

Mt. Edgecumbe 50th anniversary planned by students

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Sitka-Mt. Edgecumbe goes gold. The golden anniversary celebration of Mt. Edgecumbe High School is being planned. All former Mt. Edgecumbe students, staff and friends are invited to return to Sitka Feb. 19-22, 1997 to help celebrate 50 years of living and learning together.

A good turnout is expected by Todd Bergman and the business management class, coordinators of

the event, in cooperation with the Mt. Edgecumbe Alumni Association.

"I just hope everyone has a good time," said Bergman. "We are estimating that 300 to 400 people will come in."

Over 20,000 people have attended MEHS in some way since 1948. Moreover, hundreds of teachers and other school facilitators have worked at or with the school, and they are also encouraged to attend.

"We are working with the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau," said Bergman. "Their convention

coordinator, Phyllis Hackett, will be working with the Edgecumbe celebration regarding all of the communication to the Sitka business community, including the lodging facilities and travel agencies."

If three to four hundred people arrive, lodging may be challenging. Approximately 350 beds are available in Sitka, including bed and breakfast facilities.

The Centennial Building is leased each evening for banquets, dancing and other entertainment. "The event itself may not cost anything, but some activities at the event such as the banquet, formal dance and

other activities will cost to recover some expenses," said Bergman.

The business management class, lead by Bergman and other adult volunteers, have been working on this immense project for over a year. But, unfortunately, not one of the 1995 business management students have returned. With a completely new class, they started near the middle of planning the project.

Excitement has already erupted with only one press release. Some people have already made reservations. The press release was with the governor's office and went out

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to over 150 different newspapers, television and radio stations statewide.

People from as far away as North

Dakota and California are already responding and asking for invitations for themselves and their friends. Regional corporation presidents will be here and have sent formal letters asking how they can help with promotional.

Promotional information will be made via public service announcements, direct mailings and even be posted on the internet.

For more information call (907) 966-3292 or fax (907) 966-02442. Information is also available by

writing Mt. Edgēcūmbe 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1330 Seward Ave., Sitka, AK 99835.

Travel and lodging information can be obtained by writing the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 1226, Sitka, AK 99835.