



State Representative Steve Andrews looks at things objectively and takes some stands.

## Van Lare halls to get lights

By Mary Kelley

We're not as bright as we used to be and we didn't even notice the change.

Alpena Community College is using 25% less energy than they did five years ago. Measures to lower energy consumption have been taken. Says Dale Ilsley, director of buildings and grounds, "We're cutting as much as we can."

All classrooms have only half the light they used to because of the college's efforts to lower energy consumption. According to government standards, a classroom should have lighting equalling at least a 75-foot candle power reading. Ilsley took a lightmeter reading throughout the ACC campus and discovered that we had a 150 to 275-foot candle power reading. He then toured the campus, disconnecting half of the lighting fixtures; we still have over the required 75-foot candle power. The lab rooms have not had their lighting sources tampered with.

Ilsley acknowledges that the light in the halls of Van Lare is very poor. He is preparing to install florescent lights in front of the Student Services Office and the Records Office. If the money ever becomes available, he will put florescent lights down the entire hall.

He said they would like to install Hylide lights, (high-intensity electrical energy) in the machine shops but they would cost nearly \$6,000 and, "We can't afford that." He said the initial cost in the long run would be less but it takes money in the beginning.

Heating the campus buildings is one of the major costing items on

# Andrews tells students "Bigness breeds contempt"

By Irene Schultz

State Representative Steve Andrews was guest speaker at an ACC political science class taught by Delyse Henry on Monday.

In an informal question and answer session Andrews, a freshman legislator, laid it on the line for the students.

Andrews described state government as "too bureaucratic" and that "bigness breeds contempt." The drafting of bills (there are 3,000 seeking passage) is a long process.

The Wetlands bill is one of the major bills that is of prime concern to Andrews. This bill will affect northern and middle Michigan. Andrews feels that because of a

the itemized maintenance sheet. We are using less fuel than we did last year and it's costing us more. Five years ago our fuel bill was \$38,000; this year it was \$80,000.

As for cutting the heating expenses, the thermostats have been turned down to 68; lower for the weekends.

Gerald Hardesty, industrial tech instructor and other administrators suggest that beams be hung across the Besser Tech courtyard to construct a roof to close in the area as a measure toward conserving energy. With all those windows, it takes more heat energy to maintain the desired warmth.

## Consortium 8

## Seek new ways to unify students

By Mary Kelley

How many uses does a toothbrush have? Well, there're a lot of tasks one can attack with a toothbrush, including spreading peanut butter on crackers.

It took the combination of thoughts and tools of one small travelling group to invent this use. Someone packed peanut butter and crackers in their suitcase. The desire to eat among the group instigated the presentation of food. However, the conventional tool for spreading peanut butter on crackers was not readily available. (They forgot to pack a knife.) Therefore, they resolved to use the handy little device called a finger. That got to be a sticky situation. Then someone suggested

large amount of "grey" area in the way the bill is written he doesn't support it.

Andrews voted against the unrestricted absentee ballot saying that it would increase election costs and tends to promote voter fraud.

He is also against building a new State Capitol Building complex. "I look at everything on a cost/value basis," says Andrews. "If the value is worth it then the money would be worth spending."

Andrews sees workman's compensation as driving business out of state. Michigan ranks in the top two states in cost to the employer. Yet it ranks third from the bottom in paying benefits. Andrews would

stop paying retired people out of the workmen's compensation funds, show a few judges the value of a dollar and make the insurance companies show their books to alleviate some of the problems in workmen's compensation.

Andrews told the class that he prefers dealing with people who admit they're not perfect, people with character. He believes the system is inbred and against change. If a person has taken office because of financial reasons or ego, he will be ineffective. What it really comes down to, he says, is looking at things objectively and taking some stands.

## Brush fire season returns

By Irene Schultz

There are a few negative responses to the sunny weather we have been enjoying lately. They appear in the form of brush fires. DNR officials say sunny weather and strong spring-time winds combined with dry pine needles, old leaves and grass become very combustible, especially when trees cannot shade the forest floor.

Burning permits are being issued by the DNR and are now good for

one-day's burning after 6:00 p.m. A permit is not needed if debris is being burned in an approved container like a barrel with ¾" holes in the cover. Violation tickets for open burning without a permit is usually accompanied with a \$30 fine.

Burning debris is the major cause of brush fires. Last year there were relatively few fires because of the regular rains, but this year the DNR says they don't know what to expect.

nik, Tom Kane and Henry Valli, representing Alpena Community College, met on the Northwestern Michigan Community College campus with student representatives from Mid Michigan Community College of Harrison, West Shore Community College of Scottsville and Northwestern Michigan Community College, for a Consortium 8 to discuss problems and possible solutions of selected topics. Among the list was student government.

During the student government session, members discovered that some of the colleges call it a student council and some call it a student senate. They both have the same basic responsibilities. They continued on page 3, col. 4