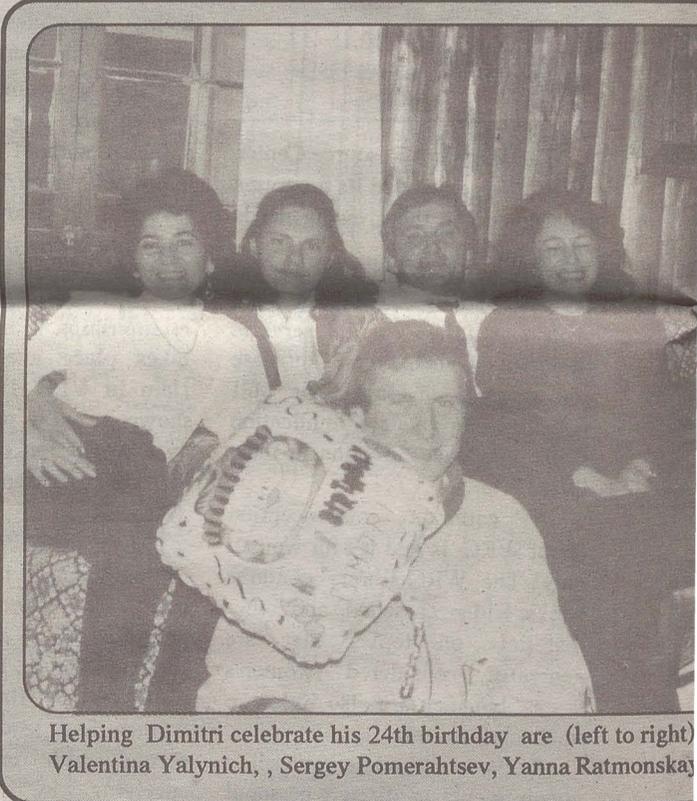
## The Russian teachers had a first hand view of rural health care system when they toured Alpena General Hospital.



A Soviet visitor courageously subjects herself to an inside look of the CAT scan.



Alpena General Hospital Staff doctor demonstrates United States medical technology by performing an ultrasound test on a Soviet volunteer.



Helping Dimitri celebrate his 24th birthday are (left to right) Valentina Yalynich, , Sergey Pomerahsev, Yanna Ratmonskaya



The flag draped over the dacha lends an air of style.



## Soviets open doors, traditions and hearts . . .

by Steve Smith  
Staff Writer

It is paling--near evening--and riding along the back roads it is getting harder to see the hastily scribbled directions that show Elaine and I where to go on our assignment.

Our assignment is to find and interview six Russian teachers who are living and working in northern Michigan. They will be meeting together over dinner and we have been invited to talk with them. Elaine has her camera and I have a tape recorder. I am giving the directions. "No--right then, left . . . oops. Back up Elaine." Finally, at the cabin . . . "This must be the right place," we agreed.

There is a large red and yellow Soviet flag hanging on the dacha. This is becoming like an assignment out of a Tom Clancy spy novel, I thought . . . camera, tape recorder, sent to interview Russian teachers in backwoods cabin. . . at night.

Elaine interrupted my thoughts, "The flag. What a great shot," she exclaimed, clicking away. "I hope these turn out." Then she turned and looked at me. "It would be great if I could get a shot of you pulling it down." What! And start an international incident, I thought. (I found out later she only wanted me to smooth out the wrinkles for a better picture.)

Just then the door opened and William DesChamps, the host of the evening, invited us in.

The Russian teachers were getting together only for the second time after coming to Michigan. Tonight they were celebrating the birthday of Dimitri Shedrene who turned 24 and is the youngest of the group.

"This is a typical birthday celebration," they explained. "Just like it would be in Russia." They were eating meats and cheese and potato salad with meat and cucumbers added.

Principal Sergey Pomerahstev stood to propose a toast to Dimitri. "As our guests you must join us," we were told. Everyone was poured a little Russian vodka and we all stood and clinked glasses. DesChamps said, "You must drink it down at once. It is a tradition."

Principal Pomerahstev began to speak slowly in Russian. Tatyana Belova told us, "He is wishing Dimitri will have a happy and successful future."

She continued telling Elaine and I that Sergey and Dimitri's families are very good friends back in Russia. "Sergey loves him like a son. He has four children and considers Dimitri like a fifth son." As if to demonstrate, Sergey hugged and kissed Dimitri.

After Dimitri finished his mandatory stint in the military, Sergey helped him enter the University. Both men and women in the Soviet Union must spend two years in the military starting at age 18.

There continued to be much good natured kidding at the expense of Principal Sergey. "He is a real principal," they chanted. "He would like us to work 24 hours a day. No, 25 hours." They laughed.

The birthday party continued with Dimitri blowing out all the candles, which was a difficult task as he was laughing so hard. After the candles were out, everyone posed for pictures and began to talk about the children that they left in Russia. "We all miss our families very much and we visit with our children long distance," explained Tatyana.

It was now fully dark and in celebration of his birthday, Dimitri went outside and carefully fired off a shotgun. "It is customary during big holidays to fire a salute," stated Tatyana.

Everyone was now outside and it was time to go. Elaine and I gave Tatyana a ride back to Alpena.

