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## Millage Threatens ACC's Survival

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ACC's future is at stake. Come November 4<sup>th</sup>, a general election will be held to decide whether or not to renew the \$838,000 millage for ACC's budget.

This millage has supported ACC for 17 years. The decision being placed in voter's hands is whether or not to maintain that current amount in the ACC funding.

Property taxes make up roughly 18-20% of the total ACC budget. State Aide makes up around 44% and

tuition makes up around 35%.

If the millage does not pass, then the institution has to cut the losses somehow. This may include the elimination of extracurricular programs, classes, or staff. It's anyone's guess as to what could go due to lack of funds "everything is fair game," according to the ACC President Dr. Newport. There are ways to counteract the potential loss of funds.

No programs have been singled out as of now. "When you lose \$838,000, something has to happen. If it had to come down to this, everything would be on the

table for review," Dr. Newport said about the issue of program cuts.

One way the school would have to cover the deficit would be to cut some programs here at ACC.

Another possibility is to increase tuition costs. To cover the deficit, a \$21 increase per credit hour would have to be made.

"The people of Alpena know how much this institution gives to the community, so we're hoping for a positive outcome," Jay Walterreit, head of public relations said when asked about the millage. "The most

"...everything would be on the table..."

-ACC President, Donald Newport

important thing the community should know about this millage is, it is a renewal. The millage has been in place for around 15 years and we're just asking for the people to renew it. We're not asking the community to pay more money. We're asking for their continued support." Walterreit also added.

The last time ACC asked for a renewal was back in 1999, and it was passed. "This is a chance for the students to have a direct effect on this election. Because this is such

a small community, every person's vote counts." Dr. Newport commented.

The last day for voter registration is October 6<sup>th</sup>. You can get more information on registering from the Student Senate or you can call the Alpena County Clerk

office at (989) 354-2196. Included in this issue (page 3) is a list of every precinct and where to vote within each precinct.

To find out if you are able to vote on this issue, consult the list, and voice your opinion accordingly.

## University Center Creates New Programs

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The Alpena Community College University Center, in partnership with Michigan Universities, began new programs for fall, along with plans for new programs in the future and the exploration of other programs to be integrated into the center.

The University Center has become a crucial alternative for those people who do not have an option of moving closer to a four year college.

Charles Wiesen, Dean from the Center For Economic and Human Resource Development, explains that the college "wants to improve the choices people have after they have completed an associate's degree, while at the same time helping ACC improve its mission in improving the community."

The proven success of the Spring Arbor programs and others like it shows that the University Center is a great alternative to students' learning processes, and a great asset to the community.

New programs being offered this fall through the University Center include a Masters of Arts in nursing from Central Michigan University.

A bachelor and master's degree program in nursing administration is being offered by Madonna University and a bachelor's in nursing is being offered by

Northern Michigan University as well. A Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree is also being offered by Central Michigan University, for those who have finished an Associates Degree in Accounting of Business.

New for this spring is hands-on Masters of Science Educating program from Lawrence Technological University, which is designed for teachers who want to better their teaching skills and to provide better teaching knowledge.

The University Center is working with Ferris State University to offer bachelors degrees in Accounting, Computer Information Systems and Industrial Management Occupations. "This would be a great addition for Concrete Technology majors," said Wiesen.

Also in the process of coming to the University Center is a master's degree program in Individualized Studies from Oakland University.

This program targets people with a journalism, English or Public Relations background.

Any questions about these or any other programs being offered through the University Center should be directed to Charles Wiesen at 358-7235.

## ACC's New Vice President Takes Office

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ACC's New Vice President, Dr. Mary Anne Carlson

ACC's new Vice President, Dr. Mary Anne Carlson, believes community colleges provide an important service to their community.

"I love working in the community college sector," she said.

"I believe strongly in the community college mission and the services we provide."

Dr. Carlson did research on ACC before moving here and was impressed by the number of local students that come here to get their degree or before transferring to a University.

"It shows wonderful support from the community," she said. She is slowly becoming involved in community activities and she looks forward to meeting new people here.

She moved from Idaho and started her new job here on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May.

When asked what her goals at ACC were, she replied, "I want to continue the quality traditions that are already

established and I want to work with the ACC faculty and staff to define a future in these changing times."

Dr. Carlson was raised in Illinois but often vacationed in the southeastern part of Michigan to visit relatives. Her career has required her to move several times and she has enjoyed the diversity of

communities that comes with relocating.

Her education background includes a Baccalaureate Degree from Colorado State University, a Masters from the University of Colorado at Denver and a Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Carlson's career includes her most recent

position as the Dean of Instruction at Eastern Idaho Technical College.

She has also served as the Division Dean of Business and Information Systems at Chattanooga State Technical College, and the Director of Continuing Education at Trinidad State Jr. College in Colorado.

"I wanted to return to a comprehensive community college from a technical college," Dr. Carlson stated.

As vice president of ACC, Dr. Carlson is responsible for the Academic area of the college and the operations of student services.

She monitors the new and existing programs by attending meetings with other community colleges to see if what they offer might also be useful here.

She also checks with receiving institutions to see if shifts need to be made in ACC programs to prepare students for a possible transfer to a different secondary school.

"My responsibility is to support instruction in any way that I can," said Dr. Carlson.

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