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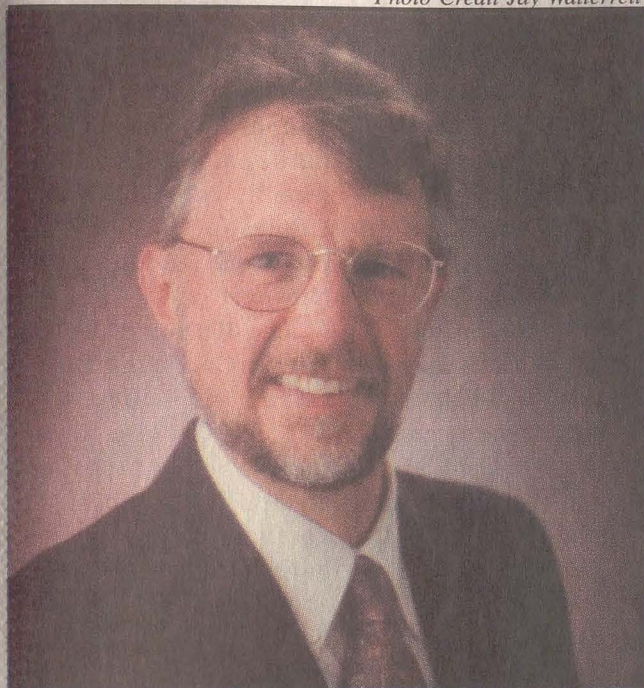
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## ACC Welcomes New President

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ACC's new president, Dr. Olin Joynton, comes to Alpena from Spring, Texas. Dr. Joynton has held the position of President since January 1, 2004. Welcome, Dr. Joynton!

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Dr. Olin H. Joynton has officially held the title, President of Alpena Community College, since January 1, 2004. As president of ACC, he is responsible for the success of Alpena Community College and giving the students the right environment for them to succeed with their own specific responsibilities.

"I don't teach a class but I can provide the right environment for the students in the class to reach their highest potential," Dr. Joynton said.

"This position was the next step in my career," he said. He said that he liked the fact

that Alpena is a community with a good college that is in good shape and has support from the community. He also likes living in the northern part of the country, which is a stark contrast from the southern climate of Texas.

Before moving to Alpena, Dr. Joynton and his family lived in Spring, Texas, an area due north of Houston. He was Vice President of Educational Programs at Montgomery College. Dr. Joynton is married and his daughter is currently enrolled in classes at Alpena Community College.

Dr. Joynton loves his job. He said that he likes the fact that he can "dream big" at ACC. There's a big picture and in order to reach the big

picture, many small parts have to be successful. He said that he has many tools at his fingertips which he can use to help college and community prosper.

Dr. Joynton is working on many plans, one of the biggest being the Career campaign. This is a 1.6 million dollar campaign and Alpena Community College is almost at 1.2 million dollars right now.

With the money from this campaign, Alpena Community College will be able to construct new biology, chemistry and computer labs as well as a new building for the students enrolled in the arts program. Currently, the students in the art program attend their art

classes at the old Catholic Central building down the street from ACC's main campus. If Alpena Community College, with the help of the community, can reach the goal of 1.6 million dollars, the state will fund the remaining half and students of Alpena Community College will see new labs and a new building.

A second plan is to offer more programs at Alpena Community College so more students are ready for the real work world.

Dr. Joynton said he is off a good start. He would like to give "many thanks to those that have given me the confidence to take Alpena Community College to the next level."

### Spotlight Shines on Alpena

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Each year, the Spotlight Series at Alpena Community College brings performers to the Robert and Jacquelyn Granum Theatre. Of the five performances scheduled for this year, two remain: the Jeff Haas Trio and Conga Se Menne.