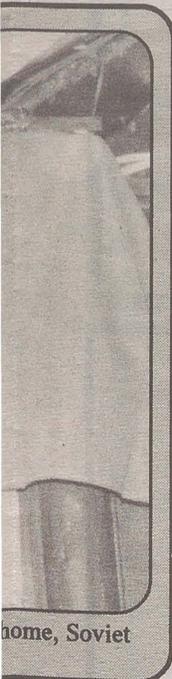
I know it will be a long time before two Americans forget the hospitality of the Russians.

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Ziniada Karahanova,  
Tatyana Belova,  
and Tatyana Belova.



home, Soviet



Hosts Mr. and Mrs. William Des Champs help Dimitri celebrate his 24th birthday at their hunting camp.

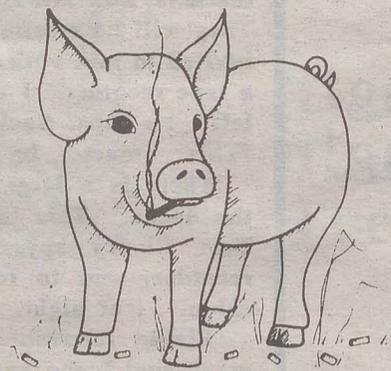


Birthday boy, Dimitri Shedrene, makes a wish before he blows out the candles at his 24th birthday party.

# Geese give way to pigs on campus

by Sally Wong  
Staff Writer

Do you know people who leave their butts laying around  
All over the ground?  
Me, too!  
This is no laughing matter!  
I'm serious.  
Detectives are on the lookout.  
Hide your butts!  
Get them in the can!  
It's just plain hideous seeing everyone's butts.



We know they're out there. We've seen their butts!

## Commentary: "Grab that spot."

by Tina Wozniak  
Guest Columnist

Lately, I've noticed my fellow chemistry students arriving earlier for our daily 8am class. Could it be that we all have such an insatiable appetite for solving equations, we can't wait to begin? (I doubt it.)

Is it because we find the subject material so captivating that we have to arrive early so we can discuss that latest gas law amongst ourselves? (No way.)

The real reason we all wake up a half hour before we have to is that we are all in competition for that ever-elusive perfect parking space.

What is it about parking lots that make people crazy? I, myself, have been giving up that 2nd or 3rd cup of coffee hoping for one of those valuable spaces behind the NRC. I'm beginning to wonder if we might be taking part in some kind of private field test on how to produce punctual students.

Let's face it. If the business world finds out that limited parking can make people arrive early for a chemistry class, they won't be "paving paradise to put up a parking lot" anymore.

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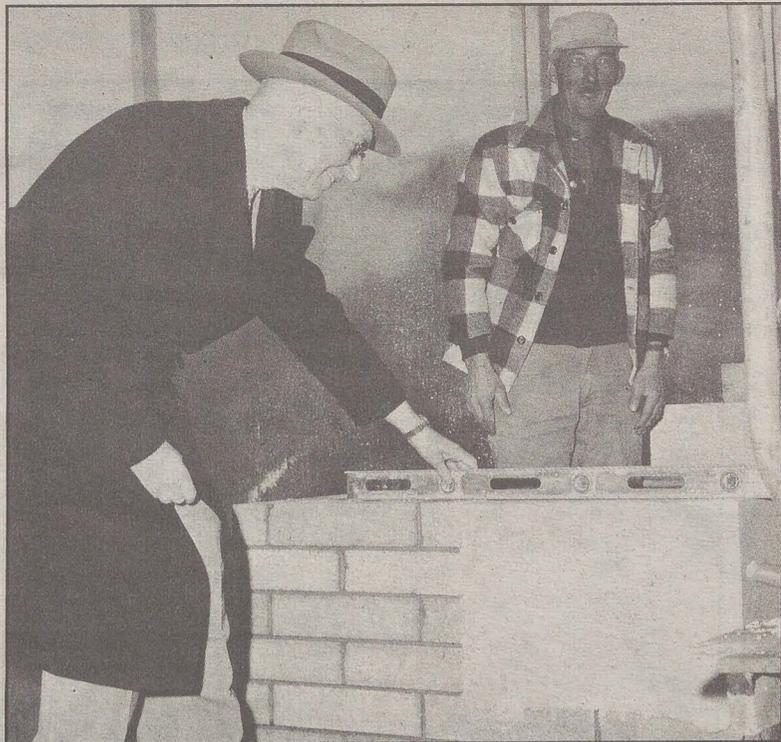


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Jesse Besser, left, leveling the cornerstone of Central Hall, now Van Lare Hall on December 6, 1957.

## Besser builds solid foundation

by Scott King  
Staff Writer

Alpena Community College is well on its way to attaining its fund drive goal of 1.5 million dollars for the proposed Student /Community /Business Learning Resources Center

Helping ACC with a 1.225 million dollar challenge grant is the Besser Foundation, continuing the tradition started by its founder Jesse Besser.

Jesse Besser's ties with ACC reach far and deep. He donated the land on which it is built. Besser and his foundation were also instrumental in the building and funding of the \$1 million Besser Technical Center in 1964 and its \$400 thousand addition in 1967, the \$560 thousand Natural Resources Building in 1974, and the \$293 thousand acquisition of Catholic Central High School in 1979 which now serves as ACC's East Campus.

