

WAFB problems of expansion

The Wurtsmith Air Force Base is facing a problem. The problem is one of expansion.

The active duty air base's open campus is becoming increasingly overcrowded. The academic population on both the ACC campus and the air base is up 16% from last year. On base, enrollment has increased from 629 civilian and Air Force students last year to 735 this semester.

"It is an agreeable problem, but a problem none the less," commented Chuck Wiesen, Director of Community Services, during a recent interview.

Although the increase in

students is beneficial to the air base in many ways including public relations and banishing the "big bad mystery" image of the base often held by the community in which it is located. There is still the difficulty of simply providing classrooms for students to meet in.

The kind of space most needed is convertible space. Classrooms that are as multi-purpose as possible; the 24' by 36' portable classroom purchased in 1984 and known as the Data Processing Lab, also provides classroom area for a few other classes.

Another building, purchased in

1985 and installed in 1986, will be known as the Science Lab, as well as being general classroom space.

Temporary measures include using the base fire station, and security police headquarters, among other buildings on base. Enrollment is expected to expand up to 1000 students by the end of the decade.

When asked about the present potential capacity, Wiesen replied, "Realistically, we are at it." However, expansions do not seem to be in future plans for the air base: "Planing, no. Dreaming, yes," Wiesen stated.

"Dr. Frankenstein's Monster" TO BEGIN

Thunder Bay Theatre will present a chilling tale for their fourth play of the season entitled "Dr. Frankenstein's Monster." The play begins tomorrow, October 29 and runs through November 1, and again from the 5th through the 8th.

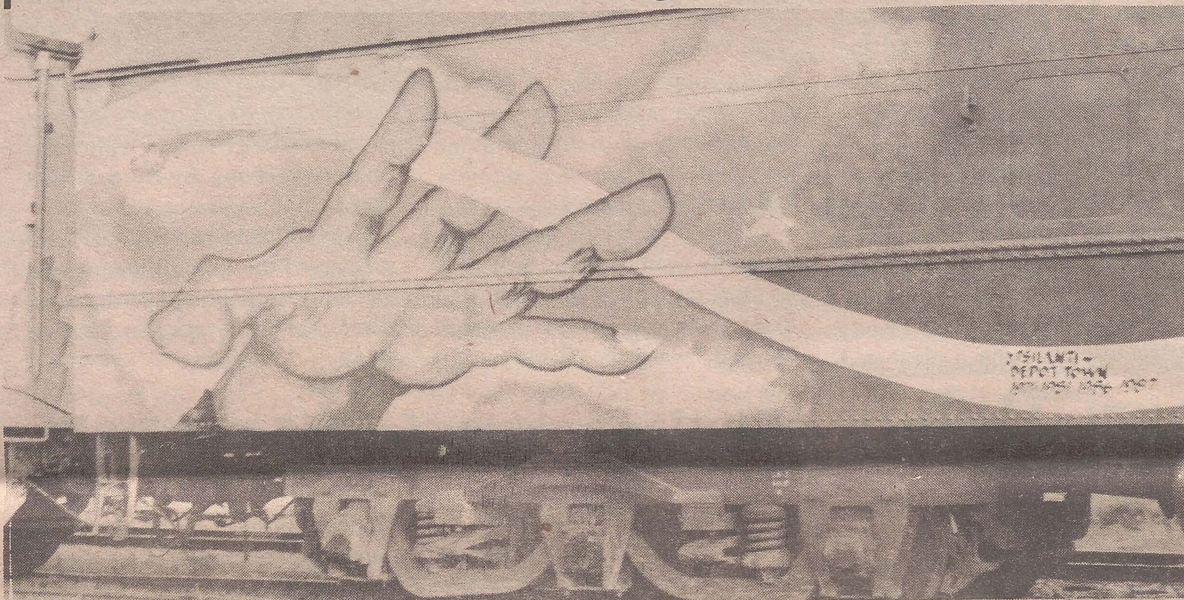
"Dr. Frankenstein's Monster", written by Keith Titus, is about a man named Victor Frankenstein who creates a creature from the body parts of dead men and women in order to discover how to prevent sickness and dying.

The cast includes the following six members: Kevin Burnham, Jane Burnham, John Delaney, Jim Hoffmaster, Terri Janus, and Jan Petrous. They are all from out of town.

The play begins at 8:00pm and is approximately two hours long. Admission is only \$2.00 when you present your student ID card.



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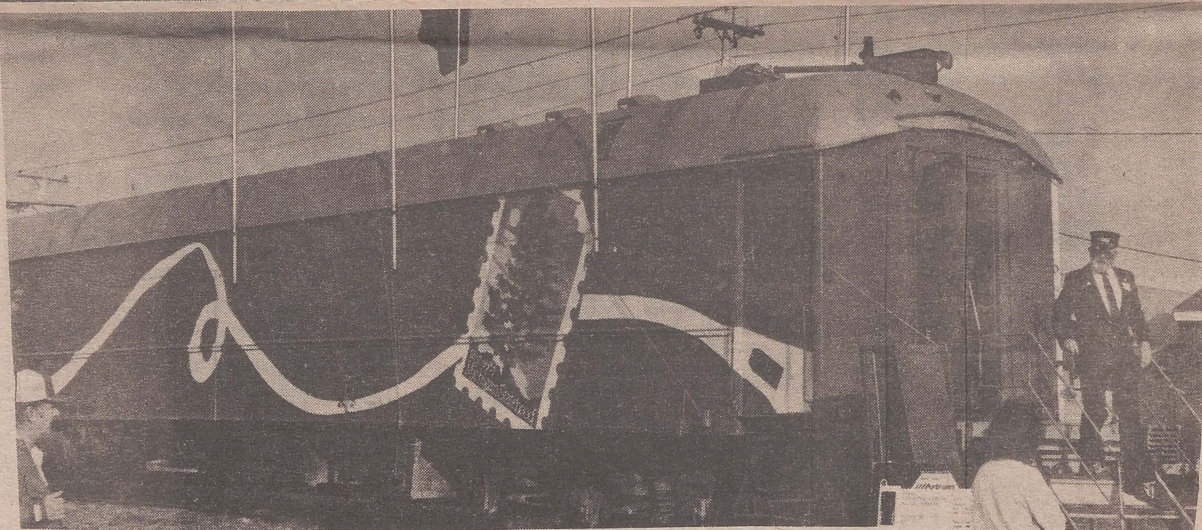
Artrain, America's only nationally touring art museum, recently visited Alpena. Having visited more than 250 communities in 28 states, the Artrain provides museum experience and educational experience to nearly two million people.

The train was founded in 1971 by the Michigan Council for the Arts as a way to bring art directly to the people and spur community

interest. Artrain has been a catalyst for community arts development in many forms such as the formation of local arts councils and community art festivals.

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The funding for the Artrain comes from public and private

grants, corporate and individual donations, fees from the communities visited, and sales of the items aboard the train.

In celebration of Michigan's Sesquicentennial, the 1987 Artrain will have traveled to 25 communities throughout the state.