The Jeff Haas Trio will perform on March 9th along with the Alpena Community College Jazz Ensemble. The group comes from Traverse City and consists of Jeff at piano, Chuck Hall, bassist, and Alex Trajano on the drums. They play a variety of music from Gershwin and Ellington to Miles and Monk. Also in 1996 the group had a national release that was voted top jazz recording.

Then the fifth performance for the year will be Conga Se Menne on May 1st. This group is from Marquette and is the only Finnish reggae band in America. Their music style ranges from haunting waltzes and rockin' schottisches to melancholy love songs and uptempo

polkas.

The other performances that were at ACC this school year were Mark Nizer who is a world-class juggler. He came to Alpena from Washington, D.C. in September. Mark Nizer's performance is one of the most popular theatrical events in the entertainment world today. Then in December, The Chenille Sisters came from Ann Arbor to grace us with their harmony. Then finally the most recent event was Rich Ridenour from Kalamazoo in January. He is a great pianist and ranges in concert styles from classics to ragtime to jazz to rock n' roll.

The person in charge of the Spotlight Series is Florence Stibitz. She stated the whole purpose of the Spotlight Series was developed because the Granum Theatre was built. Since they had a theatre, what better way to use it by having great performers come here and show us their talents and bring the students together with the community. When

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### ACC Nursing Trailblazer Retires

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When the doors open at Alpena Community College in the fall of 2004, one familiar face will be missing. Judy Beyer, who has been at the college since the start of the nursing program in 1971, is retiring after 32 years on the job.

Beyer moved to Alpena with her husband Duane, and came to the college in 1972, to meet with Frank McCourt, and acquaintance she knew.

The two started talking about the new nursing program that was going to be added that fall. Beyer found that she met all of the qualifications, and received an interview.

She was hired, and one of the main reasons was the experience she had before interviewing for the job.

Beyer started her schooling at the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. Since then she has received a bachelor degree from the University of Michigan, finished her graduate work at

Northern Michigan University, and has received an associate degree from Alpena Community College in science.

On top of the college experience, Beyer started working in a hospital as a nurse aid in North Dakota at the age of 16. While she was in nursing school at Methodist-Kahler, she had the opportunity to work as a practical nurse in a 26-bed hospital in Ashley, North Carolina. Beyer worked as a practical nurse at Olmstead Community Hospital, was a scrub nurse at Rochester Methodist Hospital, moved to Denver where she worked OB at General Rose Medical Hospital, and worked for several months at Alpena General Hospital.

"All of those places provided me with a great background for the things I ended up teaching," Beyer said.

When she was hired, she was one of two full time faculty members in the entire nursing program here at ACC.

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### Tom Ray Returns to China

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ACC instructor Tom Ray left for China on May 12, 2003, and arrived during the height of the SARS epidemic. Although his reason for going was to teach at Beijing Union University a Spoken and Written English class, he found time to do some exploring.

When he first arrived in China when all the commotion of the SARS epidemic started, he was told to stay in his dorm because of it. That did not set well with him, and it took him two days to convince the people that he could take care of himself. He said he would risk SARS because he didn't travel that many miles to sit in a dorm all day. It didn't interest him to look at four walls, he wanted to get out and explore.

With SARS being in China, the city of Beijing had cops at all check points making sure nobody left. This went on for about three weeks

until they let people go through, as long as they checked everybody's temperature and no one had a fever. In the meantime, everyday Mr. Ray had to check his body temperature and record it for Mrs. Chen, the Director of International Affairs, so that if he got SARS he could be checked over by physicians immediately.

Ray stated that what we saw on the media with SARS wasn't as bad as it was portrayed. Yes, it is a serious illness, but more people die from the flu in a year. The whole SARS disease was all media hype. The people in China still had a sense of humor while the SARS disease was there, even though the restaurants and businesses were closed.

Then as the SARS epidemic slowed down, the Universities reopened and Ray starting teaching, and continued to explore. He went to Northern China's Inner Mongolia where he rode horses along the trail. He then went to Southern China's Kunming, which is the capital of Yunnan.

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