Jesse Besser and his wife Anna founded the Besser Foundation in September 1944 and later, the Jesse Besser Fund, Inc. in December 1960. In 1987 the Jesse Besser Fund, Inc. was merged with the Besser Foundation. The main purpose of the organization is "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational, religious and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare."

Though the Foundation concentrates most of its resources towards projects related to the welfare of the citizens of Alpena, the Foundation funds other worthwhile projects such as the Capuchin Community Center

soup kitchen in Detroit and Project Hope, which funds medical expenses in third world countries.

Jesse Besser said at a Besser Foundation Board of Directors meeting in 1960, "Our motto is to help institutions to help themselves." In this vein it seems appropriate that the challenge grant has been offered by the Besser Foundation to ACC.

The building for which the challenge grant has been made will house classrooms, offices, a wellness center, theatre/lecture area, library, business/industrial training areas, meeting rooms, student center, gymnasium, and study areas. The building will occupy sixty-five thousand square feet of new and renovated space.

The building will have a total cost of \$7 million of which \$3.4 million will come from state grant money, \$850 thousand from college resources, \$1.225 million from the Besser Foundation's challenge grant, and 1.5 million dollars from the ACC Foundation's "Building on Tradition" campaign.

The campaign, which started June 6 of this year, has attained almost eighty percent of its goal.

Earliest anticipated ground breaking is spring of 1992.

ACC's Mr. Clean, John R. Berg, custodial technician, has dubbed Wednesdays as -- Pig Day.

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You haven't seen any you say.

Well . . . actually, I haven't either.

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Have you walked into the snack bar areas in the late afternoons? Have you noticed the floor?

Why? Why would anyone litter so disgustingly?

It's the geese -- right? Right!  
First they goose-grease the lawns and now they are sneaking into the lounge areas when nobody is looking. . . Not!

How about this theory . . . The students see the geese littering all over the lawns, parking lots and sidewalks on campus. They (the students) justify that since the geese can do it, they can do it, too! Maybe? Maybe not.

Perhaps with the cold weather arriving we could pray that the lead messy geesey and student followers will fly south, or we could . . . try to train the geese to clean up their act! Yes.

Let's start a new ACC club. We'll call it GOOSELINKS. The main objective will be to train the geese to be neat. Then the student followers will be so impressed they will follow suit.

If you are a prudent student and desire to save our planet, then please come forward. We need you!

Plus, we can get a share of the money offered campus clubs and create close one-on-one relationships to encourage unslovenly behavior!

I can see it now: a student walking hand in wing with a goose to better the future of our society.

Suppose we call it the Prudent-Student / Messy-Geesey Match-Ups Club. It will have a wonderful impact on the world, and it can all start right here at ACC.

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# Community college means family

## Strong kinship bonds develop for club members

by Karen Mason  
Publisher

What is a family? Just ask an ACC Player during one of their rehearsals. Like most school organizations, The Players are a small group of college students brought together by their interests in theatre. Club members may start out not knowing many of the people involved, but that quickly dissipates; they are soon accepted by all and learn to depend upon their new found friends.

Sandra Parent, who has been active in the club since it started two years ago, said "I've met people I never would have had the opportunity to meet. It's like a big family; it's coming together and becoming compatible. When one person is down, for whatever reason, everyone else helps to pick you up."

Acting, along with the rehearsal process, calls for trust, open communication, growing within ones self and a great deal of risk taking. Advisor/Director Nan Hall had this to say: "The thing that draws me to educational theatre is the atmosphere; there is a freshness to working with people

who are experiencing things for the first time. It's not just a job, it's learning to work together and be open. It's great to see these people discovering things about themselves in a way they have never had an opportunity to explore."

The club members participate in trust and concentration games during the process of learning all that goes into a production. Each member is responsible on an individual level for fulfilling their

role by attending rehearsal, memorizing their lines, and learning their blocking positions. Like any family situation they must be dependable and supportive or the entire structure will crumble. When working a scene, the absence of just one cast member leaves a large gap in the pulling together of a production.

Commenting on the family atmosphere, Hall said: "There's too much work involved not to develop bonding relationships."



From left to right, Linda Furtaw, Carol Baneck, Jennie Baneck and Greg Furtaw are typical of the "family pairings" common on campus.

## Education stays in the household

by Jennifer Sherman  
Staff writer

Parents often get close to their children while helping the children do their homework. Interesting, however, is when parents and children do their homework together.

Despite the generation gap between Jennie Baneck and her mother Carol, they both plan to further their educations.

19-year-old Jennie is hoping to earn her associates degree in chemistry. She's planning on transferring to the Denver area where she will complete her schooling.

Jennie's mother Carol shares the same ambitions for an education, but intends to achieve her degree in graphic arts.

Carol's intentions are to complete her education in Alpena, where she hopes to find employment to bring more income into the home.

The Banecks are not present!

in any classes together. "We hope to share a physical conditioning class next semester. We would encourage and support each other", commented Jennie.

