

## HEADLEE IS "LEAST DAMAGING"

By Arthur Kniep

The Headlee tax limitation amendment, approved by the voters, is the "least damaging" of all three tax limitations, according to Terry Meeder, Superintendent of Schools.

School board statements indicate that the overall picture for the Alpena Schools District looks good. A revision in the state aid formula for lost enrollment has given the district a \$145,000 boost in its revenue column and also allowed for some major adjustments in the 1978-79 budget.

The passing of the Headlee Amendment limits state taxes and spending to a percentage of the State's personal income, determined by the state revenues for fiscal year 1979. This percentage is expected to be between 9.15 and 9.48 percent; which could not be changed without voter approval.

If total state revenues exceed the limit by one percent or more in any year, they are to be refunded pro rata to those citizens who paid state income tax or single business tax for that year. If revenues exceed the limit by less than one percent, the excess may be placed in a budget stabilization fund.

Much controversy surrounded the tax limitation amendments. On Nov. 2, the **Bay City Times** reported that "Passage of the three tax amendments on the Michigan ballot Nov. 7, will cost, not save taxpayers money," according to a Saginaw Valley State College Professor, Robert J. Thaler.

Thaler, an instructor of sociology, is distributing a pamphlet entitled

**The Myth That Is Misleading Michigan**, saying that the notion that government is out of control is a distortion of the truth. The Headlee plan for tax limitation was "deceptively advertised and sold to voters with misleading statistics", Thaler says, and basically it is not

### \$80 Million To Wipe Out Sex Bias

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The federal government's program to fight sex bias in education has jumped from an \$8 million special project to an \$80 million comprehensive program as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act extension, now law.

The dramatic increase in the program's funding level was introduced earlier this year by U.S. Senator Donald Riegle (D-MI). Riegle's bill, added as an amendment to the major education bill, revises and expands the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) into a comprehensive program to develop materials and training projects to eliminate sex bias in education.

"If we are to reverse the age-old patterns of unequal treatment of women in education, we must make a serious financial commitment for the necessary model programs and projects at the national and local level," Riegle said. "The well-known Title IX provision of the 1972 Education Amendments prohibits, by law, discriminatory practices in schools and colleges. Yet, six years later, we are still a long way from providing full equity in education."

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needed and will do more harm than any possible good.

Government officials in Lansing have issued a number of conflicting statements regarding actual operation under the Headlee Amendment. While one report from the state's budget department indicated that at least 18 statutes would

require revision, Governor Milliken has indicated he feels the amendment will not be disruptive.

Reports indicate that most state officials have adopted a "wait and see" attitude. Full effect of the amendment will not be determinable until June 30, when the state fiscal year ends.



Russell Garlitz (left) and President Donnelly spread wood chips as students look on.

### Rain Greet's Trail Opening

By Elizabeth Littler

In spite of the wet weather, a group of interested people gathered Nov. 11, to mark the official opening of Nature's Way, a self-guiding trail on the ACC campus. Those present included President and Mrs. Donnelly, Carl Reitz, representing the Besser Foundation which funded the development of the trail and Dr. Robert Moreau who headed the mini-grant team. Also in attendance was Russel Garlitz, ACC botany instructor, Robert Bell, Besser Junior High teacher and Theresa Jacob, logo designer of the pamphlets which were printed by the ACC Graphics Department.

## Earn PE Credits For Toting Books

By Mary Kelley

Have you ever questioned whether or not your teachers own stock in the local mortuary? Well, think it through. After you finally begin to see what you thought had abandoned you for life—leisure time—your teacher buries you with more homework. As a student, we have an obligation to worm ourselves through the books. Does this qualify us as bookworms? Oh, my gosh! Do you know what worms are worth per pound? I'm worth a mint!

I have become so buried in homework lately that I have not had time

to clean my room. The narrow trail leading to the bed has disappeared. Now, late at night, regardless of my degree of exhaustion, I have no other choice than to tip-toe and leap. I think I should receive physical education credit for this. Come to think of it, I think I should get two physical education credits for just being a college student—one for squirming through the books and the other for leaping to my bed.

So you think I'm kidding about my messy bedroom, huh! Ask any member of my family, they'll verify

my claims. They've subconsciously condemned my room. It seems that they are always piling laundry or boxes outside my door. The other evening I commented to my brother, "I never seem to be able to get to my door. Why can't they put their junk somewhere else?" My brother commented, "I don't know. But, why do you even try to get to your room; once you get to the door, how do you get in?"

Like most every other dedicated student, I always seem to be lugging around a heavy armload of books that make me look smart. With the

added burden of my overweight purse, I am convinced that by the end of the year I'll have developed such admirable muscles, people will want my exercise secrets.

I am determined to find an easier way to carry or haul my books from class to class. I've thought of purchasing a little red wagon for this purpose but I was discouraged by the bookstore cashier when I suggested that they start carrying wagons—she couldn't stop laughing.

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