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# THE POLEMIC

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## ACC in brief

### Looking for Pep Band

ACC Pep Band is in the formation stages -- a drummer is needed. Although transitory bands have gathered to play at homecoming, now the organizing effort is directed to a more permanent group. Contact Dr. Newport's office for further information.

### LBJ announced

Health Fitness instructor Dick Miles was named Lumberjack of the Month for December 1991.

Miles, who also serves as the women's softball coach, is a veteran staff member who holds two Masters degrees.

His fitness programs reach out to the community, as well as, ACC staff and students.

Congratulations, Mr. Miles!

### ITA to hold 2nd seminar

The Industrial Technologies Association (ITA) will be sponsoring a seminar by ISCAR on January 20, 1992, from 9 am to approximately noon in NRC room 150. The general topic of the seminar will be carbide tooling.

### Young Democrats and Republicans to meet

An organizational meeting of the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans groups will be held on December 13, at 4:30 pm in NRC room 450. All interested students are invited to attend.

### Senate food collection

ACC's Student Senate has announced plans to collect non-perishable food items for donation to area soup kitchens. There will be a drop box located in front of the Senate's office in VLH.

"Although we understand the financial situation of most college students, we really hope that people can find a way to help. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in advance," added Senate member Jackie Skaluba.

## Radiology classes to open

by Rich Spicer  
News Editor

Alpena Community College, Mid Michigan Community College (MMCC) of Harrison, and Alpena General Hospital are making plans for a radiology program to be offered in the near future.

John Skinner, Director of the Radiologic Technology program at MMCC, detailed the plans at a recent meeting held on campus.

The program, described from the pamphlet, is a two-year (three years including prerequisites) program leading to an Associate in Applied Science Degree. . . this degree prepares the individual to enter the health industry as a specialist in diagnostic x-ray imaging or radiographer.

The first year of the program will involve enrollment in

prerequisite courses at ACC.

Classes for the second year will only be offered at the MMCC campus. Skinner stated that, although the driving distance is a drawback, students could make the drive down from this area, since classes will be scheduled in a concentrated block for 2 1/2 days per week.

The third year of the program is a 50-week clinical component to be arranged locally. After completing the course work, students may elect to pursue a Bachelors degree.

Accreditation has not yet been granted to Alpena General Hospital but according to Skinner it is "highly likely" since the program is already in place at smaller facilities in Grayling, Cadillac, Carson City, Mount Pleasant and Alma.



Photo by Elaine Kosloski

John Skinner, director of the Radiologic Technology program at Mid Michigan Community College, advises ACC students of the new program that will be offered in conjunction with Alpena General Hospital.

## Liquor bottles found on campus

by Sally Wong  
Staff Writer

"Someone at ACC has a problem," stated Custodian John Berg. He is finding empty liquor bottles on campus.

"This has been the worst semester ever," Berg said.

"In the past years only two or three bottles might have been found on campus. This semester I have found at least a dozen at Van Lare Hall (VLH) alone," Berg stated. "This is a very serious matter. An ACC student or staff member could face stiff consequences if caught with liquor on campus."

Dean of Students Mike Hood said, "This is against ACC's rules and regulations. The student or staff member involved is in violation and disciplinary action would be taken. If it was a

student a different route would be taken."

Hood continued. "Just like in a court of law, a case would have to be made and then due process would follow."

Assistant Dean of Students Max Lindsey commented, "A student would be given the option of appearing before me or the judiciary board. The violation could result in anything from a reprimand to expulsion. A precedence file would be used by the board in assigning disciplinary action."

The judiciary board is made up of five students, three faculty members and one non-teaching staff member.

Help is available.

There are printed resources concerning alcohol treatment at the Womens' Resource Center, in  
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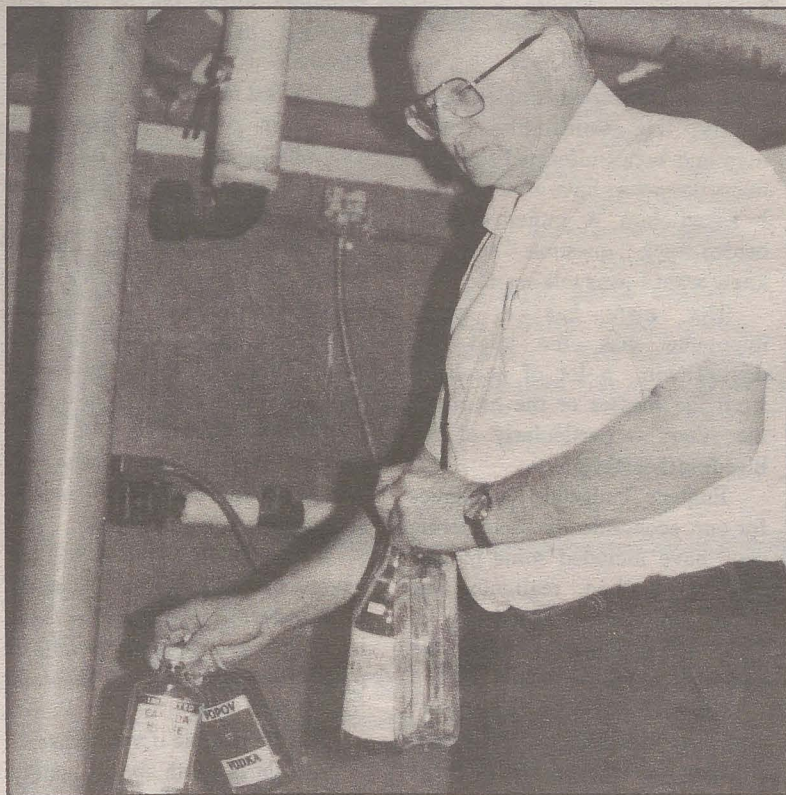


Photo by Elaine Kosloski

ACC custodian, John Berg disposes of a few alcoholic beverage containers found on campus this semester.



## Tis the season to be jolly?

by  
Lisa  
Suszek

Editor



Childhood innocence is becoming just a memory for today's society.

With the holidays near, this point is becoming clearer and clearer.

Remember when the toughest question a parent had to answer was, "Mommy, how does Santa get in the house when the chimney goes into the wood furnace? Is there a door knob inside it that he can open? Is there . . . is there . . . mommy?"