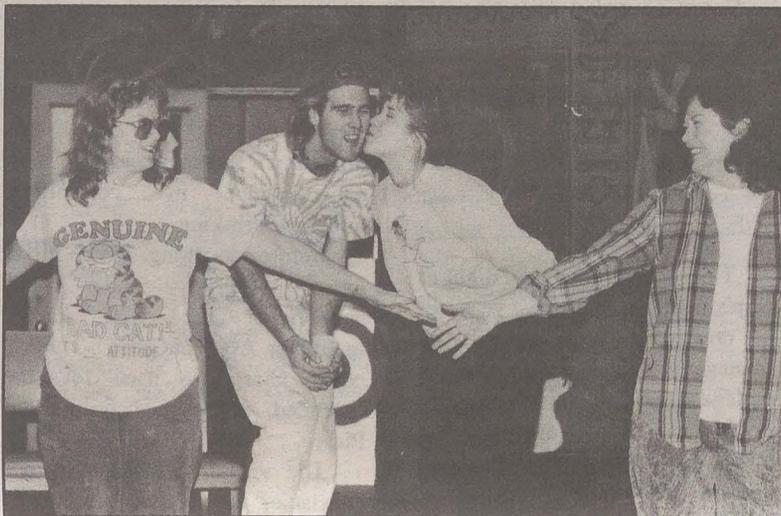
They're both thankful for the Pell Grants they've recieved and the opportunity to enrich their educations.

Linda Furtaw and her son Greg are in a similar situation.

After raising five children, Linda has decided to fulfill her life-long dream of becoming a nurse. "With my husband on disability, the opportunity arose for me to get an education in becoming a nurse.

When asked about the rivalry for grades between her and her son, she commented, "There's a lot of competition as far as getting high marks on papers, but we always hope the other does well."

Greg is preparing for a future in drafting and design. He plans on transferring to a technical school after completing his program.



Club activities give students an opportunity to explore interests. Above, The ACC Players rehearse their production for 'family day'.

## Feel right at home at The Learning Center

by Sarah Lindsey  
Staff writer

You see it as you walk in and are greeted with a smile. You feel it as the directors get to know you. You sense it in their sincere effort to help everyone fulfill his individual needs. This overwhelming sense is the family atmosphere at The Learning Center (TLC).

Lynda and Collyn Riedasch both work at TLC as Developmental Studies technicians. This mother-daughter team exemplifies the family feeling. Not only do they work together as a family, but they also extend this feeling toward the students.

"A few students actually call me mom," explains Lynda. "We try to be as informal as possible, yet still teach them. It's not a structured environment. We try to tailor work to individual needs."

Collyn agrees. "I notice it (the family feeling) in the way students relate to us. I encourage friendships between the workers and students. I think they're all great."

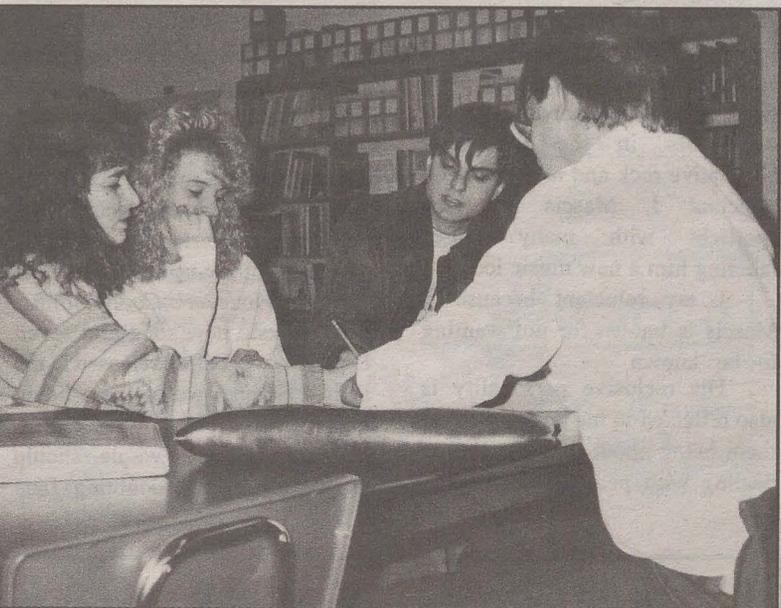
Jewel Lancaster, tutor coordinator, expresses her feelings. "We take a personal interest in how students are doing

in school and other areas. We try to work with them so their needs are being met and they can be successful."

Many different services are offered at TLC. Tutoring is available to any ACC student in any class. Many other learning aids are also available. Some of them are academic, personal, and career counseling, access to word processors, handouts, videos, and

other materials to help students in particular classes. All of these services are free.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of these services. Or if you just need to talk about a problem, academic or otherwise, you'll find people who will listen and try to help. You're bound to sense their caring attitudes, their helpful spirit, their concern... it's a family atmosphere.



Group study sessions in The Learning Center attest to the warm, family environment of ACC. Pictured left to right are Sally Wong, Melissa Dean, Gary Londo and Lance Abbott.

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photo by Traci Manning

Every Thursday on college night students find a place to slip into excitement and fun at Slips Lounge.

## Slip's college night settles into success

by Traci Manning  
News Editor

The success of college night at Slip's Lounge for the past year can be credited both to changes by management and cooperation of college night customers.

Manager and owner Mike Pierce believes the students have become responsible for their actions in the bar because they are realizing if they aren't, access to the club will be eliminated.

College night was cancelled in October of '90 because of the

difficulty management was experiencing in controlling underage drinking.

Before reopening, Pierce hired extra security under the supervision of ACC karate instructor Alan LaCross. The \$1 cover charge is used for the extended payroll, according to Pierce.

