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Kappa Beta Delta Welcomes President as Inductee

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Kappa Beta Delta has been a part of Alpena Community College for some time. This organization involves ACC students who are majoring in Business, Management and Administration and deserve "recognition for their outstanding achievements and potential."

Kappa Beta Delta has been involved with many activities such as Scramble for Scholarships, Habitat for Humanity, The Sunday Supper Food Drive and A Christmas Wish, which is organized by ACC's Volunteer Center. These events help to maintain a connection between Kappa

Beta Delta and the community.

On March 5th, they welcomed 23 new members. Two honorary members inducted were the President and Vice-President here at ACC. To celebrate this event, Kappa Beta Delta held a ceremony. It was held in the Granum Theatre and the public was welcome to attend.

At the beginning of the ceremony, J. Michael Kearly, a certified public attorney, delivered a keynote address on the merits of Kappa Beta Delta. He accentuated the strong link to the Alpena community that Kappa Beta Delta has shown. This helps to give the organization a stronger foundation, which

assists them to serve their members better.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Sheri Cronin, the President of Kappa Beta Delta, informed the guests the ideals embodied by the organization. She emphasized how important it was for Kappa Beta Delta members to be trustworthy, esteemed and to excel in their chosen path.

Those who were inducted into the organization were given a rose, certificate and a pin, which served as a "tangible symbol of excellence" to the new inductees, according to Tiffanie Merrill, the Vice-President of Kappa Beta Delta. These items gave the new inductees a physical

object to embody the ideals held by the members of Kappa Beta Delta.

Those who attended the event also were able to enjoy the reception that followed. It provided members and non-

members of Kappa Beta Delta to discuss the events of the ceremony and to become acquainted with one another. It was also a way for Kappa Beta Delta to thank the community for their continued

support.

Those who wish to find out more about Kappa Beta Delta and upcoming KBD events planned should contact Linda Suneson at 356-7210.

Photo Courtesy Connie Ireland



Dr. Joyton at a fountain dedication which occurred earlier this semester

Photo by Jeremy Oatten



New Traffic Light Shines Brightly

Alpena Installs Traffic Light

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When the city of Alpena considered letting Wal-Mart Corporation build a store, the city anticipated traffic problems on M-32. Sure enough, that came to be, especially with the addition of Home Depot, Independent Bank, Applebee's, Advance Auto Parts, McDonald's, and Murphy USA.

Accidents were accruing at an alarming rate and one Alpena citizen came forward to help correct the situation. That person is, Pam Corwin,

Murphy USA.

After witnessing many accidents where she works, Ms. Corwin decided to try to find a solution.

Pam first spoke to people at the various businesses involved in the area and got copies of traffic accident reports on M-32, and talked to several families involved in the accidents. She got charts from Michigan Department of Transportation, regarding crashes on M-32 to Bagley street corridor, and records complied by the Alpena State Police, Township Fire Department and

ambulance service. According to Ms. Corwin MDOT was blaming all accidents on senior citizens, so she made a copy of the crashes and most of the crashes were of young people from teenaged to young adults.

A traffic light would alleviate the problem. Then came petitions to see if there was a consensus of fellow citizens. Corwin got over 4,000 signatures.

Corwin said some of the people who were mostly involved, included: Wanda Gougeon who wrote a letter about her youngest daughter's involvement in an accident; R.A. Townsend who offered many solutions; and told her about the Inter Government Board of Trustees; Gary Quick the Manager of Home Depot had money to pay for Maintenance and power of the light; Phil Ludlow, who went on the local news and talked about the light; McDonald's who made calls; and Applebee's who were generous with their support.

Next to follow were, meetings of MDOT, with state, township, city

and business leaders to work out all of the particulars and perhaps bring the idea to fruition.

Traffic and Safety Engineer for MDOT, Steve Conradson brought figures of the costs of \$70,000 for the light. The Federal Government was to pay 90% of the costs with the remainder paid for by the state of Michigan to pay (2/3) and 1/3 to be paid by the involved businesses. That meant \$3,600 by Alpena County and an annual cost of \$600 for electricity to run the light. The Inter Government Board of Trustees was to act as a responsible party, and to collect these fees.

Many Meetings and decisions were to follow from the beginning of Corwin's work in the summer of 2003 until the light was installed and working in January of 2004.

"The area is already much safer, and there are fewer mishaps", said Corwin.

"I'm very happy that the traffic light has gone in", she said.

Science Olympiad Comes to ACC

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On March 6th, Alpena Community College welcomed high school and junior high students from across Michigan to participate in the 2004 Science Olympiad.

The Science Olympiad is an event that allows these students to highlight their abilities in a variety of science related activities and to learn more about their world as a whole. This serves to emphasize the importance of science in everyday life and helped to open student's minds to scientific ideals previously not thought about.

One interesting event was called *The Wright Stuff*, which was overseen by ACC staff member Ginger Bohlen, was named after the Wright Brothers.

The Wright Brothers, as many are aware are the two brothers who completed the first successful flight on December 17, 1903. To celebrate this event, the students were invited to create their own miniature planes and to attempt test flights across the gym.

Through trial and error, the students learned how to force the propellers to rotate enough to allow the planes to leave the gym floor.

This involved spinning the propellers just enough to tighten the attached rubber band without it breaking. Following this, they would release the propellers and watch the planes fly across the gym. All conversations in the gymnasium would cease as the crowd's eyes were drawn to the small wooden plane's flight across the room.

Of course there were tribulations to go along with these trials. Rubber band after rubber band was broken in an attempt to allow these planes to defy gravity. However, this did not dampen the student's spirits, they merely repeated the process, as did so many scientists that went before them.

However, all in all, *The Wright Stuff* along with the other programs that occurred at this event made it a success.

ACC teachers and staff taught many of these programs and enlightened the students on many scientific theorems.



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