It saddens me a little to see that the mystery of Christmas is being wiped out. If this continues, the Christmas story for the 21st century will go something like this:

Once upon a time, a long time ago . . . well, actually, it was the Christmas of 1991, a little seven-year-old boy sat questioning his mother on the concepts of Christmas.

"So Mommy this big fat man goes around giving away presents to all the good little boys and girls in the world?" said Tiny Tom, his eyes filled with wonder.

"Yes," his mother answered. "Santa Claus is the spirit of giving."

"That's nice!" answered Tom. "But does he get a tax deduction for that?"

"Maybe I'll leave him my Wall Street Journal so he can figure out how to do that. If I left him cookies it would just add to his weight problem and milk has lots of cholesterol so he might have a heart attack before he finishes his route."

Tom's mother sighed and tried to change the subject.

"Are you excited about going and getting the Christmas tree tomorrow?" she asked.

"I don't know if we should have one this year mommy," he answered. "After all, at the rate that they're chopping down the rain forest these days we'll need all the trees that we can get, so the oxygen level won't deplete."

"Mommy, is tinsel recyclable? I heard that the landfills were all full and we might start sending garbage into outer space. Will that break up the ozone layer any more? Because if it does, it'll get really hot and then all of our brown snow will melt."

Mother's mouth hung open as she looked into her little angel's eyes. "We won't use tinsel. We'll just put extra lights on the tree. It'll still look pretty."

"Mommy!" Tommy said with a disgusted look on his face. "We may not even have lights for Christmas. The power company laid off eight employees last week. Don't you watch the news?"

"I hope that Santa's elves have a strong union so that they never get laid off and have to turn to prostitution on the streets of New York."

"Tommy!" mother screamed as she popped a Valium in her mouth and washed it down with a glass of vodka. "I want you to get that nonsense out of your head. Now tomorrow I'm taking you to see Santa for your Christmas photo and you'd better be on your best behavior."

"Which one?" he slyly asked. "I hear that the one at K-Mart is giving out candy canes, the one at IGA is giving out cookies, and the one at A&P has coloring books with crayons. Maybe if we start early we can get to all of them."

"Mommy, I hope Santa wasn't flying Eastern because I hear that they went out of business. I know that everybody says that Santa has a sleigh with eight flying reindeer but I don't believe that because I know that animal rights activists wouldn't allow Santa to work them all night."

Tommy's mother began to clutch the counter for balance. "Honey, the way you talk makes me feel weak. I better lie down."

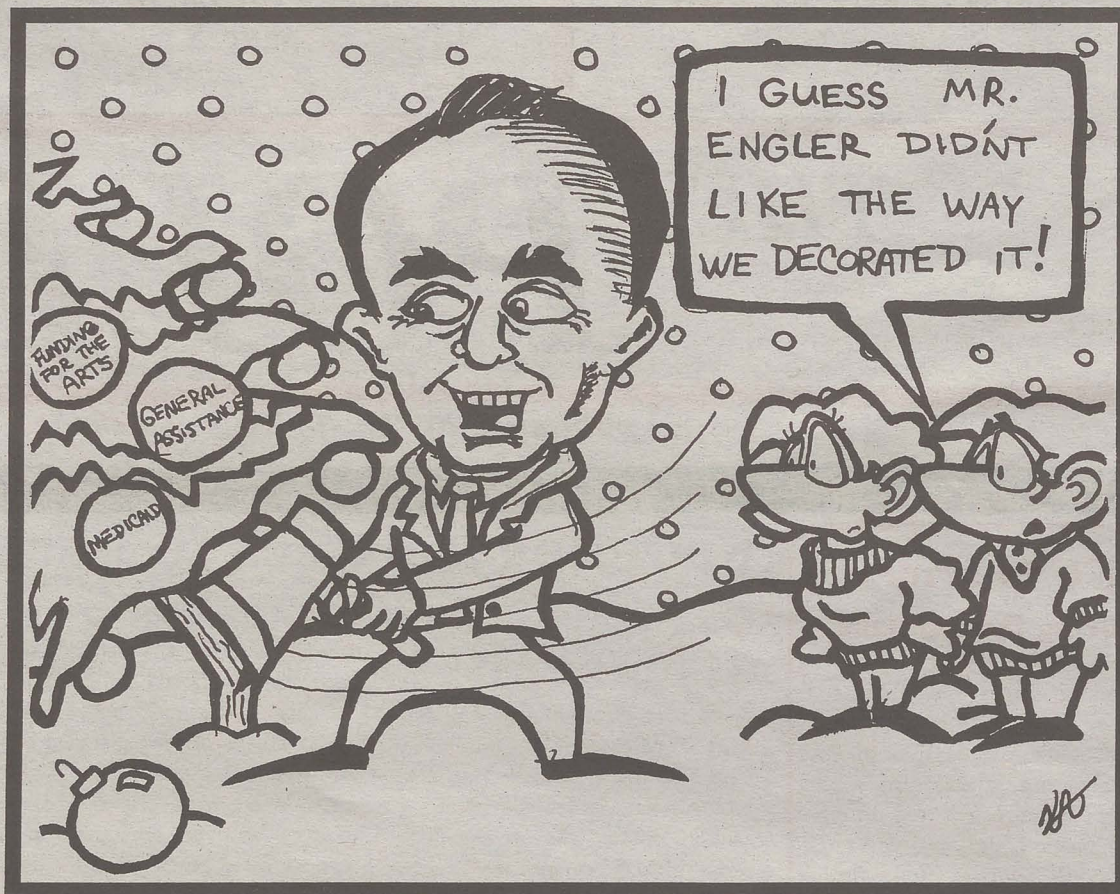
Tommy took his mother's hand, led her to the couch and covered her up with a blanket. "Don't worry, mommy, I'll take care of you," he said as he leaned over and kissed her forehead. "Everything will be alright in the end."

The saddest thing about this story is that Tommy, like every red blooded American child, has lost his faith. The world has reached the point where the children realize that they'll be the generation picking up the pieces. Willingly or not, they have taken that heavy load onto their tiny shoulders, unknowingly letting their childhood innocence slip away.

So when your Tiny Tom is nestled all snug in his bed with visions of scud missile attacks dancing in his head, stop the story and think.

Who's supposed to lead this sleigh called life out of the storm?

I can guarantee that the answer isn't Rudolph.