The visual changes at Slip's consist of new fixtures and wall hangings of cartoon characters and advertisements. There are future plans to retille the dance floor.

"Night Wing" continues as house band at Slip's.

## Meet the sons of your prehistoric predecessors

by Mark Spragg  
Staff Writer

Dinosaur Jr., originating in Massachusetts, consists mainly of singer/songwriter J. Mascis and a sometimes drummer who goes by the name Murph.

Beginning in 1985, the band generated much critical acclaim, especially with their second album entitled *You're Living All Over Me*. This established them as cult-heroes in the world of alternative rock and also pushed a reluctant J. Mascis into the spotlight with many critics labeling him a new music icon.

I say reluctant because J. Mascis is known for not wanting to be known.

His reclusive personality is also reflected in his lyrics, most of them being about the "hassles" of dealing with people from day to

day and the fast-paced world outside his window.

Dino Jr. has a sound all its own. Early recordings bombarded the listener with walls of amplified fuzz while Mascis wailed away on the guitar, unleashing his abrasive style which is as much a claim to fame for him as anything else.

When Mascis decided to leave SST Records and try his hand with Sire/Warner Bros., the outcome was a bit mellower than previous Dino Jr. releases. The major-label debut entitled *Green Mind* was musically more subtle, including even a flute solo, and was much more personal lyrically.

The follow-up to *Green Mind* entitled *Whatever's Cool With Me* contains one new song and seven B-sides never before released in the United States, two of them being live tracks.

The EP, as a whole, should satisfy all of the doubting fans

who thought that Mascis sold out on *Green Mind* as well as all the new fans gained by its more accessible and structured sound. The song, "The Little Baby," reflects the loud and harsh side of the Dino Jr. sound while "Quicksand" is an acoustic piece which dives deep into Mascis' hidden thoughts.

At any rate, Dinosaur Jr. has left a strong impression on the alternative rock world. So strong, in fact, that the legendary Sonic Youth nominated Mascis as President in its song "Teenage Riot" from their *Daydream Nation* album. This may not be such a bad idea considering the state of the nation.

So, if you need a change from the same old pre-fab Top 40 garbage, check Dinosaur Jr. out and I'll let you decide for yourself if J. Mascis is White House material.

## Local artists featured at JBM

by Laurie Wade  
Guest Reviewer

Northeast Michigan, not being the cultural Mecca of the great Midwest, is accustomed to treading water when it comes to the arts.

Let's face it. Art never comes into season like deer, salmon, hockey, or football!

Michigan artists are faced with more than their share of restrictions. They have not only endured the pitfalls with the

National Endowment for the Arts, but also Governor Engler's cutting of state funds for the arts.

However, art does exist in Northeast Michigan, with individuals participating in it as a career, a hobby, or even as a passion. Art is "alive and well and living" at the Jesse Besser Museum.

The 1991 Northeast Michigan Artist Juried Exhibition is now showing through December 29 and displays works by artists from several surrounding counties.

Northeastern Michigan artists exhibit a commitment to their disciplines in a variety of mediums and with a diversity of talent. Three such works are painting-mixed media creations by Alpena's Audre Ionia -- most significant, "Our Hallowed Ground".

Her use of gold metallic oils, which infers the tradition of gilded scriptures, are gold smears and abstract spots. The muted tones of paper collage are contrasted by the bold, somewhat illegible lettering of poetry. She draws the observer in and forces him, not only to read, but read beyond the ornaments, "of ours this spot on earth".

"Mother Earth", a charcoal on paper by Robert Jackson of Tawas City, displays the function of a simple line, the beauty of which is brought to life in his presentation of a traditional nude.

Other works include a colorful painting by Noel Skiba entitled "Ellsa", the portrait of a woman whose insightful eyes and aged brow suggests the brush she holds is painting you, the observer.

"Stairway" is a wonderful silverprint by Alpena photographer Bob Grochowski. The high contrast images and subject matter depict objects which exist, but are the components of an era which is no longer there.

Works in the exhibit were judged and selected by Jan White Arvanetes, instructor of art, design, and photography at Alma College.

To make the difficult simple, the exhibit in its entirety defines the diverse abundance of quality art work being produced in the Alpena and surrounding area. It displays the existence of the arts when faced with funding cutbacks and the determination of Michigan artists.

## Pop goes Brooks' country

by Rich Spicer  
News Editor

Garth Brooks has singlehandedly done what no other country singer could do before him. He has brought country music into the mainstream.

And now, with this momentum behind him, comes Brooks third and most risky release, *Ropin' The Wind*. Why it's so risky can be heard within the first twenty seconds of the initial cut, "Against the Grain". Brooks commences: "Folks call me a maverick/Guess I ain't too diplomatic/I just never been the kind to go along."

You see, the country music listening audience is generally a conservative bunch and they don't hesitate to turn on a successful singer should he or she try to branch out. Kenny Rogers,

Ronnie Milsap, and Dolly Parton are examples of those who saw their record sales stagnate when their music began to develop a pop edge.

Still, Garth Brooks is intent on doing things his way, and thus far it hasn't hurt him a bit. *Ropin'* debuted at number one on the *Billboard* Pop Albums' chart, succumbed the following week to Guns 'n' Roses, but then bounced back for a five week (and counting) run at the top.

