

## CEREMONIES

The graduation of WAFB students on Friday, May 1, was a huge success with the 21 graduating students, their families, and honorary faculty in attendance, the Officer's Club (where the graduation was held) was packed.

The congratulatory remarks were made by Col. William Davite, Commander of the 379 Bomb wing, Mr. Howard Spencer, Education Services officer, and Mr. Chuck Wiesen, Director of Community Services.

Wanda Foley, selected student speaker, gave a short speech on the shared feelings of all the graduating students. She stated, "We [the students] have not only set, but met our goals." She also added, "We have won the battle, and now are ready to move on."

Mr. Roger Bauer, Chair of

ACC's Board of Trustees, gave the commencement address to the students. He congratulated the students, stated they were enthusiastic and should be proud of their achievements.

Bauer talked about how a community college is used by the 4 basic student types which are: 1) the student who uses a community college for the first 2 years of a 4 year degree, 2) the student who is using the community college for vocational or educational degrees, 3) the student who has lost employment and is retraining, and 4) the returning student who wants to improve the quality of his or her life by adding more education.

Bauer ended his speech with this thought, "Education is the one greatest weapon to use against

any common enemy."

The graduates were then given their diplomas by Dr. Charles Donnelly and Mr. Bauer, and the benediction was given by Chaplain Ralph Guetersloh.

Everyone was invited to attend a banquet given in honor of the graduates.



## WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE GRADUATION ■ ■ ■

On Friday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m., 21 graduates of Alpena Community College accepted their degrees in a ceremony held in the

Officer's Club on Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda.

The event, though solemn and traditional, was carried off with an atmosphere that only people who have worked together closely for some time could achieve, and an air of comradery was prevalent.

Families, friends, and distinguished guests gathered to congratulate and celebrate the accomplishments of the "class of '87".

Following an invocation given by chaplain Ralph Guetersloh, ACC president Dr. Charles Donnelly performed introductions or the speakers.

Among those adding their congratulations were Colonel William Davite, Commander of the 379th Bomb Wing; Howard Spencer, education services officer; director of the WAFB center, Chuck Wiesen; Wanda F. Foley, 1987 graduate; Roger Bauer, chair of the ACC board of trustees who presented the commencement address.

Dr. Donnelly presented degrees to forward, and the ceremony closed with chaplain Guetersloh's benediction.

The recessional of graduates, with diplomas proudly in hand, marked the end of years of hard work and effort for many, and the beginning of another phase of education for others.

It was a thoughtful gesture on the part of the graduates to dedicate a portion of their printed program to people who they felt made the achievement of their goals possible.

Families received honorable mention at the top of the list, with fellow students, instructors, and administration following close behind.

Howard Spencer and Nancy Reinhart were given a special spot for their time and efforts.

Rick Counsellor, the ACC VA specialist and counselor, also rated high on the list of people receiving extra credit.

The pianist, who provided the final touch of tradition with her rendition of Pomp and

Circumstance, also contributed to the success of the event. Carla Davison played the musical accompaniment for the entire education of the graduation and did a very pleasurable job.

A social hour was provided to give the graduates and their guests an opportunity to mingle and was followed by a buffet dinner at the officer's club. The beautifully set tables and planning for the meal was in the capable hands of the officer's club staff.

All deserving of praise for their contributions, the forementioned people would surely be among the first to recognize the achievements of and extend wishes for continued success to the graduating class of ACC and Community College of the Air Force of 1987.



## FUTURE GOALS FOR WAFB

The WAFB extension of ACC has put forth ambitious goals for its future, including an increase of over 40% over its present total enrollment by 1990.

This 40% increase would bring Wurtsmith's total to 1000 students. In order to achieve this goal, "student sensitive" programs are being implemented, says Chuck Wiesen, Director of Community Services at ACC.

The effort towards further growth is based upon a modified version of an advertising technique known as "target marketing". Basically, the WAFB center determines which areas need ACC services, and what those services might include. In addition, the mobility of the potential students is studied.

Since many of the geographical areas for potential growth are rural and a considerable distance from the WAFB campus, a program to accommodate these areas is being explored. The program involves the local public schools in the target areas. These school buildings may be used to hold ACC classes in distant areas. The program will soon be field tested in the Tawas area.

Some less - than - convenient results of the WAFB expansion are already being felt on base, however. An "overcrowding situation" has developed, forcing some classes to be held in the base chapel and fire house. Relief, however, may be coming.

According to Wiesen, the extension may receive a new building within 3 to 5 years.