

# Dr. Don Newport has become president<sup>2</sup>

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On Thursday, March 24, ACC President Dr. Donald Newport officially began a one-year term as president of the Alpena Chamber of Commerce.

Newport was elected by the board of directors, who he has worked with several times in the past. He was also involved in the screening and selection process for existing executives of the Chamber.

"I think the community has a unique opportunity with a Chamber that is increasingly looking at ways of bringing all elements of the community together," Newport says. "Hopefully I've learned enough about the community over the past six years to take on this kind of responsibility."

Among his duties as president, Newport will assist in the establishment of policy for the Chamber and help put into place the Chamber's visions.

Newport has several plans in the works already for his new

position. They include building coalitions between parties who want to see the community grow and have a better quality of life. Also, he hopes "to assist in charting a vision for what the greater Alpena area is going to be about."

"Sometimes we tend to have a negative image that we create ourselves," Newport says. "The Chamber of Commerce is a force that will enhance a positive vision of what the city is going to be."

Member services is also of great concern to Newport. The Chamber of Commerce exists through dues-paying members, and since people pay to be a member, Newport feels they deserve to have services rendered.

Some of the major issues Newport wishes to deal with include quality of life issues, transportation and especially education.

Newport feels that in order to keep young people in the area, there must be a quality education system.

Part of the job of a college

president, according to Newport, is to be active in the community.

He states, "The more that I can learn and understand the area and translate that back to

the college), the better we're able to respond and change to meet the needs of the area."



ACC President Don Newport (right) receives congratulations from outgoing Chamber of Commerce President Curt Smith (left). Newport accepts the gavel at a recent induction. Photo by Linda Simpson

## Titus seeks senate seat

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Speech instructor Keith Titus announced his candidacy for the 37th District State Senate seat last Thursday during a swing through the district.

Titus, a speech instructor at ACC for 28 years, is married to dance instructor Ginny Titus and is the father to eight children.

From 1974 - 1980, Titus was a three-term Alpena County Commissioner and served as President of Northeast Michigan's Council of Governments for two terms.

"Everything in my life up to this point has led me in this direction," commented Titus.

"The area of my expertise is communication and my values lead me to want to help people who are unable to help themselves."

One of Titus' obstacles will be the size of the 37th District, which is the largest in the state. It extends from Tawas City north along Lake Huron and encompasses the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula. With a travel distance of 350 miles between the furthest locations, the area is larger than some states.

Five UP counties -- Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, and Alger -- and nine lower Michigan counties -- Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Alpena, Oscoda, Alcona, and Iosco -- make up the district.

Although Titus feels his name is familiar in the local area, getting recognition in the rest of the district will be one of his big challenges.

Commenting on perceived concerns, Titus said, "The most significant issue in the minds of the population is the general economy. Unemployment, especially in the UP, is a big concern..."

Titus believes that, "We need to tie the jobs and environmental concerns together if we are going to improve the economic base of Northern Michigan... the greatest possibility of employment we have is tourism."

Another campaign issue Titus will be addressing is the problems surrounding alcohol. Improved education in the district on the effects of alcohol use and abuse is the first step in Titus' plan.

Along with education, Titus feels the present community programs need to be encouraged and new programs developed to target the drinker, his/her family, and social environment.

"Making penalties for drunk drivers more severe, with mandatory Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for all offenders is needed," stated Titus.

Another major concern for Titus is the welfare system which he feels needs drastic reform. He sees the necessity of change in three basic areas.

First, he feels the system needs to assist those who have been trapped in a system that discourages work. Job training should be available and all who can work, should. But if there are no jobs, assistance should be available to anyone of any age who is unemployed and in need.

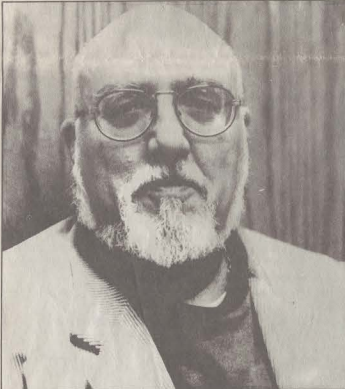
Secondly, Titus feels we need to insist that the system and those employed by it do not degrade the recipients in any way.

Thirdly, every child in the State of Michigan should be funded at a level to guarantee the child will not suffer from the elements and will receive adequate health care. Titus noted that children in our state currently rank 40th out of 50 states in a combination of categories which include infant mortality and health care. "Children in several counties in the 37th district are among the worst off in the state," said Titus.

Titus concluded with, "There is no crime worse than abandoning our children. Everything else we can put on hold, but this minute, children's bones are being stunted, their teeth are rotting, their mental acuity is dropping, from malnourishment. We cannot say tomorrow to these children. The child's need is today."

Titus is actively seeking young people for volunteers in his campaign efforts. If he is successful, he feels it will be the result of a whole group of young people being involved in the campaign.

Interested persons can contact Titus at ext. 279.



Speech instructor Keith Titus discusses his plans for reform.

Photo by Linda Simpson

## Artful evening in store

ACC talent displayed

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ACC students will be featured singing, dancing, acting, and presenting visual art in "An Evening With the Arts," at East Campus on May 6th at 7 p.m.

Six years ago the first student show was held at Besser Technical Center. Next it moved to the Alpena County Library but its popularity necessitated the use of the larger space at East Campus.

Visual art displays will be in the halls, classrooms and showcases. Students from Art for the Class Room Teacher class will show theory and methods used in the education of art for children.

"Teaching teachers how to cultivate an environment of awareness for the development of art is an important part of the class," commented Instructor Joy Skiba.

Design I students will dem-

onstrate examples of basic design technique and two dimensional works while Design II students will demonstrate their talents in two and three dimensional pieces.

Design instructor Joe Donna also teaches the Sculpture I and II classes. Plaster busts, found objects, and wire sculptures will be shown by the Sculpture classes.

Students from art instructor Laurie Wade's five Ceramic classes will display functional, abstract, and sculptured clay pieces finished in a variety of techniques.

Music instructor Loretta Beyer's students from Music in the Elementary Class Room will have musical bulletin boards on display. "In teaching music it is not the finished product that is the most important," commented Beyer, "but rather it's learning how to make music fun and stressing the creative process."

Art exhibits will be open

for viewing all evening while performing arts groups will have scheduled times of production.

Music will complement jazz, ballet and creative movement dances being performed by Dance students. ACC Collegiate Singers will perform several styles of music in their 20 minute program. This is the second show for Instructor Jean Martin-Brown's students.

Drama Instructor Nan Hall's Acting II students will be presenting a series of scenes and monologues to showcase their talents. They will also perform "Acting II Uncensored" on Tuesday May 2 at 8 p.m. in Room 108 East Campus. Hall states, "This is not a suitable production for children or the faint at heart."

Another tradition will be the extraordinary buffet, a culinary delight, furnished by art students and instructors.



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