On the first part of *Ropin'*, Brooks loses much of the tenderness and sensitivity that made his earlier works so charming. He trades in romantic songs like "If Tomorrow Never Comes", "The Dance", and "Unanswered Prayers" for "I loved her but I had to leave her" weepers like "What She's Doing Now" and "Burning Bridges".

Other lowlights include the first single, the rock-meets-twang "Rodeo", in which the singer loves something but it's "not that woman, flesh 'n' blood/It's that damned old rodeo." The second single, "Shameless", was written by Billy Joel and is about as country as, well . . . Billy Joel. It features Brooks as you've never heard him before; screaming like a wounded banshee.

The latter half of *Ropin' The Wind* however, is much better, thanks in part to "Papa Loved Mama", which is a hoot: "Papa loved mama/Mama loved men/Mama's in the graveyard/Papa's in the pen."

Other solid cuts are "Cold Shoulder", "In Lonesome Dove" and "The River", an inspirational tune, a portion of which Brooks sang when he appeared on a recent episode of the sit-com "Empty Nest".

All in all, Garth Brooks is still going to do things his way, which will make it very interesting to see what the future holds for him.

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# AIDS crisis demands heightened awareness

by Cindy Kowalski  
Staff Writer

"Young people often think, 'it won't happen to me', but AIDS can happen to anybody if they participate in high-risk behaviors," says Barbara Mink of the local District Health Department.

There are currently three cases of full-blown AIDS in Alpena and a total of 2,422 in the state of Michigan. Those are the numbers most recently given to the Health Department and by the AIDS Hotline.

The number of known cases in Alpena is considered to be inaccurate according to Mink. She says she personally knows of more AIDS cases that are not on record, and in two of the three recorded cases the patients have already died. She also says there are many more people in this area who are

HIV positive but are not on record because they haven't developed this deadly disease yet.

Contracting the disease herself is not really a concern for Mink because, like most health care professionals, she uses what is called universal body fluid/blood precautions, which includes wearing gloves when dealing with body fluids or blood and frequent hand washing.

This is the same procedure used in the Nursing Program at ACC. These guidelines and others are specifically stated in the Nursing Program Handbook.

Mink states her main concern lies in the fact that many people

in the high-risk area, especially teenagers here in Alpena, don't take proper precautions.

These precautions include knowing your sexual partner well and using a condom when having sex. Intravenous drug users should not share their needles. If a person is in need of a blood transfusion and worried about contaminated blood, he/she can bring a family member or friend to donate the blood he/she will need.

AIDS doesn't have to be such a devastating and deadly disease, concluded Mink. Taking precautions can and will save lives.

## No Magic trick -- Johnson HIV positive

**Editor's note: The Dale Beard interview was concluded prior to the announcement by 'Magic' Johnson of his retirement from professional basketball. Following is a comment by one of the reporters involved in the Beard interview.**

by Jennifer Sherman  
Sports Writer

AIDS took on a stronger competitor than it may have wished.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson didn't hide his medical history like other celebrities have when he tested positive with the HIV virus. The 11-time NBA all-star realized his adversity would eventually affect millions of people.

He didn't attempt covering his illness as celebrity actor Rock Hudson did, or entertainer Liberace, or ABC news broadcaster Max Robinson. We learned those people had the HIV virus-AIDS after their deaths.

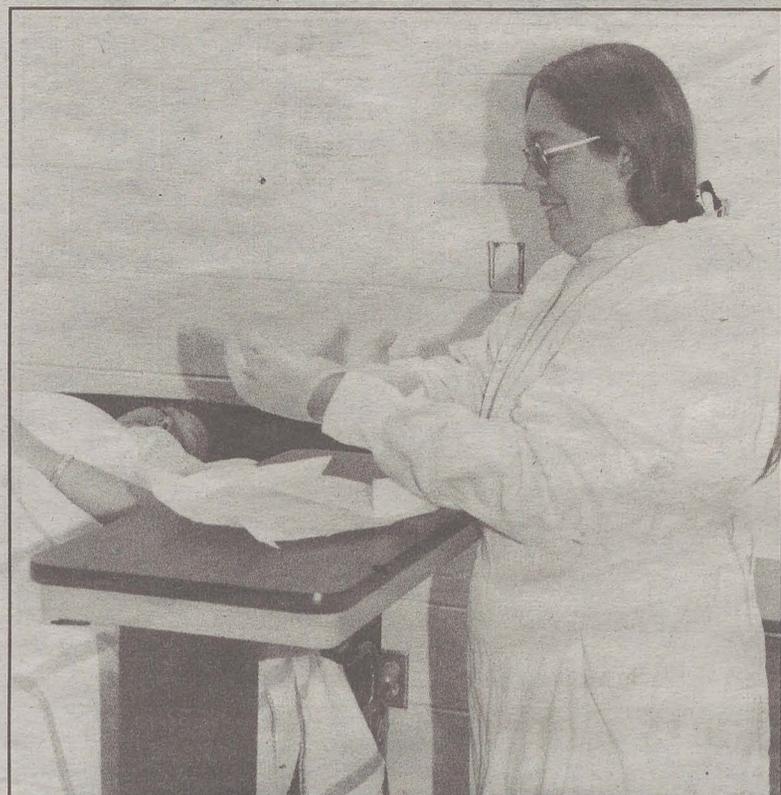
At a hurried press conference held at the L.A. Lakers Forum, Johnson made the announcement before the tabloids and yellow journalists were able to exploit his illness. That was a class act.

