

## Board of Trustees Sets Date for Presidential Inauguration

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Alpena Community College's first presidential inauguration will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 in the Park Arena. This inauguration will highlight the addition of the new president and will

give the public an opportunity to congratulate Dr. Joyton on his latest position.

Even though Dr. Olin Joyton has been the new president of ACC since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, this will serve as a public induction to introduce community members to the new president. As a

community college it is imperative for the community to be involved with changes in the administration.

ACC's Board of Trustees put this idea into action at their last meeting, accentuating the fact that this event will emphasize the future of the college and ACC's new

president.

As for the new president himself, Dr. Joyton has spent a large amount of his career in education. He has served many different colleges throughout the United States.

Many ACC organizations will be involved, such as the Chamber Ensemble,

Collegiate Singers, and Jazz Ensemble. These groups will add a touch of music to the festivities.

Several speeches are also planned for this event. These speeches will serve to allow a few members of ACC's staff and faculty to praise Dr. Joyton on his new

arrangement. Dr. Joyton will also be given an opportunity to comment on the speeches.

Following Dr. Joyton's inauguration, there will be a reception in the BTC lobby. For more information about this event, contact Lee Spragg of the Board of Trustees at 356-7247.

## Higher Education Debates

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As we sit in our comfy reclining chairs in this two-year college in our corner of the world, are we on our way to a job from here, or just building experience upon the future? Only about ten years or so ago that students such as you and I could think about making a living fresh out of high school, getting our associates degree, and we'd be sitting pretty if we went for our bachelors. The reality is, we live in an age of higher and higher education. Most seek a Bachelors degree these days, but even that has grown into an accomplishment of the past. The modern employer seeks an individual who is dedicated to their field and stands out from the pack. Some would argue that it's not what you know, but who you know. Even with a master's degree you can still find it hard to find a position, especially in the economy we have these days. Many of the individuals who attend ACC are seeking higher education.

Rory Sherwood, a sophomore majoring in Education is planning to study for his masters degree in Education at Grand Valley State. "It seems like it's just necessary these days to go for the highest form of education to better your chance for employment," Rory said.

On top of getting a higher education, importance of a network of contacts to help you with your job search is priceless. It's all about whom you can make friends with and what they can do for you down the road as you wish to seek employment.

In other words, it's who you know, not what you know usually. Without anyone to back you up, you really don't have any credibility besides

your degree.

I got the chance to talk to a small business owner in Alpena just a while ago. James Ray owns Byrdsway Trucking, a profitable truck shipping business. I asked Mr. Ray about what he thought was most important in getting a job, post-college these days.

"It really takes someone who is willing to go the distance with their education, and get as much experience as they can, otherwise they're going to be struggling to find employment," Ray said.

However it's not fair to assume that you can't get a decent job with an associates degree. The more you are exposed the better off you will be, and the bigger edge you will have over your competition. There are students at ACC right now who are finishing up their degree here, and will go on to find a great technical job that will pay good money. For example, Concrete Tech is a highly profitable technical job that only requires a year to two years of training. After you finish your studies at ACC you may find a job anywhere in the world and make an average of 375 to 650 dollars a week in concrete tech. It all depends on what you would like to do with your life, and what your interests and skills are based around. The main goal is to find a place where you're happy, and that may involve a few years in college.

In conclusion, there is no perfect formula for success in this day and age, but it is certain that the more that we can do, the better we look to prospective employers, and the brighter our futures seem to be.

## ACC Scholarship Information Update

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The ACC Foundation Scholarship Fund provides various scholarships to the students of Alpena Community College. According to Penny Boldrey, Executive Director of the Alpena Community College Foundation, a scholarship is "an award to assist a student."

Scholarships offered at Alpena Community College range from \$150.00 all the way to full-tuition. For this academic year, fall 2003-spring 2004, 165 scholarships were awarded totaling approximately

\$92,000.00.

Alpena Community College produces a Scholarship brochure and application form that lists all the scholarships available.

The brochure usually becomes available to students of ACC during the second week in January and can be picked up in the Alpena Community College Foundation Office, ACC Campus Service Office and any other counseling office on campus.

If you are unable to pick one up on campus, just make a phone call and a brochure and application form can be mailed out to you.

Read through the brochure

carefully for the eligible on the scholarships, and to see if a short essay needs to be written and sent in. Examples of eligibility are GPA, financial need and program of study.

The ACC Scholarship brochure for the 2004/2005 academic year includes about 90 different scholarship opportunities, which provide over \$100,000.00 in scholarship support.

