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## 50th Anniversary Celebration Begins

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On September 16th, 2002, ACC kicked off its 50th Anniversary Celebration in grand style. The Alpena community and special guests

joined the ACC family to begin the school's year long birthday party.

Since 1952, ACC has awarded more than 10,000 degrees and has touched thousands more lives

through community outreach programs and services.

ACC's connection to the community was never more apparent than during its anniversary kickoff. Graduates from every decade attended the event as well as

politicians ranging from Mayor Phil Ludlow to State Representative Andy Neumann to State Senator Walter North.

The official party began with a welcome from ACC Board of Trustees

Chairperson Roger Bauer.

Dr. Don Newport then took the stage and credited several members of the college and Alpena for their dedication in making this celebratory year possible.

After Dr. Newport set the stage, he was followed by present and past students Kati Maki, Jonathan Brege (Student Senate President), and Dennis Schultz (Class of 1962).

The scope of ACC's relationship with the Alpena and Michigan communities was exemplified by the presence of Senator Walter North (Michigan District 37) and State Representative Andy Neumann (Michigan District 106). Both discussed ACC's larger role in the community.

One of the highlights of the afternoon came when Mayor Phill Ludlow proclaimed September 16th "ACC Day."

After the proclamation, Dr. Newport returned to the spotlight to remind the crowd that ACC's glory days are still ahead.

The high point of the afternoon seemed to be the cutting of the 50th Anniversary cake. After the cake cutting, the partygoers were invited to socialize and enjoy the com-

pany of ACC's past, present, and future.

The kickoff was just the beginning of a year long celebration that promises to be one big birthday party.

Many of the year's celebratory events are designed to include the community in the celebration.

From the ACC Players to the Spotlight Series to the ACC Student Senate, organizations schoolwide coordinated their events with ACC's birthday in mind.

The ACC Players November production of "Pink Thunderbird" consists of two one act plays set in the 1950's. The Jazz Band's November concert will also feature the 1950's.

The Spotlight Series' December artist, Beachfront Property, will focus on the music of the 1960's.

The Michigan Opera Theatre, another Spotlight Series performer, will tailor their January performance specifically for our 1950's celebration by highlighting hit shows of the era.

February will feature "Thanks for the Memories: A Community Variety Show."

Finally, Elvis will enter the building in April to help ACC wind down its birthday bash in style.



From left to right: Frank McCourt, Aggie Ferguson, Marge Hoppe, Roger Bauer, and Dr. Don Newport cut the cake at the September 16th celebration.

Photo by Chris Oposnow

## College Day for Women: A Day for the Ladies

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Attention all women: it's time again for the ninth annual "A College Day for Women" on October 12, 2002, at Alpena Community College.

Florence Stibitz, the founder of this event, commented that this day is designed to enrich the women of the community. With twenty-nine different

educational and entertaining sessions to choose from, there is sure to be something of interest for every woman.

Some of the sessions include: getting some insight on what the college has to offer, how to deal with stress, how to eat healthier, and how to learn what women really want.

This occasion is for all women of any age. It promotes socialization in a non-formal setting. There will

also be great food and educational experiences.

The event will begin with keynote speaker, Rachel Urist, then morning hospitality will be offered. Afterwards, each woman will have the opportunity to attend three chosen sessions followed by a lunch.

Volunteers from the community make this event possible. "This educational event is to reach out to the women of the community

and cater to their needs for a day," stated Katie Bruski, coordinator of the volunteer center.

Tickets for this event are \$25. The maximum seating for this event is 250. The tickets have sold out each year, including this year. There are no tickets sold at the door. Arrangements for next year can be made in an advance by contacting the volunteer office at 358-7271.

### 2002/2003 Lumberjack Staff

Front row: Jessica Thiem, Sara Lyon, and Kara Eubank. Back row: Shawn Sexton, Chris Oposnow, Matt Petrovich, and JoBeth Johnson.



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