## Engler administration cuts more than Christmas trees this season

by  
Jackie  
Skaluba

Assistant  
Editor



I met Governor Engler once, briefly. He seemed like a nice man and better informed than his many detractors have alluded to, as I asked him a rather off-the-beaten-track question and he knew what I was talking about.

The man has a rather unpopular task, the kind that doesn't win a lot of accolades from the masses or the hearts of the voters -- particularly of the bleeding (heart) variety.

Engler's budgetary remedies for our economically floundering state have included some painful cuts. But then, realigning the budget into some semblance of fiscal responsibility requires the trimming of the proverbial fat.

Engler's popularity/approval problem develops in the defining of what constitutes the proverbial fat.

I cringed when he cut funding for the arts. I kept still when the axe fell on General Assistance. I realized that no matter where the

cuts were made there would be protests.

Governor, I want you to have the opportunity to institute your budget and give your formula time to work, time to pull us back from the crumbling edge of our economic abyss, but Sir, are you justified in throwing the less fortunate of us to the wolves so that the rest may be saved?

I refer, of course to the vetoed \$99,600 meant to pay the costs incurred in the distribution of the federal surplus foods.

There are over \$12 million worth of food available for distribution to 200,000 families across the state. These are not incidentals, they are the powdered milk, canned goods, peanut butter, raisins, and flour that will make the difference between eating and not to some -- far too many, actually.

The scenario created by the governor's veto has the potential for disaster. And where's the logic in it? How can he justify letting people go hungry when there is food to feed them?

A little parable if you please. My car is worth approximately \$1,000, maybe more (depending on the gullibility factor of a potential buyer). So, for the sake of argument, we say my \$1,000 car needs a new \$50

thing-a-ma-bob in order to work. Do I: (a) spend the \$50 in order to maintain my car and have transportation; or, (b) park it on the back forty and let it rust into a heap of worthless junk so I can save the \$50?

In this little vignette there's only a car at stake and a little thing called 'convenience'; the story of the surplus food snafu could have a resolution of a considerably more significant kind because something more important than my car, or even my convenience, is at stake -- people.

It's not right to let 500,000 people go hungry while wasting \$12.3 million worth of food, so that we can save \$99,600.

Feed the people.

### Letter to the Editor:

To the seventeen nursing students:

I would like to apologize for cutting in front of you on the first day of registration. I actually did not realize the seriousness of my action at the time.

If it is any consolation to you, I couldn't register anyway because of too many parking tickets.

Sincerely,  
"The Bum"



# Talking with Bugsy about our world

by  
Joe  
McKenna

Staff  
Writer



"I suppose that you're worried about the economy, too."

"Nah."

"Huh?"

"It's an election year."

"So, you are waiting for Mario Cuomo to ride in and rescue us all?"

"Nope. He couldn't even balance New York's budget. Do you think I'd trust him with the colossal federal budget?"

What I mean is this; it's an election year and George Bush's approval rating is tumbling due to a sluggish economy. Lowering interest rates didn't work, so the next step is to have the Federal Reserve Board buy back some of those bonds and pump some money into the economy. Economy improves -- George stays at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue for four more years."

"Wow! You mean Alan Greenspan and his boys are in cohorts with the supply-side gurus of the Republican party?"

"I'm only saying don't bet against the FRB in an election year."

"Is that really a sound policy? It sounds like using a credit card to pay off another credit card."

"Yea, but I don't care."

"You don't care? Come on Buggy. Enlighten me once more."

"Oh, by the time this nation is

bankrupt, I'll be dead and buried ... or cremated. The responsibility of paying for this mess belongs to your generation and your children's, generation. Us old guys conspired it that way. We figured that we would just ride this sucker into the ground with a spend, spend, spend, shop 'til you drop policy. We're doing a good job, too. The public debt is up to \$17,000 for every man, woman and child in the U.S.

I had a friend who found out he was terminally ill. He went out and got a whole mess of loans when he found out he was going to die. He got that credit insurance plan on each of those loans. When he kicked the bucket, the insurance picked up the tab. Whatta guy. Didn't have to pay a dime. His wife and daughter drive BMWs and vacation in his Hawaiian condo. Boy. He stuck it to those banks; he really did. He's kind of a role model to me."

"I better run Buggy."

"Me too. I gotta learn how to walk on these stilts."

"Stilts? Oh, never mind. I'm depressed enough already."

"Are you going to go home and reevaluate Eeyore?"

"Yea ... my tail is falling off, too. ... The end is near ... Merry Christmas."

"Bah -- Humbug."

"Hey Buggy."

"Hi Joe. How are you?"

"Fine, and you Buggy?"

"Rotten, rotten, rotten."

"Oh come on, don't sound like such an Eeyore."

"Eeyore has it together, not like your idol, Christopher Robin!"

"Oh geeze! What do you have there?"

"This is my body condom and my own personal blood bank."

"Bloodbank?"

"Yea. I've got 20 pints saved up."

"Really?"

"You bet."

"Why the body condom and blood bank, man?"

"Oh, the naivety of youth. AIDS, my son, AIDS."

"Yea, but don't you think you're going to extremes with this routine?"

"Nope. 10 million cases of HIV infection already. It's in South Asia now spreading like wildfire. The World Health Organization estimates by the year 2000, that there will be almost 3.5 million cases in Thailand alone. Our blood banks are contaminated. The Red Cross can't even guarantee 100% safety. 75% of all new infections are caused by heterosexual sex. It's worse than the bubonic plague -- with its long incubation period people fail to realize the urgency of the situation."

"Wow! You seem pretty well informed."

"Not really. If you watched something besides "Geraldo" and "WWF Wrestling", you would probably know that stuff, too."

"Yea, maybe -- What the hell are those things?"

"That's my bottled water, my gas mask and my Sun Block 3000."

"Sun Block 3000 -- you're a nut! Look at that blue goop."

"Don't laugh, son. We are gearing up for a cataclysmic, ecological, environmental disaster. Like a runaway truck on a downhill road. Ozone depletion, water contamination, polluted air ... It's everywhere. Have you seen Mexico City lately? U.S. embassy personnel receive hardship pay from other nations to go there due to the pollution. And I just read where the United States spilled 300,000 gallons of jet fuel into a German city's water supply. Our bases over there -- "

## Students Speak

What would you like to see your student government do for you next semester?