Penny Boldrey is always working with donor and service clubs to establish more scholarship opportunities for the students of Alpena Community College.

If you send in an application, a letter will be sent to you from

either the collage or the service clubs letting you know that you were the lucky one to be awarded the scholarship. If this is you, congratulations! If this is not you, good luck with applying for others.

The deadline for ACC scholarship applications is April 12, 2004.

There is still time for students to get those scholarship applications and brochures picked up, filled out and mailed in.

Call Penny Boldrey in the ACC Foundation office at 358-7297 for more information about the scholarships that are available to students of ACC.

## Orphaned Bears Search For New Beginning

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When you find wildlife in nature alone, the best thing to do is let nature take its course before you step in and interfere.

A man in Montmorency did not take this advice to heart. He was working at a logging site when a skidder scared away a mother black bear. He then went to the den and discovered 3 baby black bears, one of which was already dead by the impact of a skidder.

The landowner and forester proceeded to tell him not take the cubs, in the hope the mother would return. However, since it was cold and the cubs were shivering he thought it would be better to take them home.

Over a week later, the news of the cubs was received by the DNR office and they decided to take action. DNR Officer Elaine Carlson said

"I was very excited to hear about the cubs and being able to reunite the cubs with the mother."

The DNR Officials decided to try to locate the mother to attempt to reunite them.

It is crucial to sedate the sow to see if she is still producing milk. This did not go as planned. They did

indeed locate the mother but they could not get a good shot to sedate her. Once spooked, she had run into the deep of the swamp.

Once they realized the DNR could not reunite the mother with the cubs they had to search other options.

The two month old cubs, Bonnie and Clyde, were in the temporary care of Betsy Willis at the Northeast Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Willis said that she would be willing to build a pen suitable for the cubs; however the DNR denied the offer, stating that the cubs could escape when grown and be a nuisance to society.

As an animal lover, Willis would be a great person to take care of the cubs. She already has bobcats, elk, deer, wild turkeys, and other wildlife, what would be two more baby cubs since she is experienced in animal rehabilitation.

From there, the DNR searched for further options and this led to the Potter Park Zoo in Lansing. When the news got to the zoo that the bears were found in a high TB area they were no longer suitable to be taken. Bovine TB, an infectious disease, threatens wildlife. Currently there is no TB test for live bears to rule out this possibility that the cubs are TB positive. This would put their zoo in

danger of being closed down if the bears were determined to have TB after deceased.

After the zoo denied the bears, the zoo along with DNR officials figured the last resort would be to euthanize the cubs. Due to a number of concerned citizens, the zoo and the DNR decided to take another look at the options.

The zoo worked with the DNR to find other placement for the cubs, and the zoo located another zoo out East that was willing to take the chance.

Once guidelines for the zoo were gone through, it was then realized that they could no longer accept the bears. Everyone on the case was back at square one.

The bears were moved to The Rose Lake Wildlife Center in Bath Township. There, they were held in isolation from human contact as much as possible to make the release back into the wild as easy as feasible.

The bears are going to hopefully be returned to another mother at a den in the near future.

They have collared sows in Michigan but none in the area where the cubs were taken.

A mother needs to be located in the same area where the cubs were found because Montmorency County is a high TB risk area

and thus can not be taken into a non-TB area. This causes another problem and the DNR are out on foot hoping to find one soon.

"This is something that we do not do often, but it is possible to find, perhaps, another female with cubs and introduce these, essentially, orphans with this other female," DNR biologist Elaine Carlson said. "It is a long shot, but it is something we can work on."

The new mother will accept the cubs as her own if all goes well. Usually for bears they do not realize the cubs are there until she is up from hibernation and if they put them in before she wakes she will never know the new cubs are not actually hers.

If the DNR does not find a mother sow to take in the cubs then they have an alternative option of a Michigan Private Zoo operator that is willing to care for them.

The DNR has worked with this individual before and know the bears will be well taken care of. The bears will live.

### Editor's Note:

At last report, the bear cubs have found a new home at Jewel and Dean Oswald's Bear Ranch, located about 8 miles north of Newberry in the Upper Peninsula.

### Corrections from the February 10th, 2004 Issue:

In the Surf's Cafe Article, Jim Prevost was mistakenly referred to as Tim; he was also credited as graduating from ACC, which is untrue.

### The ACC Writing Program Presents An Evening of Science Fiction & Fantasy



**March 18th**  
7pm CTR 104



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