"Because of the HIV virus I have attained, I will have to retire from the Lakers today." (Nov. 6)

This is America's wake-up call to the AIDS crisis. Earvin Johnson is not a drug user. He is not a homosexual. The virus Johnson has acquired was transmitted through heterosexual encounters while neglecting to use a condom. We now know that AIDS can infect anyone, and affect everyone.

"This is a great challenge; another chapter in my life. I'll go on swinging. I'm not down. I have a positive attitude towards life . . . I intend to stress the practicing of safe sex among the younger people. I think we are all naive about the disease."

Johnson plans to take his message into the high schools and homes of America.



ACC nursing student Paula Taylor practices a standard nursing prevention procedure against AIDS and other transmitted diseases.

## Mr. Beard says . . . just call me Dale

by Andrew McGarry  
Sports Writer

It's not every day that two college students get to spend an evening with Magic Johnson's best friend. Who would think that Dale Beard, the best man in Johnson's wedding last month, would invite me and a close friend back to his hotel room? The night was a riot from beginning to end. We not only learned that he has made a name for himself, but he appears sincere in the way he relates to people.

The Dale Beard story starts back in the early 80's. He came to Alpena out of Lansing Everett

High after starring with Johnson in the same backcourt. He came to the north country with strong credentials and he exploited those from the "get go". Leading the Lumberjacks in all-time assists was his greatest achievement. His ability as a scorer wasn't a short-coming by any means. He ranks among the top five in that category. Remember, Alpena had strong teams at the beginning of the 80's.

Beard took his skills on the road after leaving Alpena. Ferris State was his next stop and he made the most of that situation, too. He not only performed well

enough to start, but he also caught the eye of some overseas scouts and started a four year stint with a professional team in Sydney, Australia.

From this point, he tried to get through the "doors" of the NBA, but his chance was brought to a halt by the Milwaukee Bucks when he was cut from their roster. He ended his organized playing career at the ripe age of 24.

Since that time Beard has enjoyed the thrill of having a baby girl. He has been married, but at the present time he is enjoying the single and wealthy life. His present job has him making important business decisions for the Magic man himself. Although that might sound like something handed to him, Beard seeks to make it to the top of the company by his own hand.

"I'll be sure of my future in a year or two," he said.

Beard plans on staying with Johnson's company for quite a while. He is happy enough with this present state that a job like coaching at any level hasn't even crossed his mind.

"I've been approached by the Lansing area to do some coaching, but I don't think I will take them up on it," he said.

The evening came to an end with some pizza and a couple more laughs. He demanded we keep in touch and keep striving to do our best in everything.

Since that night both my friend and I have spoken with him. He not only gave us good interviews, but made them seem like we were just talking to a friend. Thanks Mr. Beard, for just being Dale.

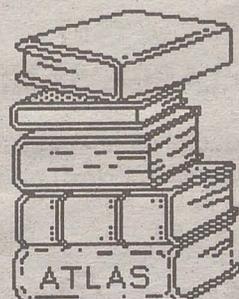
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# Thunder Bay Classic tips off

... Fierce hoops competition converges at ACC

by Andrew McGarry  
Sports Writer

The Lumberjacks will host the annual Thunder Bay Classic. Both the men's and women's teams will be participating in the upcoming tournament. November 22 is the tip-off date and a high level of competition is to be expected.

The men's teams competing in the Classic will be Flint Jordan, Glen Oaks and Detroit Jordan. The combined record of the hometown 'Jacks and both of the Jordans' is 10-0, while Glen Oaks opened its season on Nov. 16.

Flint brings with it a 115 point per game average. They push the ball up the floor at any chance given. Detroit Jordan will come with much the same arsenal. Defensive pressure will be the key in winning the tournament.

Glen Oaks has five players

between the heights of 6'6" and 6'11". This team will look to dominate the backboards in hopes of stopping the transition games of its opponents.

The Lumberjacks are 2-0. Scoring 110 points per game, the team doesn't seem to have a problem putting the ball in the basket.

Coach Frank McCourt sees a major weakness in his team's attack. "How well we do in the tournament will depend on how much we improve our defense," McCourt stated. "We lack defensive pressure. We need to contest every shot and we aren't doing that."

Although the team surrendered 176 points in its first two games, the players express confidence that the defensive pressure will be present in the upcoming contests.

The Lady Lumberjacks will

open its season with Glen Oaks. The squad has been practicing for seven weeks now and a game will be the best medicine for the practice burnout blues. "We are ready to play," coach Tammy Biesenthal said. "We have had a lot of time to practice and it is about time we play a game."

Delta College and Alma's JV will be the teams that round out the women's tourney bracket. Although the teams haven't begun season play as of yet, all schools represented will bring a high level of talent which in turn will lead to an exciting tournament.

