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ACC Classroom in 1952

This coming autumn, Alpena Community College will celebrate its seventieth anniversary educating students in Northeast Michigan. This year we will take a look back at our history, with an aim of appreciating how far we've come as an institution. In this issue of the Crosscut, we're featuring one of the first communications sent to students.

Ah, for the days of \$60-semester tuition!

ACC'S FIRST YEAR: GENERAL INFORMATION

Classes will begin for students on Monday, Sept. 15, 1952. Tuition rates are \$60 per semester for residents of the city of Alpena and \$90 per semester for those residents outside the city of Alpena. Tuition is payable at the opening of each semester. Although an extended payment plan is available, it is desirable that the full tuition payment be made in advance if the student is able to do so. Part-time students in regularly scheduled classes will pay \$4 per credit hour if residents of the city of Alpena and \$6 per credit hour if non-residents. First semester tuition fees should be paid on the opening day of the college unless special arrangements are made.

Refunds on the tuition fees may be secured by students who officially drop either all or part of their classes previous to the mid-semester. Refunds will be prorated at 10% for each week or portion thereof that the college semester has been in session. This will result in no refunds being granted after the ninth year of the semester.

Laboratory fees will be charged in science courses and small fees may be charged in other courses. Students may consult the estimated expenses for specific amounts.

Alpena Community College will offer: (a) course for students who plan to attend senior colleges or universities for the remaining two or three years necessary for a degree; (b) courses for those who wish to continue their general education for two years; and (c) courses or those who wish special kinds of technical training in vocational fields. For the fall of 1952 a full program of academic courses will be offered, as well as vocational courses in the fields of office work and trade and industry. (The shop course may not be available in the first semester of 1952.)

The college is designed to meet all the educational needs of young men and women for two years beyond the high school level, and all of the varied and special needs of adults of any age. Although it is designed to serve the Northeastern Michigan area, students will be accepted without regard to their residence.

It is important that high school graduates and adults who are interested in attending credit courses at Alpena Community College apply for admission as soon as possible, although applications will be considered to and including the date of opening. Sixteen acceptable high school credits are required for admission of students who are entering the college with the intention of later transferring to a senior institution for the purpose of completing work toward the bachelor's degree.

Additional courses such as agriculture, engineering (two-year, non-degree), and forestry will be organized in future years as the need becomes apparent.

A placement service is available for community college students. This service will help students find part-time work and places to work for room and board. It will also help

place students in full-time jobs after graduation from community college, either from a two-year course, a one-year course, or a completion of any of the offerings of the community college.

A guidance and testing service is also available for students, and all students will be counseled at frequent intervals during their enrollment.



A 60's-era dance at Besser Tech

It is possible for adults who have finished high school to space over a period of several years their earning of necessary credits for an associate degree.

The basic purpose of the college is to meet the educational needs of all the people in the Northeastern Michigan area. To determine existing needs, the college must be aware of them; therefore, people of the area are urged to register for any community college offerings in which they might be interested.

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Sarah Ellis Howard ('00): An ACC Triple Threat

Sarah Ellis Howard arrived at Alpena Community College in 1999 far from home. She was an island girl—Drummond Island, that is—and came to ACC because it offered her the opportunity to continue to play competitive basketball after high school. She ended up competing in far more than basketball while living in Alpena, though.

For a young woman who grew up taking a ferry to the mainland to go to high school in DeTour, Sarah was used to a little travel to get to school. Three-and-a-half hours, however, is a little longer than a ferry ride, but Sarah said ACC was the right choice for her.

Sarah & Kenn Howard

"I chose ACC because it was not as threatening as a university," Sarah explained. "It was an easier transition from the small high school I came from."

Once in Alpena, Sarah studied coursework to prepare her to transfer to a four-year school in pursuit of her goal of becoming a teacher. Her time at ACC was hectic as she studied in between sports practices--and there were a lot of practices.

"Basketball was my main sport, but once I was at ACC, I also played softball and volleyball," Sarah said of her time at the college, during which she may have been the first woman to play all three sports at ACC.

She did find at least a little time between sports practices and schooling to socialize. Sarah ended up meeting her husband, Kenn, in front of College Park Apartments at ACC during a game of keep-away. They later married and have two children: Tanner, who's 13 and Kenzie, who's 10.

Sarah's coach at ACC, Mike Kollien, who's now the admissions director for the college, described Sarah as upbeat, hard-working, and positive.

"She's just that kind of person," Mike enthused, "and was a pleasure to coach."

After transferring to Central Michigan University following two years in Alpena, Sarah graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and moved to Indian River. After several years, however, she decided to go back to school to study to be a physical therapy assistant (PTA).



Sarah Ellis

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Freshman
Delour
Center
6'1"

Major:
Parents:
H.S. Coach:
Hobbies:

Secondary Ed
Tom & Pam Ellis
Chuck Hessel
Poetry & Art

Favorite Movie: Grease
Favorite Music: Country
Favorite Food: Roast Beef & Mash Potatoes
Future Plans: Teach & Coach

Sarah loves her job as a PTA and continues to live in Indian River with her family. She is also still on the hardcourt, coaching basketball at Inland Lakes High School in Indian River.

