



the Lumberjack

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RESULTS OF MILLAGE DEFEAT

ACC will definitely feel the effects of the April 7 millage defeat in the following semester. Due to the inflationary prices of supplies, to keep the campus presentable and the classes updated, the college needed the millage in order to maintain the same budget that they had in previous years.

Since the majority of the people voted the millage down, the ACC Board of Directors will be how to budget the money that ACC does have available, which inevitably means cuts will have to be made somewhere.

It has been recommended to the Board that the tuition be raised, and the students activities fee be increased by one dollar per contact hour. If the Board does agree to the recommendation, the students planning to attend ACC will see this effect the most because it will be coming out of their pockets.

Students also will be affected by the class choice available to them in the Fall semester, for approximately a dozen classes have been cut due to class sizes once the semester starts.

Part-time instructors will be

cut back before the full-time instructors will be, because it is in contract that full-time instructors aren't allowed to be cut back more than a third of their full schedule. So far the effects instructors will have to face are equipment to work with.

Also due to the financial problems ACC will be facing and

the cuts that will be made, ACC may have a hard time getting as good of accreditation from NCA as in the previous years. This may, in the long run, effect grants, transferability of credits, and public reputation and recognition

If the Board approves another election it will be held in November with the same proposal. If another defeats is in order, it is possible that another election will come again in February. So it is still possible that financial problems will be resolved if held and passed in November.

sites at Alcona-Montmorency or Gaylord, depending upon the landfill station. This is what makes rubbish removal so expensive, in the first place.

In addition, the NCR incinerator creates complaints about smoke getting into the building amid speculation that the smoke, at times, finds its way into the fresh air system inlet as a result of unusual wind currents. And, also, occasionally subject to air quality tests by an outside agency because there is always a chance that

incomplete combustion will send too many particles into the air, which often settle out as dust or collect in lung tissue.

It's a fact! Rubbish is a bother and ACC is throwing away money, employee time, and clean air (ask anyone at NCR) on garbage manufactured by its inhabitants.

ACC

ACCREDITATION

An ACC self-study steering committee has been preparing since the fall semester for the North Central Accreditation (NCA) to visit and evaluate ACC April 27-29, 1988.

Accreditation is a voluntary, nongovernmental, self-regulatory system for the periodic assessment and public certification of educational institutions. Accreditation certifies the educational quality to the public and also induces institutional improvements.

NCA is the largest of six institutional accreditations, covering 19 states ranging from W. Virginia to Arizona, and the oldest accrediting agency beginning in 1895.

The evaluation process involves a self-study which involves the college institution completing an objective self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses. The steering committee is doing this by developing action plans to remedy problem areas, and has decided to administer two survey questions.

The two survey questionnaires are to gather perceptual opinions and will be incorporated in the self-study report. The first being

an ACT student opinion survey and the second being an ACC institutional self-assessment survey for trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff.

After a self-assessment is submitted to NCA, a peer review team is selected to visit the campus to validate the self-study and conduct its own evaluation. From the self-study and peer review team evaluation, a commission takes the final action to accredit the institution for a term of up to ten years.

NCA has reviewed ACC five times starting with a candidate in 1961 and receiving the highest possible accreditation in 1963 for 10 years, and is hoping for that again in 1988, but it may be more difficult because of the college's financial problems due to the millage defeat.

The ACC steering-committee is working hard on their self-study because of the importance and benefits ACC will receive from NCA if they are accredited. If accredited, ACC will be eligible for Federal and State grants, transferability of college credits will be easier, and public reputation and recognition can be heightened.

EXPENSIVE

TRASH

The removal of trash generated by ACC students, faculty, and staff is a costly, time-consuming, and often, enjoyable proposition.

Three incinerators, however, do help reduce rubbish removal expenses. According to Don Witt, "It costs the college \$215. a month to have Lancewicz haul the trash away." And he further states, "If there were no incinerators it would probably cost three times as much."

Hidden costs are, nevertheless, involved in using the incinerators. The units in BTC and VLH, for example, are manually fired and must be tended by an employee at start-up so that the fires do not burn out prematurely.

And, the custodian in each building has the daily responsibility of picking over the trash for wire, glass, and pressurized containers before it goes into the incinerators--an unpleasant task and a consumer of time, as well.

Also, the incinerators must be cleaned out once or twice a week. This usually takes about 25 minutes for each unit. There are other costs in maintenance and



supplies to keep them in working condition, as well.

Then, the 55 gallon ash barrels must be removed twice a week by the maintenance crew from the boiler rooms to the loading docks and by truck to one of the two nearby dumpsters.

Finally, all the rubbish is taken by Lancewica Refuse Company to the city transfer station on M-32 where it is trucked to the landfill

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