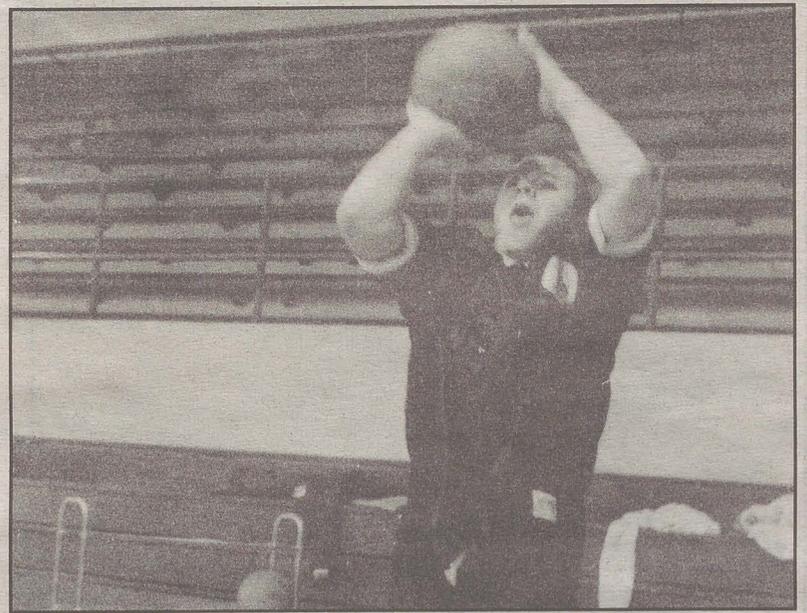


Photo by Elaine Kosloski

Andy McGarry pulls up for a three point jumper

# Cross country closes down

... 'Jacks place third at conference meet

by Jen Goodburne  
Sports Editor

ACC cross country wrapped up the 1991 season on November 6, when an abbreviated Lumberjack squad ran at the Eastern Collegiate Conference meet. Cold temperatures didn't slow the 'Jacks, who finished third.

Mark Samp crossed the line with a time of 27:55, placing fourth. Tom Ciecorka ran 29:09, and Keith Timm followed up with

32:09. Samp's effort earned him a spot on the All Eastern Conference team.

ACC's goal for the season was to improve with each meet. Distance and weather have provided an extra challenge as well.

"This is a whole new race to us," said Samp. "We're not used to running five miles." High school courses measure five

kilometers, or only 3.1 miles.

Part of the Lumberjack team has had to make another adjustment as well. Flint native Bill Garant found a slight difference in climate.

"The only thing I can say about Alpena is it's cold. This place is like ice cubes," he said.

Coach Tom Bennett was pleased with the season long before it ended. "Things have been going real well," he said after a late October meet in which Ciecorka, Samp, and Jay King each set personal best times.

After competing with area junior colleges as well as four year universities, the Lumberjacks can say they've accomplished their goal. "They've shown real improvement," said

Bennett. The selection of a team member to the All Eastern Conference team was a satisfying ending to a competitive year.



# IM serves up winter volleyball

by Jen Goodburne  
Sports Editor

With the completion of flag football, ACC Intramurals (IM) have entered a new phase of student-oriented athletics: VOLLEYBALL!

IM's most popular sport has begun. This year's schedule includes 12 teams, and games are played on Tues. at 8 and 9 pm and Wed. at 8:15 and 9:15 pm.

Lacking any warm, fluffy beaches, the IM 'kahunas' have set up the courts in the East Campus gym.

With so many teams involved, the season will stretch six weeks. One round will be played after the holidays followed by a double elimination championship tournament. The top eight finishers can compete in the tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the 'sultans of spike' at ACC's spring athletic banquet.

Sophomore Derek Chowen, member of Beaver Skinners 5, said "With so many teams involved, I think it should be really competitive." Chowen also participated in IM flag football.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### PRIMAL SCREAM HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD

Captain Brendon MacNeil's Primal Scream captured the Intramural Flag Football title last month by defeating VAPR Inc., 36-24.

"The championship game was a physical affair. If you were to watch the game you couldn't tell it was flag football," commented MacNeil. "We avenged our regular and only season loss."

MacNeil attributed the win to the Primal Scream offense and its well executed plays. He also commended Jeff "the Enforcer" Allen for his intimidating defense, and Scott "Eddie" Anderson for his key interception and touchdown.

### LADY 'JACKS READY TO ROLL

Women's basketball Head Coach Tammy Biesenthal held a press conference in late October, during which she announced the 1991-92 team roster. Returning from last year's tournament contending team are sophomores Carmen Ham and Jackie Kennard. Sophomores Denise Williams and Jenny Wojt will be playing their first season at ACC. Freshmen include Kerri Barra, Debbie Drumheller, Stacy Jago, Robin James, Stephanie Morang, Jennifer Sherman, and Lisa Wekwert.

The Lady 'Jacks' assistant coach is Mendy Matuzak; Jay Biesenthal is the student assistant coach.

Biesenthal is optimistic about this season. "I am very excited... This team has a lot of potential to be successful."

### POUND THE BOARDS ALL WINTER LONG

It's another boring Monday evening. Normally, you'd usually gather a crowd and hit the boards at Bay View, but since the temperature dropped, the idea isn't as appealing. Basketball at twenty below -- not.

ACC's IM program offers an alternative. Every Monday evening from 8-10 and Thursday evening from 9-10 the gym (and weight room) at East Campus are open for student use.

IM Student Aide Steve McCourt commented, "Although attendance is going up, we'd still like to see more students attend."

So call your crew and head to the gym; don't let cold weather stop you from pounding the boards.

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