### Judy Cross

I would like to see more speakers on current affair issues.



### Janet Bendig

What student government? I only hear of them at election times.



### Matt Hibner

I would like to see the senate promote more lab hours for the automotive classes. There's not enough hands-on training.



### Peggy Goeke

I want more college dances or less student activities fees.

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## Family Day declared a hit

### More students attend the fun/frolic

by Sarah Lindsay  
Staff Writer

Children laughed, ate, and had a genuinely good time. The parents appreciated the activities the Student Senate sponsored, which allowed them to spend quality time with their children and other ACC families.

The ACC Student and Staff Family Day, which took place Nov. 16, turned out even more successfully than the Student Senate had planned. Attendance was 150 percent better this year, with 160 people enjoying the activities.

"It's really gratifying to have such a good turnout to these activities. It makes it all worthwhile," commented Rose Hunt, Student Activities Board Chairperson of the Student Senate.

The Family Day activities

provided several hours of entertainment for both the parents and their children. The day began with a movie shown at the Royal Knight Cinema- "All Dogs Go to Heaven." Mike Roy donated the use of the cinema; and Student Senate covered the cost of the film and the service of the projectionists. The theater was filled to capacity.

Afterwards, a sack lunch from McDonald's was served in the gym at East Campus, with drinks donated by the restaurant.

Finally, the ACC Players performed four Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tales. They had two performances of these plays. Nan Hall, drama instructor, directed the plays. "They turned out very well," commented Hunt.

They have already set the date for the next Family Day, (March 14, 1992) which they hope will be as successful as this past one.



photo by Matt Kinsel

Three of the Russian exchange students based at Alpena High School appeared last week in an open forum with ACC students to discuss educational and life differences in the Soviet and American systems. Pictured left to right are Maria Filinonova, Ellen Maritonova and Marianne Zhevakina.

Attendance at the Student Senate sponsored event was about 20 people. According to Student Senate Advisor Rob Roose, "It (attendance) was a little light but what I expected. Advertising could have been better and the snow day gave us one less day to advertise, but I think part of the problem with attendance at functions like this is a general lack of student interest. I hate to say it, but I think that's it."

## Senate plans homecoming, hears guest speaker

by Lawrence Lisiecki  
Features Editor

Student Senate prepared for the annual homecoming dance and Journalism Instructor Sonya Titus visited with publicity ideas at their meeting November 21st.

This year's homecoming dance will be held February 8th, at the Alpena Civic Center immediately following the men's basketball game. Students and faculty are invited to dance the night away. Admission is free.

Titus addressed the senate offering suggestions concerning the advertisement of future

functions. Titus explained the importance of deadlines for stories and the supply of crucial information prior to publication. Before leaving, Titus assured the senate members that the entire **POLEMIC** staff was anxious to perpetuate their efforts.

According to Sue Keller, part time secretary to the Dean of Instruction, the college will have several new classes next semester. These classes consist of PEH 221, Physical Education for Elementary School Teachers; PEH 262, American Red Cross First Aid; and BUS 256, Lotus 1 2 3.

Student Senate donated \$50 to The Volunteer Center for Make A

Wish program. Members will also wrap Christmas gifts for needy families in the Alpena area.

Family Day on November 16th was a huge success according to senate member Rose Hunt who said, "We had a one-hundred percent increase over last year". An additional sixty lunches were ordered to feed the large number of participants who attended. The day involved a movie at the Royal Knight Cinema, lunch and a children's play presented by the ACC's Players Club.

Family Day continues to be the most widely attended program provided by the Student Senate.

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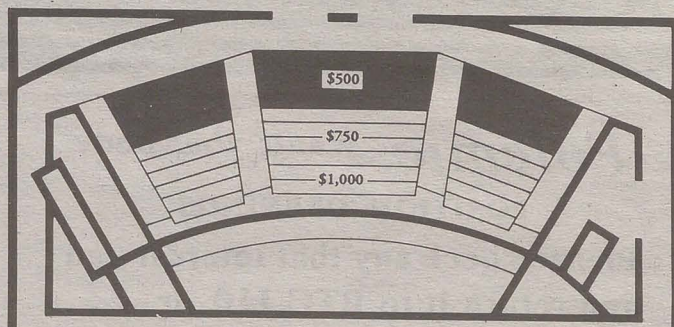
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### Liquor cont. from pg 1

VLH room 102. Bonnie Urlaub, ACC counselor, welcomes anyone who would like help for themselves or a significant other with an alcohol related problem. Urlaub urges students to "make an appointment to talk confidentially about this issue." She can be reached by calling 356-9021, extension 265.

Another source of assistance is the Birchwood Center located at Alpena General Hospital. The center offers comprehensive chemical dependency recovery programs on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. There are some grant monies available for those who qualify for financial assistance. Phone 356-7242 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon are groups that meet in the Alpena area. Their main

objectives are to support individuals and their families who are struggling with alcoholism. Contact Bonnie Urlaub for more information.

AA has published a list of questions to aid in self-evaluation.

1. Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but only lasted for a couple of days?
2. Do you wish people would mind their own business about your drinking -- stop telling you what to do?
3. Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another in the hope that this would keep you from getting drunk?
4. Have you had to have an eye-opener upon awakening during the past year?
5. Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?
6. Have you had problems connected with drinking during the

past year?

7. Has your drinking caused trouble at home?
8. Do you ever try to get "extra" drinks at a party because you do not get enough?
9. Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking any time you want to, even though you keep getting drunk when you don't mean to?
10. Have you missed days of work or school because of drinking?
11. Do you have "blackouts"?
12. Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?

According to Urlaub, "If you answered yes to four or more of these questions, you may need to seek help. Give yourself and your family the greatest gift of all -- an honest evaluation of yourself."





photo by Lisa Suszek

Greg Hurd, an assistant in the graphic arts department, loads recyclable paper for BFI. They have already reduced their waste by 25 percent.

## Concerned students and staff take recycling seriously

by Matt Kinsel  
Staff Writer

Feelings of concern have inspired ACC faculty and students to take the initiative and start recycling programs.

Rebecca Shulke, a vocational student from Alpena High School in her second year of the ACC graphic arts program. . . "was amazed by the amount of waste paper generated daily by the program."

Now, through her efforts and the cooperation of others, the waste product has been reduced by 25% -- that's two bins a day -- which is collected and picked up twice a week by Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI).

