

Festivities Fit for 'The King'

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ACC's 50-year celebration is drawing to a close. One example of this is the ACC 50-year alumni Sock Hop. This event took place on April 26th at the Holiday Inn on

US-23 and included door prizes, light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and the band Espresso. 250 people attended this tribute to the 50's. Many of the people that attended this event also attended the sold-out presentation of

"Memories of Elvis" featuring Chris MacDonald in the Granum Theatre. At this hour and a half presentation he performed various songs from the different eras of Elvis' life spanning from the 50's to the 70's.

Later that evening, MacDonald as Elvis made an appearance at the Sock Hop. MacDonald, according to David Usher, assistant of the Community College Foundation, was "well received".

The Sock Hop was a welcome change to ACC; because, their have not been many celebrations specially dedicated to alumni, many of whom decided to attend the celebration in poodle skirts and penny loafers. One person who attended the celebration was Gayle Noack. While not an alumni of the college, she complimented the college a



Trendy Cats and Kittens showing off their digs.

Photo courtesy of Student Senate



Elvis rocks the Sock Hop.

Photo by Sara Lyon

great deal. She attended both the "Memories of Elvis" presentation and the Sock Hop itself and said that it was "nice to see everyone having such a good time." She enjoyed the silhouetted decorations of school buildings around campus, designed by Grace Morrison, who "has an unbelievable amount of talent" according to David Usher.

The "Memories of Elvis"

presentation and the Sock Hop were not the only events planned for alumni. Early that morning there was a tour of the campus held by the members of Student Senate to highlight the changes in the college since the alumni were enrolled. Some members of the alumni had not seen the college in years, since they now live as far away as Ohio and Indiana.

Overall the celebration was

considered "very successful" by David Usher. He mentioned that he was approached countless times by people attending the festivity asking what gatherings were planned for next year.

At this time he is unsure, but admits that this festivity will be "hard to top."

For more information about other alumni events please contact David Usher at 358-7293.

The Battle for Bucks and Brains

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Decisions, we make them every day, some are minor and some are life changing. Where to get your career training is a milestone decision. At social gatherings you may hear comments like, "ITT graduates sure know their stuff when it comes to the computer world, Olympia has an awesome business program, or ACC has a quality level 1 LPN program. ITT is a technical school, Olympia is a training school, and ACC is Alpena Community College." Wow, where to go, and what to do.

Technical/training school vs. Community College seems a confusing dilemma, but both schools often fit in the same category. They aren't that different, Michael Gutierrez from The National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers likes to call them one-stop career centers, or job training programs.

What do you want to be when you grow up? It's heard throughout childhood, yet the answer may tell what action to take. Community Colleges have both educational degree programs and job training programs. They also have general education programs that get you started in the realm of higher education while still career searching.

Sheila Barnes-Zech said when she applied to ACC, "the enrollment office was very helpful" she started taking basic classes and at this time is working on her legal assistant certification. Technical/training schools are set up to train towards a specific career from day one. There are many similarities and a few differences.

Location, both often have satellite locations set up for student convenience.

Class pace, Community College is usually a little more flexible, classes can be taken part time, full time or even one class at a time without losing place in a program.

Technical/training schools are often pre-scheduled and quick paced; some are even accelerated programs (tech boot camps).

Class size, both are usually known for smaller class sizes, allowing for a more personal and friendly atmosphere.

On-line access, both offer many training/class options through the Internet.

Job placement, both have job placement resources, colleges usually have a support department to help with job search and writing resumes. Some Tech schools, such as ITT Technical Institute, are connected to related companies and have

placement programs within their connected companies.

Transfers, Community colleges provide Associate degrees with the option to transfer to Universities and get a Bachelors degree. Tech/ Training schools often offer Associate degrees as well as Bachelor degrees, or you can piggyback your training into a more advanced training program.

Yes, the options are multiple, but weighty decisions usually have several choices, the key is to sit down and make a list. What are your needs, and which options fit your personality. Get on line, www.50states.com/cc/michigan.htm, almost every institution has a site to request information, or a tour. Send for information, decide what looks most promising, and then schedule a few tours.

Rick Alger recently took a tour of the ITT facility in Kalamazoo and said "I didn't even have an appointment, they gave me a tour on the spot and the people were very friendly." An honest needs assessment and investing some investigation hours can help you make this milestone decision.

12th Annual Staff Recognition and Retirement Dinner Held May 3, 2003

1 Year of Service
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Kathleen Bruski
Terri Eide
Myra Herron
Tom Ludwig
John Seguin

5 Years of Service
Cindy Besaw
Mary Call
Tom Cook
Jennifer Farnum
Joanne Groves
Charles Nowak
Nat Salziger
Noel Schlueter
Charles Seguin
Dick Sutherland
Fred Tippman
Bob Tosch

10 Years of Service
Jeff Blumenthal
Jill Dorcey
Tom Gougeon
Deb Hautau
Doug Huizenga
Joe Klemens
Don MacMaster
Katherine Mebarg
Julie Robarge
Lee Spragg

Program

Emcee - Joan Misiak

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Emeriti
Donald L. Newport, President

Presentation of Service Awards
Members of the Board of Trustees

Tributes to Retirees

Curt Davis (17 years)
by Chuck Wiesen
Remarks by Carol, Joyce and Mary

Roger M. Phillips (20 years)
by Nan Hall and Karol Walchak

Lyle Beck (21 years)
by Dick Sutherland

Bob Eller (25 years)
by Lucas Pfeiffenberger
retired adjunct faculty

Joe Faber (33 years)
by Bart Boyer, ACC Emeritus

Ivan McLaren (34 years)
by Jeff Monroe

Gazing Into The Future
with Madame Ellery

Closing Remarks
Roger Bauer, Chairman of the Board

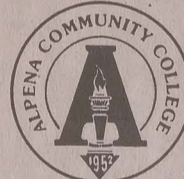
15 Years of Service
Kelly Jackson
Donald Newport
Yvonne White

20 Years of Service
Kathy Gouin
Ken Hubbard
Roger M. Phillips
Florence Stibitz (election date)
Joyce Worniak

25 Years of Service
Bob Eller

30 Years of Service
Mary Skiba

Adjunct with 10 semesters
Harold Case
Ben Diamond
Edward Howe
Linda Howe
Tom Sherrill-Mix
Melissa Van Wagoner
Allan Walbecq



TV Violence

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Twice as many men and women who scored in the top 20% of violent childhood exposure to TV, had shoved somebody in anger, punched, beaten, or choked an adult, or committed a crime.

Paul Aronson, a Michigan father of two young children, had this to say about how violent he felt TV was for his

children: "I know it is bad, and I try to limit the time my boys watch TV."

In Health Scout News, John Murray, a psychologist who has participated in such studies for the past 30 years, concludes, "The message is clear. Viewing violence is causally related to aggressive behavior in both boys and girls." He further adds, "The potential threat to children has grown because television is

more violent and

more graphic now. Watching such scenes not only encourages violent behavior but also induces fear and makes children less sensitive to the effects of violence. I would tell parents to be very cautious about what their children watch."

Today we can see the effects of war 24 hours a day in our own living room. What will be the effect on our children as adults 10 years from now?

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