



photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity

MANY volunteers are needed to help raise the roof on Habitat homes

## Senate swings into action

by Keith Townsen

Campus Kick-off, a student interest survey and a search for student representatives are the first activities of the current Student Senate.

The Senate is seeking four freshmen and one sophomore representatives. Anyone interested in running for office can pick up a nominating petition in the Student Senate office in VLH. All nominations must be turned in to the Senate by September 21.

Anyone currently enrolled is eligible to run for office provided he is not on social or academic probation and has a minimum GPA of 2.0.

The nominating petition must bear the signatures of the applicant, three staff members, the candidate's academic advisor and 50 currently enrolled students. Candidates may not change the position nominated for after the petition has been signed. Candidates can be nominated for more than one office with separate petitions that meet the aforementioned guidelines, but can be on the ballot for only one position.

The duties and responsibilities of a representative are to serve as a liaison between the student body and the Senate. It is the duty of the representative to faithfully express and uphold the sentiments of the students of ACC.

Senate elections will be held Wed., Oct. 3 in front of the Senate office in VLH from 8 to 8; anyone who is an ACC student may vote in the election.

The Senate also hosted its first activity of the year, Campus Kick Off. Attendance was poor due to rain, but that did not stop

Senate Advisor Frank McCourt, along with secretarial staff member Nancy Sequin, administrator Chuck Wiesen and retired faculty member Tom Bennett from cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs for those who attended.

Tables were set up by various clubs on campus such as the ACC Players and intramurals, as well as clubs returning to active status, the Ski Club and the ACC Business Club.

Student Senate is also conducting student interest surveys involving smoking accessibility and foreign language as a curriculum offering.

Presently smoking in any building on ACC's campus is forbidden. Some students have requested that the student senate evaluate this policy and the senate is conducting a survey to discover the wishes of the student body as a whole.

The survey asks two questions: Are you a smoker and would you support a properly ventilated room for smokers on our ACC campus?

Some students have also expressed a desire for a foreign language program on campus. This part of the survey also has two questions for students to answer. The first question asks, "Are you interested in a Foreign Language as a part of your college curriculum? If students answer yes to this question, they are asked to pick two of the following foreign languages they would be supportive of and interested in: Spanish, German, French or Latin.

Copies of the survey can be obtained at the Student Senate office in VLH.

## Habitat for humanity forms "love chain"

by Jackie Skaluba  
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Habitat for Humanity, with chapters across the country including Alpena, Traverse City and Detroit, defines itself as "love in action".

According to Lorraine Graham, local member, their "action" is taking place at 220 Alfred Street. The group purchased 3 lots at that location from a local resident with the help of a grant from the Besser Foundation.

Ground was broken for the first home in April 1990 and it is now nearing completion.

Although they had hoped to have 2 of the 3 homes completed this year, a shrinking pool of volunteers has slowed the progress on the 2nd home to the extent that it will not be completed until next year.

Don Elliott, a local contractor and Habitat member, would like to emphasize that "no

charity is involved here and no profit is made".

Habitat's selection committee chooses a recipient who takes out a 1 year lease which will then be converted to a mortgage. The payments made by the new homeowner are the funds used for the next home.

The first to benefit from Habitat's efforts are Bonnie Wehrly and her daughters; the 2nd home will go to the Bruce Parent family. The Habitat selection committee is still in the process of screening applicants

for the 3rd Alfred Street home.

Habitat, with its eyes on the future is already looking into the possibility of acquiring a 4th lot, this time from the city of Alpena.

With such ambitious plans, Habitat needs help. Both skilled and unskilled workers are needed, painters, carpenters, etc. for the Saturday work bees.

This is an opportunity to do something for the community and get valuable work experience.

For more information, call the Habitat office at 356-3509.

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