Shulke expressed high hopes in the area of recycling. Currently

the graphic arts program uses 25% recycled paper. However, technology has improved the quality of available recycled paper and the program anticipates using this paper almost exclusively.

Another recycling concern of the graphic arts department is education. They are currently assisting the newer students to understand the details, how to's, and what for's of the recycling program. Shulke also plans to take her concepts on recycling to area print shops and make them aware of the advantages of recycling and recycled products.

Although the graphic arts department is the producer of the greatest volume of recyclable products, there are other note-

worthy recycling efforts taking place.

One of the other groups, begun by instructors Sandy Eastway, Charles Rosebush, and Keith Titus and custodian Richard Grochowski, has been collecting computer paper in bins placed in the computer labs and in the faculty duplicating rooms.

Rosebush feels that there will come a time when the market, which is currently based on only recycling items that are economically advantageous, will expand to include other items due to the depletion of landfill space.

Recycling takes time -- time to sort, prepare and label. Rosebush realizes that "people care", but he poses the question: "Are they willing to be inconvenienced?"

## National Issues Forum to discuss 911

by Steve Smith  
Staff Writer

On the evening of January 28, a National Issues Forum meeting will be held to discuss the local 911 emergency medical issue.

The forum will meet at the

Educational Services District building at 2118 U.S. 23 South in room 401. The building is located near the Alpena State Police Post.

According to Vernie Nethercut, director of ACC's Volunteer Center, there will be a moderator from the Kettering Foundation at

the meeting.

The Kettering Foundation is located in Dayton, Ohio and concentrates in the area of governing, education and science.

The moderator will guide discussion on the emergency medical issue with a panel of persons knowledgeable on the issue. According to Nethercut, "The panel is composed of authorities on the subject, who present aspects of the emergency medical programs."

The public is invited to attend the meeting. For more information contact Chuck Wiesen, executive director for economic and human resource development or Nethercut at 356-9021 (ext. 235 or 271).

## Local pageant to award scholarship

by Jay McDonald  
Staff Writer

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the female student who is crowned Miss Sunrise Side in the upcoming pageant to be held at Alcona High School.

According to pageant director Ilona Breitmeyer, the scholarship pageant is open to women between the ages of 17 and 24, and who "have never been married, possess good moral character and are from the four county area of Alpena, Alcona, Oscoda or Montmorency."

Registration for entry must be received by December 18. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin at the end of January or by mid-February. The pageant committee will attempt to

schedule rehearsals around the contestants' work and school activities.

Contestants will be judged on a talent presentation, an evening gown presentation, a personal interview and on physical fitness as determined from a swimsuit presentation.

The scholarship awarded for first place can be used toward tuition to any Michigan college or university. Additional scholarships totaling \$500 will be distributed to other finalists in the competition.

The winner of the pageant will promote the Sunrise Side of Michigan in parades, grand openings and at speaking engagements. She will also be obligated to participate in the Miss Michigan Pageant in June 1993. In June 1992, she will be an observer at the Miss Michigan Pageant to familiarize herself with pageant expectations.

For further information contact Ilona Breitmeyer at (517) 724-6338.

## ACC goes after UAW project

by David Post  
Staff Writer

The United Auto Workers (UAW) Family Education Center at Black Lake, Michigan in co-operation with Alpena Community College is looking into specialty training for skilled maintenance workers of the UAW center.

The center is run by Harbaugh Michigan Corp., a hotel management firm.

Chuck Wiesen, executive director for economic and human resource development, is heading the project for ACC. Wiesen stated that the project is only speculative but he is enthused by the prospect of such a program which is a "different type and an exciting opportunity for ACC."

Gerry Tucker, personnel director and secretary for Terry Kelley, the center's manager, confirms that the project is "strictly in research" but also says they are looking to train workers at skilled maintenance.

The training would take place in four areas: automotive; residential, commercial and industrial electricity; plumbing; and refrigeration, heating and air conditioning.

The first step has already taken place with testing to assess the math and general learning abilities of the center's current staff.

The next step will be to evaluate the information and make a training quote. This will involve specifying the kind of training, the cost of each type of training, and an outline for each type of training. This quote will be submitted on the 18th or 19th of December.

## Radiology cont. from pg 1

The current enrollment cap is 19 students but will be raised to 23 students should the hospital gain accreditation as a clinical site.

Skinner added that the nationwide shortage of radiographers and related occupations is such that there is a "virtual guarantee of a job if you are willing to move and a good chance for a job in Alpena."

He did caution that he "does not want the program to grow too big. There are only so many positions available in northern Michigan. If we start to graduate too many, job prospects will go down."

Traits that are being looked for in potential students include the ability to learn complicated concepts, to work with people, and to handle stress involving elderly patients, sick babies and accident victims. Students should also be prepared to be on their feet a lot.

Rewards include helping someone, working with sophisticated equipment, and being part of a medical team. Wages start at \$10 - \$15 an hour, usually with hospital benefit packages.

If you have an interest in this new program, apply as soon as possible. Officials will evaluate transcripts at the end of the upcoming spring semester. Fulfilled prerequisites, grade point average, and the date an application was submitted will all be considered when searching for qualified students.

For more information, contact ACC's counseling office.

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## Cure gets Ride for the money

by  
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Most people who know me, know that for years my favorite band has been The Cure. Of course, there were other bands that I liked, but none of them could top The Cure as far as I was concerned.

I'm not really sure if I think the band I will be discussing shortly is better than The Cure, but they've got me thinking. This band is Ride.

Ride consists of four members who met each other at Oxford College in England. They've been together for only two years and have released three EP's on the Creation record label and one full-length album which was released in the states on Sire records. That album is *Nowhere* and is one of the most

incredible albums I've ever heard.

I also had the great pleasure of seeing Ride in the flesh in March of this year. I thought the album was good, but I was completely taken in by their live show.

They had the same light and airy melodies and intelligent, thought-provoking lyrics as on the album, but when they dove into their more powerful songs such as "Taste", the sound that rang out was ominously beautiful!

The grand finale was yet to come though. The first notes of the song "Nowhere" hit the air and whirled round and round along with the psychedelic light show being staged and by the end singer/guitarist Mark Gardner was slumped over his guitar wrenching out squalls of feedback that could have made ears bleed. I loved every minute of it!

