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ACC Foundation to host annual event

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The Alpena Community College Foundation is approaching its informal goal faster than ever before.

The Foundation is a non-profit, separately incorporated organization for raising money to support college activities such as scholarships and nursing programs as well as building funds.

Originally, the Foundation existed within a different format than it now embodies. It has been under a reorganized structure for about eight years and, according to Dr. Donald Newport, a finance committee member, "now is more organized, has cleaner direction, and is more aggressive." Newport said the Foundation used to be geared only toward scholarship funding.

An informal goal of \$1 million in endowment money has been established by the board. This endowment is a restricted fund that guarantees the Foundation's

The Foundation annually raised \$80-\$100 thousand, but because of the aggressive campaign spanning the last three years, it has raised \$450,000.

The non-restricted fund is currently at about \$900,000, according to Newport, while the endowment is close to \$500,000. Newport feels the endowment goal will be reached within three to four years.

Once the endowment goal is reached, interest from that restricted fund will be used for scholarship assistance and managing the endowment fund.

One of the ways that the Foundation raises funds is by hosting an annual major event. This year's event is a

dinner/theatre presentation at the Civic Center on May 5.

The theatrics will be a collage presentation entitled "Those Romantic Times" and will be a collection of scenes, monologues, and musical numbers highlighting the comedy of romance through the ages. Excerpts from Greek, Shakesperian, and Renaissance theatre, and modern musical comedy will be intermingled to depict the stages of young love through romance after marriage.

Nan McGrady Hall, an ACC faculty member, is in charge of the theatre production. Hall's concept is to "promote and foster artistic and cultural excellence at ACC through mutuality and collaboration among faculty, students and community." As a result, the cast is composed of ACC and AHS students, college faculty, and community members.

Hall has appointed faculty members Sonya Titus as musical director, and Ginny Titus as choreographer.

Some of the performances include scenes from "The Apple Tree," by Mark Twain, "The Matchmaker," from "Fiddler on the Roof," and Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Songs include West Side Story's "One Hand One Heart" and Brigadoon's "There But for You Go I."

Tickets for this event will be \$35 for patrons, regular tickets \$25, and \$16 for students. They will be available through the college and Foundation board members.

Hall is very excited about her first big production in this community and said the hardest part has been coordinating the material with a consistent theme. If all goes well, Hall hopes to "have something with which to promote drama at the college level."



cast members prepare for Foundation performance

Student proposals presented to Board

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The March 15 meeting of ACC's Board of Trustees took action on issues regarding the student body.

Student Senate members Jeff Hanson, President; John Pines, Vice President; Karen Mason and Jeanne Londo, student representatives addressed the board about future plans, goals and activities of the Senate as well as the day care issue on campus. Also proposed by the Senate was a student leadership seminar and a board/student workshop.

In student related items the board gave approval for renaming the existing Athletic Fee to a "Student Services Fee" and further authorized a three year trial period for scholarships in the form of a tuition waiver for key

participants in student activities. The college will develop policies and procedures for the waiver which will cover up to 30 contact hours per year per student. It was also stipulated that the grand total of such waiver will not exceed 600 hours per fiscal period.

In other business the board announced State approval of \$155,000 in Job Training and Retraining monies. ACC's grant application was one of 18 projects funded out of the 57 proposals.

The grant project includes renovation of the concrete technological lab to establish a fully operational block plant, which would double the size of the existing concrete program to 80 students. The grant also continues the work of the

ACC's Business Expansion Center.

It was announced that Timothy P. Sleevi will join the ACC staff on April 1 to succeed John McCormack as director of ACC's extension center at Wurtsmith AFB, which will now be known as the Huron Shores campus.

The board also awarded a contract to David J. Zolnierak Inc. for remodeling four restroom areas to advance barrier free access. The work will involve one restroom each in VLH, BTC, NRC, and EAC.

Also set was a \$3.00 per contact hour maintenance fee. This fee has been implemented to address the ongoing maintenance of college facilities and enable the college to make major improvements which will more effectively create a true college atmosphere.