Looking back fondly at her time in Alpena, Sarah said, "It prepared me for the next step. I learned the value of real and lasting relationships."

To those considering enrolling at ACC, Sarah is enthusiastically encouraging.

"I think it's an amazing first step! ACC welcomes you in. For me, they helped to ease the transition to a larger school and prepared me for what was next."



This year's Lumberjack E-Sports team.

A Different Kind of Sport: Lumberjack E-Sports

Alumni and friends of Alpena Community College are likely aware that ACC has a robust athletic department, with men's and women's basketball, softball, volleyball, and cross-country teams. In the past, ACC has fielded golf, baseball, club hockey, and even a bowling team. Sports are frequently a popular feature of college campuses, drawing support from students, alumni, and fans

alike. There's a new sport of sorts on campus, though, that's drawing attention for how different it is from the sports you're used to watching and playing yourself.

While still operating at a club level at ACC, Lumberjack E-Sports is a team of students competing against other schools in organized video game competitions. For traditionalists, the idea of video games being considered a sport might be ridiculous, but colleges across the state and country are integrating e-sports into their athletics departments and the International Olympic Committee has discussed adding e-sports to Olympic competition.

ACC Lumberjacks E-Sports advisor Matthew Gallarno predicts e-sports are here to stay.

"Many universities already have scholarships for e-sports. Not so much at the community college level as of yet, but as the sport grows, we hope to see that change."

A League of Their Own

The National Junior College Athletics Association, to which ACC belongs, has established the National Junior College Athletics Association Esports (NJCAAE) league. As a member of the NJCAAE, ACC competes in fall and spring seasons. The league is comprised of about 70 individual teams split into several divisions. ACC's Rocket League team is competing in a division against nine other teams all across the country in the regular season. The top two or three teams from each division will then go to the league playoffs.

"It's nine weeks in the fall semester and another nine weeks in the spring semester. In our particular case, (we play) once a week, and the best three out of five matches win. Then another two to three weeks if we make the playoffs."

This year's team is small but talented. With just three players—captain Sean Hill, along with Tristen Lyons and Dante Cappelli—the team practices several times a week. And how do they practice? By playing, of course. And it turns out that this season, playing means driving—kind of.

"This season we will be playing Rocket League," Gallarno explains, speaking of a popular video game the team will be playing the whole season while competing against other teams. "The best way to explain it is soccer with cars. There are considerable elements of skill, physics, teamwork, and communication necessary to play the game well."

Because e-sports is just getting off the ground in the NJCAA, last semester was ACC's first in that arena. The team, however, is comprised of members who have played video games with each other for years, so their communication skills and teamwork were at a level that helped propel them to the playoffs in their first season.

They made it to, but lost in, the first round of the playoffs, Gallarno said. "That's an amazing achievement for their first foray into the NCJAAE environment."

Making the Team

Lumberjack E-Sports is always interested in recruiting new members. So far, the program has been built by word-of-mouth, but Gallarno looks forward to a time when he can more formally recruit players for the team.

"One of our goals is to partner with local high schools in our area that are currently developing esports programs or act as a guide for those that haven't started yet," Gallarno said. "This will give us an opportunity to recruit local talent."

Scholarship Spotlight: Robert Chater Coupled Business & Education



As the founder of **Magnaloy Coupling**, Robert Chater certainly made a lasting impact on Northeast Michigan with the employment opportunities and industrial might his business added to the region during the time he owned the company. Though he sold Magnaloy before his death in 1982, Robert's contributions to the community that embraced him after he moved to Alpena in the 1950s and set up shop continue to this day.

Born June 15, 1902, in Youngstown, Ohio, Robert Chater grew up in Canada and, later, Detroit. An intelligent man with a quick mind, Robert was inspired by the manufacturing revolution happening in the Motor City and devised an invention that would improve coupling, which is the secure connection of two rotating parts that allows for misalignment and also dampens vibration. He started Magnaloy Coupling in Detroit, but eventually moved the business to Alpena, where it blossomed.

Robert became active in the community and reportedly enjoyed all that Northeast Michigan had to offer. One of his favorite pastimes was fly fishing on a river in the Atlanta area.

Following his death in 1982 at the age 80, a generous scholarship fund was created from a gift he bequeathed to the Alpena Community College Foundation. Because of Robert Chater's generosity, 18 students each received a \$750 scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year. Eligible students must be from Northeast Michigan, maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average, and be in financial need of assistance. Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Robert R. Chater Scholarship:

- Monroe H. Baldwin
- Johnathan A. Beatty
- Austin J. Bielas
- Nikita M. Cordes
- Morgan Baller
- Carlee A. Doan
- Hannah M. Eldridge
- Alexis L. Ferguson
- Rachel A. Hayes
- Zachary A. Kazyaka
- Shane J. Mendyka
- Summer N. Myles
- Rebecca S. Richards
- Kyle J. Stachnik

- Travis Stevens
 - William J. Stywick
 - Jenya G. Torsch
 - Courtney R. Uller
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