I could go on and on about all of Ride's redeeming qualities, but I think you should go and find them all yourselves. I haven't met anyone yet who doesn't like Ride.

## Wariner proves he's *Ready*

by  
**Rich Spicer**  
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Editor



Put yourself in Steve Wariner's shoes.

You've been churning out albums and hit singles at a workmanlike pace since 1981. You've had 23 top ten hits and eight number ones. Yet in the past several years, you've watched The likes of Travis, Black, and Brooks zoom past you to megastardom.

What do you do? If you're Wariner, you end a long standing relationship with MCA Records and start anew with Arista. Was this a smart move? After listening to his latest effort, *I Am Ready*, the answer is a resounding yes.

Most of *Ready* is ordinary lost-my-baby-blues country fare, but it is sung in a stunningly

extraordinary way. The best cuts among these are "The Tips Of My Fingers", "Leave Him Out Of This" (his current top ten single), and "Gone Out Of My Mind".

No Steve Wariner collection would be complete without a rollicking foot-stomper, and "Crash Course In the Blues" fills the bill here, allowing the musicians lots of leeway to strut their stuff.

Far and away the best song on *Ready* is "Like A River To the Sea". It begins with a soft and relaxing synthesized intro and gives way to gorgeous guitar sounds and Mark O'Connor's lilting fiddle (with whom Wariner won his first Country Music Association award, as part of the New Nashville Cats). The song is so fabulous it must be heard to be believed.

Every song on *I Am Ready* is a potential single, so beware Randy, Clint, and Garth; Steve Wariner appears to be what his album title says he is.

## Faire transports audience to Renaissance

by  
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Opinions  
Editor



A unique theatre experience is being offered by Thunder Bay Theatre in its production of the Renaissance Holiday Faire set in medieval times. This production has script, improvisational skits and audience participation.

The production consists of the classic children's tale "Saint George and the Dragon", as well as many activities such as sword fighting, palm reading, dance, entertainment by the Society of Creative Anachronisms (SCA), and music by Dr. Avery Aten on dulcimer and Judy Case on flute.

The roles of the townspeople are played by TBT's resident company and area residents.

Local residents include: students from TBT's Creative Arts Centre, Emily and Hilary Aten, Courtney Bray, Debbie Dumont, Alicia Hall, Kambria Shiemke, Tiffany Suszek and Meriah Tetzlaff; ACC drama club members Brad Grochowski and Kathryn Pingel; ACC students Daniel Smith and Anna Sparks; and Gretta Barrie.

I went to view a rehearsal of this production and saw a promising show in the works. It is difficult to review this type of show from a dress rehearsal since so much audience participation is involved. There is audience involvement with the action from the moment you walk in the door.

If you attend, be prepared to be accosted by the dregs of medieval life. Even in rehearsal I was snatched up by these hungry actors to be used as a pawn in their little game.

The actors have rehearsed by playing improvisation games that will prepare them for the "real" audience. I really noticed a relaxed feeling that the "young" actors seemed to have in doing this rather difficult task of saying whatever comes to mind. There were some rather amusing results.

Among the more seasoned actors, one person really seemed to stand out and that was Tim Jebson from Cincinnati, Ohio. You may remember his performance from

"Dial M for Murder" in which he played Tony Wendice.

Jebson has a good sense of comedic timing whether in his written speeches or his improvised one-liners.

The sword-fighting was also well choreographed. I know that TBT Artistic Director David Drobot has experience in stage combat and it was evident in

this show.

Over all, the Renaissance Holiday Faire is something that I would like to see again -- this time with other audience members. You might want to check it out. It's a fun way to enjoy the holidays.

The show runs tomorrow through Sunday and the 19th through the 21st.

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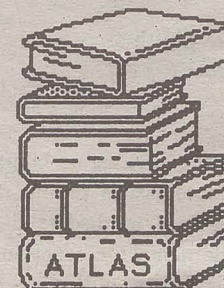
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# Jacks fall short in tournament

. . . Delta and Glen Oaks take tourney

by Andrew McGarry  
Sports Writer

Lumberjack basketball teams didn't fare well in hosting the recent Thunder Bay Classic tournament winning only one game in four contests.

The Lady Lumberjacks were defeated by Delta 87-83 in the championship game after winning over the Alma J.V.'s to reach the finals.

Despite a game high 24 points by freshman Jennifer Sherman, ACC lost a 2nd half 16 point lead. Sherman hit five three-point baskets and was credited for five steals and four assists. "She played a really good game for us," Coach Tammy Biesenthal said.

The game was highly contested throughout but according to Biesenthal turnovers and inexperience played major roles in turning the game around. "We're young and we got rattled," Biesenthal stated. "We just need

to play smarter and keep our heads and I think we'll be alright."

The 'Jacks didn't lack scoring. Placing four players in the double figure column showed the team's versatility. Freshman Stephanie Morang chipped in 13 points with five assists and four steals. Sophomore Carmen Ham had 13 points and snagged seven rebounds. Lisa Weckwert netted 10 points.

The game was decided mainly on defense. Delta scored all but five of its baskets on lay-ups. The 'Jacks did rack up over 20 steals, but just couldn't turn the miscues into points. "We had 32 turnovers and we didn't get back on defense at all times," said Biesenthal. "We beat ourselves."

Ham, who led ACC with 19 points against the Alma J.V.'s, and Sherman were named to the

all-tournament team.

The men's contests were reminiscent of the current best seller -- *Jordan Rules*.

Jordan (Flint) and Jordan (Detroit) downed the Lumberjacks 91-82 and 113-101, respectively, in games held Friday and Saturday.

Both losses were not totally disappointing to Athletic Director and Coach Frank McCourt. "We could have shot better from the free throw line. That hurt us a lot as it has all year. We had our chances."

Glen Oaks downed Detroit Jordan 91-86 to win the tournament.

"It was a very competitive tournament. The talent level amongst the teams was the best it's ever been," McCourt commented.

