



## DONNELLY COMMENTS

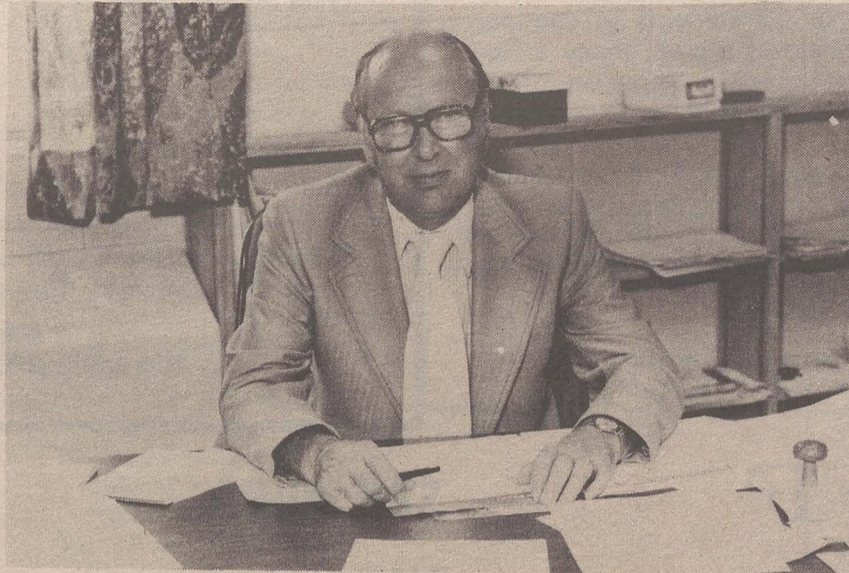
Dr. Charles R. Donnelly, President of ACC, expressed himself as always available to talk to students. He welcomed the ACC student community saying, "We are here to serve their (the students') interests in reaching their goals" and "we hope that students are able to find courses to pursue their educational goals."

Donnelly commented on the many things that are happening this year at ACC.

A word processing computer program will be installed, and begin operation by October. Registration for the spring semester will be handled by this computer. Eventually, many facets of the college will be handled by the computer, including records, student services, and finances.

The Fisheries and Music departments will be continuing this year with part-time instructors, because small enrollment in these areas has put a strain on the ever-tightening budget.

Many plans for the college are in limbo until the up-coming election. Whether or not the proposals pass will be a determining factor in planning.



Dr. Charles Donnelly reviews ACC's performance.

The proposals for the college include a separation of ACC from the K-12 school district, establishment of a maximum tax rate of 1.5 mils and election of a board of trustees.

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Donnelly emphasized the many benefits for the college, as well as K-12, if the separation proposals pass. By then, ACC will be autonomous; efficiency will increase and much time will be saved.

Further information on the separation will be forthcoming in future issues of **Campus Update**.

## FLOAT YOUR VOTE

It is time again to think about elections. There will be an election for Student Senate, Sept. 19th. This year, there are plans for a floating election center.

Elections will start at VLH with a booth at the entrance of the lounge, from 8:45 to 11:15. Next, the booth will move to BTC near the bookstore entrance, from 11:45 to 1:30. The final voting period will be held at NRC at the library entrance from 1:45 to 3:15. This procedure will make the election process more available to the entire Student Body.

Any student who is interested in a position on the Student Senate is asked to pick up a petition in room 105 VLH from Mr. Valli. Freshman and sophomore representatives are needed. Fill the petition with the required signatures, then return it by Sept. 14th, so ballots can be prepared for the election.

## KAMPUS KICK-OFF PROMOTES BUSINESS

"The participants seemed to be pleased with the results," commented Henry Valli about the third annual "Kampus Kick-Off" held Wednesday, September 5, in front of Van Lare Hall.

Planning for the event began May 22 by the Student Activities Center and the Retail Division of the Alpena Chamber of Commerce.

The idea behind the "Kampus Kick-Off" is promotional. It acquaints students with local merchants and organizations. The participating businesses included Bay Hobby Shop, Linke's Flowers Inc., People's Bank & Trust, Des Champs, Western Auto, Mischley's Shoes, Big Bubba's Sound Factory, LaLonde Shoe Store, Adam's Book & Gift Shoppe, Straitiff's Work & Casual, Alpena Savings, The Ski Rack, and WATZ. Two organizations involved in the event were the Alpena Volunteer Center, and the Student Senate.

The participating merchants supplied prizes at the drawings, which were held during the afternoon.

## MILES DISCOURAGED BY BUDGET CUTS IN SPORTS PROGRAM

If one were to look back on Alpena Community College's Athletic programs, one would find many strong achievements.

ACC men's basketball ranked 5th throughout the nation just three years ago. In five out of the last six seasons, the Lumberjacks have won 20 or more games. The 1978-79 season saw them at 21-9, and finished 2nd in regional competition.

ACC sports get more exposure to the media than any other college organization. This brings positive recognition to Alpena and stirs possible enrollments at ACC from out-of-district students.

Out of 21 community colleges in Michigan with sports programs, ACC draws more people to its games; one can expect a crowd of 800 fans at every game. Larger communities have been known to draw a mere 50 spectators to its games. This proves

interest/support of Alpena's community and student body.

Dick Miles, ACC athletic director, hopes to continue the men and womens basketball teams, womens softball, and would like to be able to add a mens and womens bowling team. However, he is discouraged by the fact that the athletic budget is less than last years. The sports schedule for 1979-80 is still undecided, due to the economic uncertainty of athletics.

Alpena Community College is a member of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association. To be a member of the MCCA, each college must carry five sports teams. If a college drops below this requirement, it would be put on probation. Failing to pick up the necessary teams would mean being dropped from the association.

This costs even more money, which the sports program doesn't have.

Belonging to the MCCA means an automatic home game schedule. Without membership, other teams would not be obligated to come to Alpena.

Miles commented, "We have a shakey sports situation. If we don't meet the requirements, we will jeopardise our relationship with the MCCA. Being a member is important because of our geographical location." He explained that Alpena would still be able to play, but they would be on the road all the time.

Alpena Community College has had good teams in the past, but this year Miles thinks, "We are on thin ice." A cut in the sports program would cause problems with the MCCA, and in turn, for the future of sports at ACC.