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STUDENTS greet Kathy Momrik at the end of the long open registration line

Campus registration increases

by Tina Perrin

Enrollment is up slightly this fall on the main campus and equal to last year at the Huron Shores Campus according to Dean of Instruction Curt Davis and Tim Sleevey, Huron Shores Campus Director.

At close of registration, 2,245 students were enrolled at main campus compared to last year's count of 2,238. Of those students currently enrolled 1,676 are attending classes on the main campus; the remainder are attending at the HSC.

Full time students total 980, approximately a 13% increase over last year. Female students account for 57% of the student population. The average age of ACC's students is 30, according to Davis.

At HSC, Sleevey sees an increase in non-military enrollments with military dependent registration being at the highest level in the last 10 years.

Because of military cutbacks, strategic air command education enrollment is down across the nation by 20%. HSC is only

down 1% and with the increase in civilian registration, HSC enrollment is "holding steady", according to Sleevey.

Contributing to increased enrollment, according to Davis, is new course offerings. This is the first year ACC is offering a two year program in Machine Tool Technology, and a Corrections Certification Program has been added at HSC. The addition of the two year Utility Technician Program on the main campus has also been filled. The nursing program continues to attract many applicants with 125 students seeking selection for the 35 available spaces.

Davis feels the increase is due to an increased interest in obtaining basic courses at ACC before transferring to a four year college or university. This is reflected in the fact that enrollment for all basic courses is high and that 4 sections of Becoming a Master Student has filled.

An increase of 3 to 6% is projected for next year.

Recycling group strives to reduce pollution

by Jackie Skaluba

Recycling in Alpena is still in its infant stages, and, for now, its activities are age-appropriate.

According to Ken Hubbard, educating the public in the basic how-to's of recycling is as important as the gathering of recyclable materials at this stage.

In the market-place, the demand for recyclables is growing slowly compared to the supply. In this glutted market, local recycling groups must be careful or find themselves in a situation where they must pay to landfill the very items they work to keep out of our country's overused landfills.

Currently about 10% of Alpena's citizens are participating in the monthly drop-off of recyclables that have been organized and staffed by Hubbard and his group.

They expect to reach 15% participation and are encouraged by the cooperation received thus far and by the sheer mass of material they have been able to re-direct into the market-place instead of the landfill.

Alpena's recyclers have encountered some difficulties along the way, but fortunately, no brick walls. One problem has been a dwindling pool of volunteers to staff the drop-off days, while another is the loss of the buyer to whom they

had been selling clear glass for \$44 a ton.

When asked where the recyclables go after leaving Alpena, the explanation was unexpectedly brief: "It's a secret." Why? In this glutted market-place, a buyer is a valuable item and protected.

Working with Northern Sanitation who has planned and applied for grant monies to subsidize their efforts, Alpena's recyclers have secured a buyer for newsprint as long as the group will guarantee it to be free of shiny inserts which would plug the milling process.

This is something that the public is not as a whole aware of. According to Hubbard, this problem will be overcome gradually by the group's continuing push to educated the public. However, the demands of their newsprint buyer must be met and Northern Sanitation currently employees local handicapped individuals, with the help of a temporary government-funded grant, to sort through the newsprint before it is shipped.

Also on the group's list of recyclables published earlier this year are plastics. There are currently 8 different types of plastic manufactured and they display a number 1 thru 8 to identify the type of plastic used in their manufacture. Plastics 1 and 2 are recyclable, 3 thru 8

are not. Hubbard's group recommends purchase of 1 and 2-plastics.

Plastic milk jugs are recyclable, the lids are not. If you wish to and can recycle plastic milk jugs, Hubbard offers these simple guidelines: 1) remove the lid and discard 2) rinse the jug thoroughly 3) remove as much of the paper label as possible. The remaining label parts can be removed in the recycling process. 4) foot smash the jugs so that they take up less space.

One semi-trailer of plastics collected by the recycling group after being processed by the public in this way, will be further compacted and baled so that it fills only 1/4 of the semi-trailer. It will then be stored by the hauler until the appropriate tonnage is reached before it is shipped to a buyer.

Because of this storage period, it is essential that the plastics be clean. If the buyer were to receive a truckload of plastics with the unmistakable odor of spoiled milk, he would not be likely to buy from Hubbard's group again and a scarce buyer in a glutted market would be lost.

The group doesn't take tin cans at this time, but has ambitions of establishing a buyer in the future.

For those who wish to become involved in the recycling process, the Alpena recycling group meets on the 1st Thursday of each month in the City Hall council chambers at 7pm. Volunteers for 2-hour shifts on drop-off days are needed. For information call 356-1092.



RECYCLING volunteers sort materials before transport

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