

# Alpena Community College

## Lumberjack

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"We're Back"

Issue 1

### Campus's Summer Improvements

During the past summer, the ACC campus has developed a clean and refurbished look. Don Witt, head of buildings and grounds, was enthused about the new improvements made on campus.

There were two criterions that Witt followed in planning job priorities. The first was deciding which areas the students had the most contact with, this area being the lounges and halls. The second criterion was to decide what rooms were deteriorating and in need of repair.

Both Besser Technical Center (BTC) and Van Lare Hall (VLH) lounges and halls, with the help of Alice Crittendon, have a new color scheme. According to Witt, the blue and cream colors were used to promote a lighter and brighter atmosphere for the students.

The most deteriorating part of the campus buildings were the roofs. The roofs at East Campus (EAC), VLH, and BTC had \$50,000 worth of reroofing done to strengthen it and keep out the rain. There are still parts of the roofs that need to be worked on.

EAC

There has been a bolder appearance given to the EAC gym. All surfaces on the outside of the gym

have been painted a dark burgundy with gray trim. The inside of the gym had new 3-point lines painted on the varnished floor, and also the bleacher steps were highlighted with new paint.

BTC

Witt would like to thank Tom Winter for painting the letters on the sign, "Besser Technical Center", and maintenance personnel Rich Grochowski and Larry Duby for installing the sign. Also painted in BTC was the concrete tech testing lab, Mr. Eller's office, Mr. Coggin's office, auto tool room and locker room, and Mr. Yules's ceiling in his office.

NRC

Most of the NRC repairs took place in the library. The individual tables and the big front table have been varnished.

VLH

Out behind VLH here has been a lot of ground work. A numerous amount of trees have been cleared away from the river for a better view. The bike path and exercise center have both been spruced up. The lawn has been treated with weedkiller and the plants and shrubbery have been provided with the utmost care.

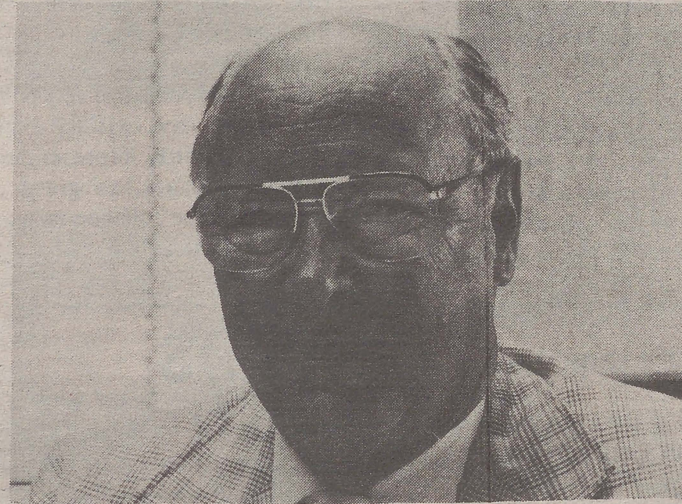
### Reflections

With his retirement approaching in January, Dr. Charles Donnelly, President of Alpena Community College, took time to reflect upon his achievements at ACC, the goals that weren't completed, and the changes he has seen in regards to the average student and what they have meant.

During the 10 years Donnelly has served as president, his major accomplishment has been to separate ACC from the K-12 grades. This separation has created ACC's Board of Trustees, policies, and own means of funding.

The next major accomplishment has been to help create ACC's endowment fund. This year the fund has reached \$600,000 with a future goal of \$1,000,000. This is especially important to the college since during the past few years federal monies have been cut 13 times.

Two of the goals that Donnelly hasn't completed and will pass on to his successor are to make ACC a tri-county college (funding being supported by 3 counties instead of just Alpena) and to have the programs and campus both expanded to meet the growing needs of the future students.



"In the past, the students have used a 'smorgasbord approach' when selecting classes," said Donnelly, meaning they selected classes that weren't necessarily connected. "Now, the students are more serious in their approach, and are taking courses to complete their degrees quickly."

Donnelly said the board is presently reviewing 67 applicants to fill his position. He stated, "I don't envy them their job." Donnelly's last day at ACC will be January 31, 1988, but he said he will help the board (and new

president) with the upcoming millage election in 1988.

Donnelly will return to Phoenix, Arizona upon his retirement. He is looking forward to playing golf and just relaxing. He won't be completely idle though, as he plans on checking in at the 4 community colleges, in Nevada, he helped start in 1947--at the beginning of his career. He will also be returning to ACC and Alpena to see his friends and how the college is doing on their expansion towards the future. "I will always have a strong interest in ACC," Donnelly stated.

### Radiothon

A joint radiothon fundraiser, sponsored by the ACC Foundation in association with radio time donated by WATZ-FM, was held in the Besser Tech Center lobby September 3. The radiothon netted in excess of \$38,500 for the college.

The money, in addition to \$100,000 that was previously raised, will be matched by the federal government as part of the Title III grant program and will be placed in trust for a period of twenty years.

The available \$150,000 federal matching funds will put the foundation trust at well over the half-million dollar mark. The grant program is an effort by the federal government to secure a stable financial base over the long run for those colleges selected.

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### Suspends election Procedures

The Student Senate elections for 1987-88 are being held for the offices of President, Vice-President, two sophomore representatives, and five freshman representatives.

The positions of President and Vice-President were both elected during the spring semester of the school year as normal, but because of a residence change and other technicalities, both offices have become vacant.

The current voting members of the Student Senate suspended Article II, the election procedures, of the Senate Constitution, for the dates of September 1 to October 1, 1987. The Senate's Secretary and acting President, Chuck Witt, said this was done to, "get the elections done in a lot faster way than what

the constitution calls [for]."

In order to appear on the election ballot, a person must present a petition, signed by at least 50 students, five instructors, and that student's academic advisor, to the existing Student Senate acting President.

All positions in the Senate are done as volunteer work; of course, holding a position of President or Vice-President would require more work than the others. "But a student does not have to help on everything," Witt said. "We need students who want to be involved."

Non-senate participation is welcomed and encouraged. Witt commented, "It helps if there's a body behind the organization."



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