



PRESIDENT DONNELLY PRESENTS GLOOMY BUDGET

By Elizabeth Littler

In a meeting held Feb. 15, in the NRC conference room, Dr. Donnelly presented the 79-80 ACC budget to the faculty and administrative staff.

The news was not good. Falling enrollment, state allotment formulas, narrow tax base combined with ever-growing inflation, have reduced college revenues.

"If we watch the budget very carefully we will be able to get thru the year," President Donnelly said.

Like many colleges in the state, ACC is experiencing a dropoff in student population. "The losses are distributed throughout the college," said Michael Hood, director of research and records. ACC enrollment is presently at 1317 and is expected to level off at 1200 by 1980. As a result, the college may find it necessary to make a corresponding reduction in staff—this

includes all staff, not just faculty. Donnelly asked that each department chairperson meet with him individually to discuss reductions.

The college is further frustrated by the formula by which the state allots funds. Donnelly said the formula is based on the past year's expenditures so that schools that spend the most get the most and schools that cut costs get less. Also, the average annual increase in state aid has not kept up to the monthly rise of prices.

Continuing the presentation, Donnelly listed several ways to increase college revenues. According to the proposed budget, the college is short of money. Most of the areas mentioned, a broadened tax base and additional state aid, are doubtful sources at this time. A change in the tax base requires selling the idea of increased taxes to the adjoining counties and a state mandate is needed to change the state aid

situation. Donnelly, however, sounded hopeful about the grants which several staff members have in the works.

Donnelly then reviewed ways to cut expenses. These included reductions in supplies, equipment, travel, extra-curricular activities, athletics, overloads, maintenance and staff. Also included was the possibility of combining department chairs and increasing class loads. The college has already trimmed expenses in several of these areas.

In the discussion that followed, the staff raised several questions and offered some suggestions, but, no decisions were made.

One faculty member asked why the search for a new dean was continuing when it appeared that the college business was running smoothly without one. Donnelly said that although not having a dean is "okay for a few months,"

he is obliged to look ahead to a time when there might be difficulties. He further said that a dean is needed for the "best type of administration."

When asked about consolidating the position from the temporary staff doing the dean's job, he replied that he would consider the suggestion.

The college buildings were also a topic of considerable comment. Remarks on the deplorable condition of the East Campus building, the half-empty residence hall and the use of the Student Center Building were exchanged.

Donnelly said no new building or reconstruction was planned. He added that once the technical lab was built, the college would no longer spend approximately \$10,000 to lease auto body repair space.

The dormitory expenses were not paid this year and other costs for the dorm came out of the general fund. Donnelly was told that the Student Center was getting minimal use and was just breaking even.

The faculty expressed concern about student recruitment and class loads. Steve Schray, in charge of recruiting practices currently in operation. Several people suggested ways where the college could intensify its recruiting efforts but no particulars were agreed upon.

Increasing class size would present problems for some teachers. The various problems would be lack of space, insufficient equipment and extra work. For others, it wouldn't be a difficulty. It was also pointed out that large classes are contrary to the small college concept. Donnelly spoke of "working together to solve our problems," and said he would consider any suggestions for improving the college's financial situation.

Asks Society To Explore New Methods Of Reproduction

On March 7, Dr. Joseph Fletcher, the second guest speaker in the ACC Speakers Series, will lecture on "New Modes of Reproduction" at the East Campus gym at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Fletcher, honorary doctor of divinity, writer, lecturer and advocate of alternative methods of reproduction, said in a recent speech in Bay View, Mich., "I think we can no longer justify fatalism in reproduction. Knowingly to reproduce serious defects is monstrous. The children in such cases are not the monsters — their progenitors are."

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Register Now For Vital Election

By Cathy Mason

"Do we want to educate people or don't we?" This is the fundamental question according to Board of Education Treasurer, Robert Dickinson.

He further states, "If we don't get it (the millage), we won't open school."

In a special election on April 10, the Board of Education is asking for the authority to levy 25 or 28 mills. The 25 mills will enable the Alpena School District, of which Alpena Community College is a part, to continue their current program of a five-hour day at the high school and limited physical education, art and music.

The 28 mills will restore the former system before program cuts.

A mill is equal to \$1 paid in tax money for every \$1,000 of assessed property value which is approximately one half of the property's market value.

Register to Vote

March 10 is the last day to register to vote in the special April 10 millage election.

Anyone who is at least 18 years old and a resident in the Alpena School District for 30 days may vote.

A trip to the city or township clerks' offices to give them your name will complete the registration.

The election occurs during the ACC Easter vacation. So, voters who will be out of town at that time, should obtain an absentee ballot.

REVOLUTION STAGED BY COOKIE JUNKIE

By Cathy Mason

Under the painful light of scrutiny, I must confess to a secret vice—cookies. Although, it may not be so secret considering all those extra calories. But I am not having an affair with just any old cookie. The one I furtively love is the king of cookies found only at the bakery. For a quarter, one can buy a chewy oatmeal chocolate

chip cookie that is the size of four regular cookies. The confection has the power to turn a mild-mannered reporter into Cookie Monster!

But how did this come about? Surely a cookie cannot be blamed for the eater's vice. Who is to blame?

This addiction is not of my own making. I must place the guilt on

my brother's head. It was he who discovered that the path to work led right by that den of vice—the bakery. Everyday, either to or from work, he indulges. Was it not enough that he corrupted himself? But one day, to appease me, he offered me a cookie. Formerly dwelling in cookie-less ignorance, I am now addicted—a bakery-verified cookie-junkie.

To support my habit, which gets quite expensive at a quarter per cookie, I sneak to the bakery also located only a few doors from my place of employment. The girls at the bakery know me personally (which must be the unforgivable sin at Weight-Watchers). She hands me a cookie with a smile, indicating to me that she knows my weak-
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