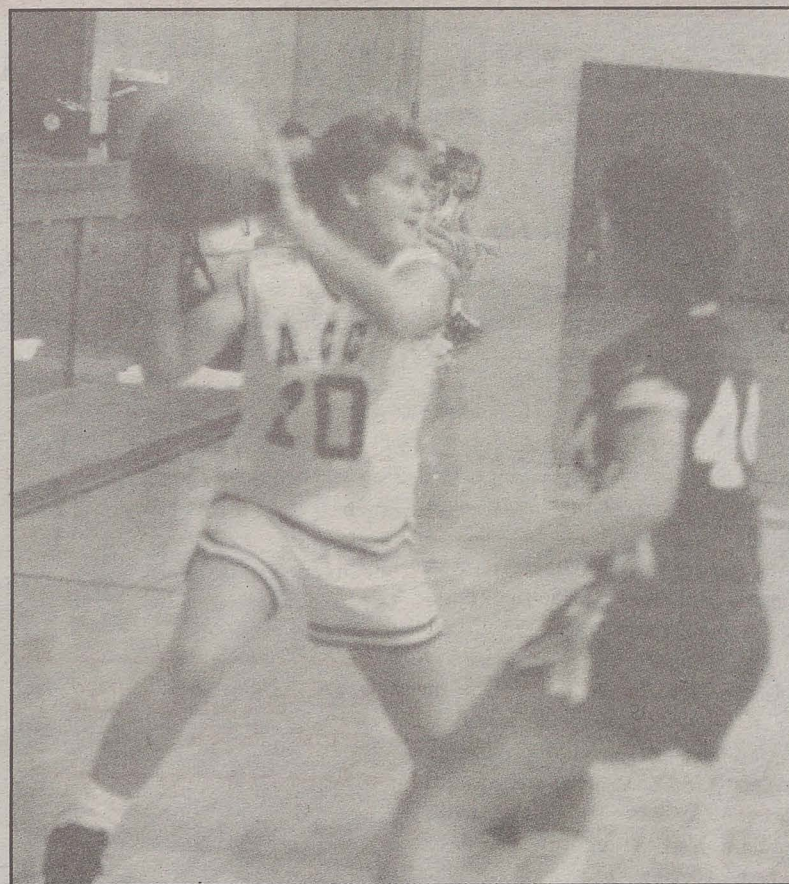


Photo by Elaine Kosloski

Jackie Kennard, sophomore, helps set up the Lady 'Jacks offense in the first game of the Thunder Bay Classic against the Alma JV's.

## Alpena Lions bring life back to ice

by Jen Goodburne  
Sports Editor

January 4, the Alpena Lions Speedskating Club will host a state sanctioned outdoor meet. Clubs from all over Michigan, as well as competitors from out of state and Canada, will be able to race.

Winter is the season of sport for people who love snow and ice. Skiing is popular as a weekend escape, but for the dedicated athlete another option has arisen.

After closing down five years ago, the Alpena Lions Speedskating Club has re-opened and is ready for business.

Janet Hainstock-Straley, former skater for Alpena, is the first vice president of the revived club. Hainstock-Straley skated in the early '80's. She was a member of the 1984 National Outdoor Team, and qualified for the 1982 Olympic tryouts.

"We want to give people a choice other than hockey and figure skating," she said.

The Lions have nine skaters registered with the state so far. Registered skaters are certified to compete in state sanctioned meets. Hainstock-Straley expects to see more people sign up.

During the month of November, the club held skating schools for anyone who was interested. "Speedskating is different from hockey or figure skating. It has a different technique."

Hainstock-Straley thinks the school has generated interest in the club. The majority of participants were high school age, but some were older.

The appeal of speedskating among college students is growing. At Northern Michigan University in Marquette, a new olympic training facility has been built to enable skaters to attend college while training.

Weather permitting, the City of Alpena is planning to begin freezing the outdoor rink at Mich-E-Kewis Park on December 15. When it's complete, the club will practice two nights a week. Also, the Lions have rented the indoor rink one night a week.

"Speedskating is definitely on a comeback," Hainstock-Straley commented. "We've got three-year-olds to 50-year-olds skating."

"We're just starting out again, and we're still a novice club," she said. But, "We're doing better than we thought we would."

members. Points are awarded for progress toward the goals.

Nutrition information, work out tips, and motivational material are made available to the teams. Emphasis lies on improving health more than weight loss.

Last year, awards were given to the team that had reached its goal and to individuals who were successful in meeting the program's standards. Participants were asked to attend the awards night carrying the amount of weight they had lost as cans of food or food stuffs.

Last year, participants included ACC students and staff, and local citizens. The average weight loss of the 65 participants was 9 pounds.

To register, contact Tammy Biesenthal or Dick Miles at East Campus.

## Lighten your load

Dump Your Plump is back!

The nutrition awareness and physical fitness program started at ACC last year is scheduled to begin January 20 with registration deadline January 6.

The program developed by Dr. Don Alsbro of Lake Michigan Community College received recognition in the downstate areas including a write up in the Detroit Free Press. ACC Physical Fitness Instructor Dick Miles enrolled the campus in the pilot study.

"The program seems to work because of its team concept," said Miles.

Teams of 5 to 10 members organize, setting individual goals for weight loss and pledging work outs five times a week. The team's captain collects data sheets once a week which records work out sessions and "weighs in" team

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Isiah Thomas autographs to be auctioned

Isiah Thomas has autographed a basketball and 13 posters for an ACC fund raiser to be held at the Presbyterian Church at the corner of US 23 North and Long Rapids Road. The items will be auctioned at a spaghetti dinner to benefit the ACC Booster Club.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12. The spaghetti will be served buffet-style from 4-7 pm, with the auction at 6 pm. Door prizes will be awarded, but you need not be present to win.

For tickets, call Frank McCourt at 356-9021 (ext. 263 or ext. 286) or Tom Brindley at 356-9418.

### IM Volleyball standings take shape

Scores are rolling in from East Campus! After four weeks, Simple Physics is in first place with a record of 5 and 0. Bump and Grind is half a game behind with 4 wins and 0 losses. Volleyball R Us is currently in third, one and a half games back.

Play will resume January 14. Playoffs will begin January 21; the tournament schedule has yet to be handed out.

### Fulfill your Olympic fantasy

Anyone interested in joining the Alpena Lions Speedskating Club can contact club secretary/treasurer Kathy Burton at 356-4064. Registration fee is \$30.

Although speed skates aren't sold in stores, they are easy to buy from other sources. The Lions will also rent skates to club members. Renting is cheaper and different clubs have different prices.

Indoor skating requires a helmet which is also attainable through the club.



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# Karate Class Kicks on Campus

Under the direction of Karate instructor Alan LaCross, ACC has the beginning of a new program and a new club with plans for immediate expansion.

