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New President Donnelly Airs First Impressions, Objectives

East Campus is ACC Addition

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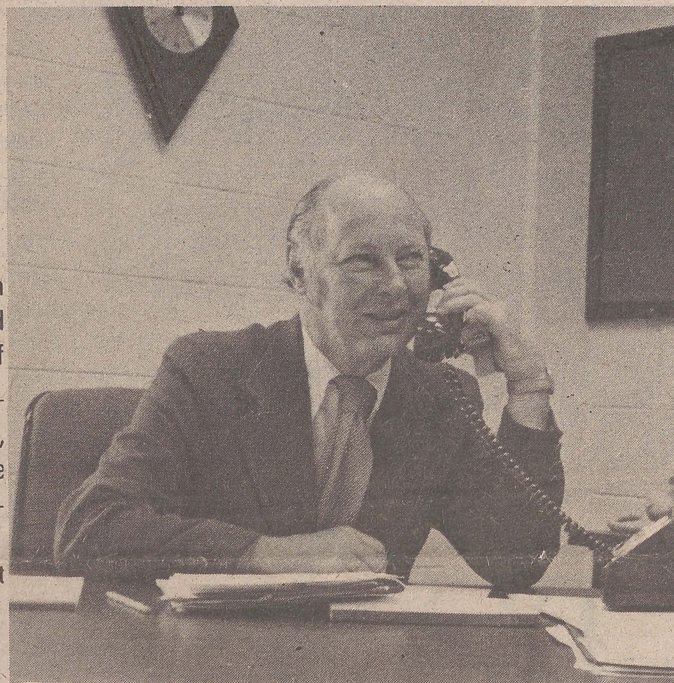
By Mike Murphy

"Like any other college, ACC is suffering from financial difficulties, but, otherwise, I'm impressed with the college as it is." Those are the words of Dr. Charles R. Donnelly, recently appointed president of Alpena Community College. Dr. Donnelly, a native of Allen Michigan and a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Ph.D. in higher education, comes to us most recently from the University of Nevada System, where he was president of the Community College Division.

Dr. Donnelly and his wife, Marilyn, have six children, three boys and three girls, ranging in age from fifteen to twenty-nine.

The soft-spoken Donnelly also says that the dorms here are a sore financial spot. There are not enough residents to meet the expenses incurred by the running of the dorms, therefore, some funds must come out of the operating budget, which ultimately causes a lack elsewhere. The new president went on to state that this is a common problem among community colleges and the dorms will continue to operate.

Donnelly cited the uniqueness of such offerings as forestry, concrete technology and the fisheries program, and said that the educational opportunities offered here are unusual and students should take advantage of them.



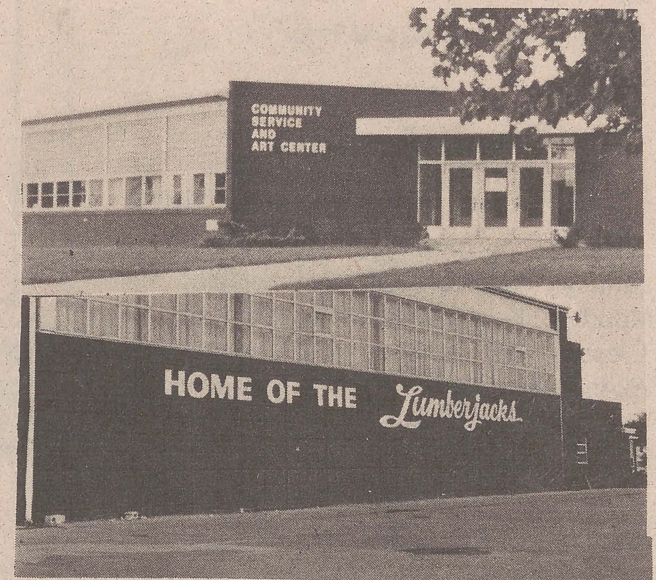
A bit of sage advice from an experienced educator; "While here, students should use the excellent programs here to further themselves and also get involved in extra-curricular activities because the learning experience takes place outside of as well as in the classroom."

Dr. Donnelly doesn't plan any radical changes in the near future, although he has rearranged the administration. Continuing the good programs here at ACC and remaining open to future needs are Donnelly's main objectives.

In past years, as new departments and activities became incorporated into the Alpena Community College, facilities had to be either created or rented. An example of recent, creative campus expansion now stands; "East Campus", newly-acquired home of activities such as continuing education, community services, Art, Physical Education, Athletics, and Intramural Sports.

Formerly "Catholic Central High School", and then "Central Junior High School", the "East Campus" area is represented by a single building and the land that it occupies, approximately one half mile east of ACC's main campus. First owned by the Catholic Diocese of this locale, the property was sold to local entrepreneur, Ralph Fletcher, who in turn sold it to the college. The Besser Foundation, whose contributions in the past have greatly aided Alpena's educational system, has also donated the funds which enabled the college to make this expansion.

Besides providing ample space for the college programs housed there, it is also noteworthy that the college is visibly and healthily expanding its campus.



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Pot Bill to be reconsidered

Expected up for passage by the house is a bill which would decriminalize the possession and the use of one ounce or less of marijuana. The bill, in its final stages of preparation before the voting begins on it sometime in the next few weeks. House bill 4603 was introduced in congress by State Representative Perry Bullard (Dem.-Ann Arbor,) would not legalize the substance, but instead of criminal records being kept and jail sentences being handed out, a one hundred dollar fine would be issued. Enforcement would be by citation rather than arrest. Bullard, when asked to explain the bill which is

up for reconsideration this month stated, "As it stands now HB4603 is a compromise measure. It decriminalizes the use and possession of small amounts of marijuana without legalizing it or condoning it in any way." Rep. Bullard has had information sheets circulated throughout the state in order to stir up citizen lobbyist groups. To voice your opinion on this or any other matter of Congressional interest contact E. Dan Stevens Rep.-106th Congressional District, State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909.