The class, which is called Tang Soo Do, is a Korean style karate with an emphasis on kicking. It is primarily a physical fitness class with a study of self defense tactics. At the end of the course, the students give a physical demonstration which may earn them a yellow belt.

LaCross holds a 4th degree belt in Korean Tang Soo Do and a 1st degree belt in Japanese Shotokan. His assistant for the class is Kal Charnia who has studied with LaCross for a year and earned his 1st degree green belt.

According to LaCross, a student needs "no basic skills. Just a desire to learn it."

LaCross went on to list all the advantages of taking this class. He said it was a good physical fitness class -- the first half hour consists of stretching calisthenics, push ups, and crunches -- and it can improve your body control, coordination and flexibility.

"I try to get everyone up to a

certain standard. Everyone should be able to test for their first belt after this course," LaCross stated.

LaCross plans to have an advanced class next semester and is involved in advising a new club that students may join upon completion of the first class, called -- what else -- The ACC Karate Club.

The club was formed so students could earn belt ranks and prepare for tournament competitions. Tom Light, a beginning Tang Soo Do student, won a 2nd place in fighting at his first tournament.

**"... It enhances the mind - body."**

LaCross would eventually like to see the club sponsor a tournament in Alpena, but special equipment, such as safety equipment for fighting, is needed. Keiker Doyle is president of the club with Mike Rhea serving as vice-president.

LaCross would like to see the karate program expand to include a Tai Chi class. "It's not as

physically demanding (as the Tang Soo Do class), but it enhances the mind-body."

LaCross described Tai Chi as a "moving meditation that would improve coordination, concentration and be a stress reliever." Tai Chi can also be used for self-defense. "Tai Chi is a softer approach, but the benefit is the same", continued LaCross, who presently has a class for senior citizens. "If senior citizens can do it, college students can do it."

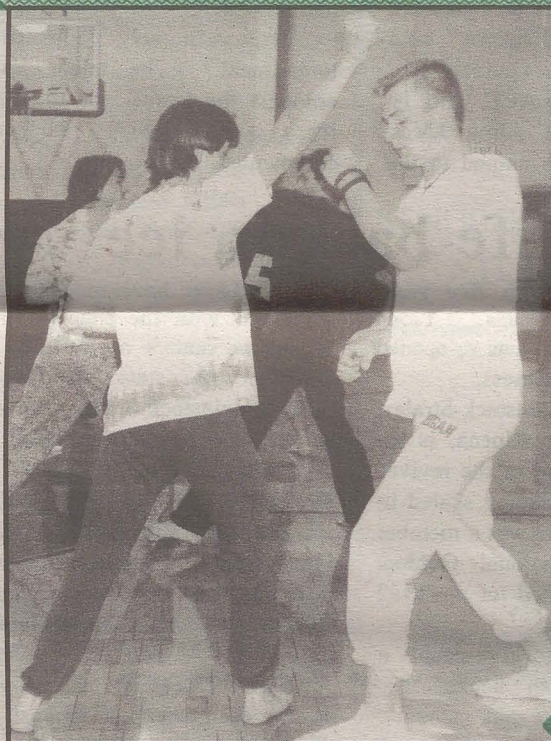
LaCross also mentioned the possibility of taking the Tai Chi class to the beach in nice weather -- a stress-relieving, beach-viewing sport.

## PUNCH



(left to right) Kieker Doyle, Stephanie Garant and Bill Mytko, bare arms to display punching techniques.

## BLOCK



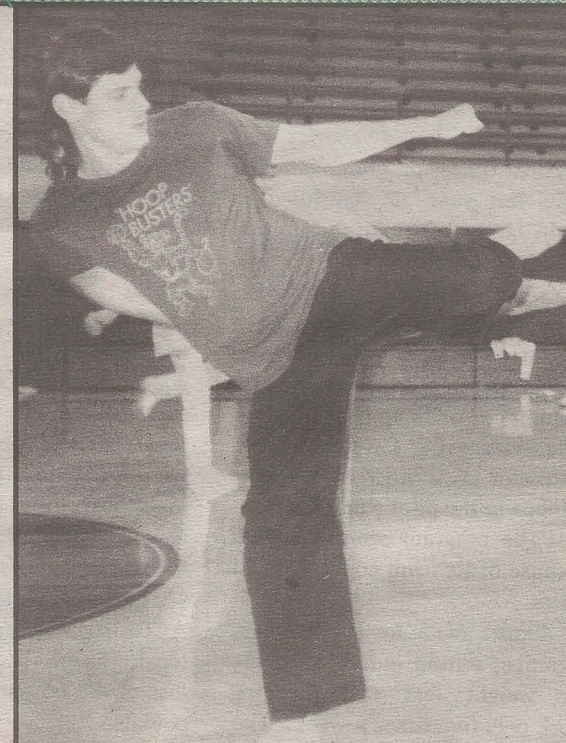
(left) Mike Witt, uses a high block with a reverse punch to defend himself against attacker Bill Mytko.

## WARM-UP

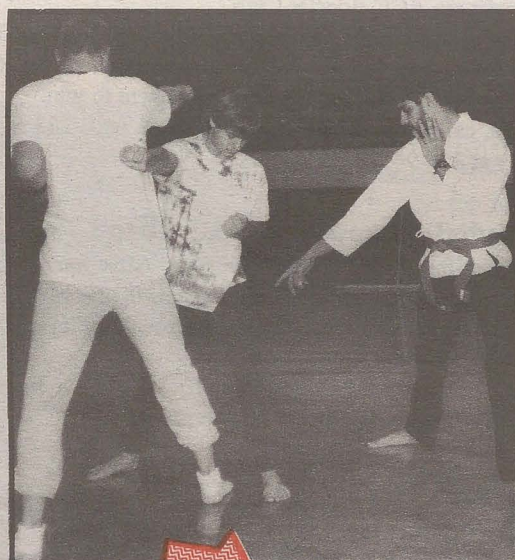


Student's strain to do one arm push-ups. Calasthenics make up the first half hour of class.

## KICK



Mike Rhea does the "Big Stretch" to learn a round kick.



Top: Assistant Kal Charnia instructs student Bill Mytko on the proper foot placement, as invader Mike Witt, attempts to overtake his territory.

Right: Instructor Alan LaCross, checks Mike Reah's position on his punching technique.

