

## Independence finally becomes a reality for ACC

by Cathy Mason

"We're elated that the voters of the school district saw fit to establish a community college district and pass a millage to operate the district," commented ACC President Charles Donnelly.

Independence became a reality for Alpena Community College Tuesday, November 6, when the voting public passed the proposals for a separate community college district and for authority for a newly elected College Board of Trustees to levy 1.5 mills by a margin of 2,163 and 953, respectively. With this step, ACC has joined the ranks of 25 other autonomous Michigan community colleges. This victory is especially gratifying because two previous attempts in 1968 and 1970 had failed.

### Grants awarded for Humanities projects

The National Endowment for the Humanities through its newly-expanded Youthgrants program will offer more than 100 awards throughout the nation this fall to students and other young people in their teens and early twenties to pursue independent projects in the humanities.

The deadline for submission of completed applications has been extended to December 1, the only deadline during this academic year. Application forms should be on file in college offices which deal with federal grants.

These federal grants offer up to \$2,500 to individuals and up to \$10,000 to groups. They are intended primarily for those between the ages of 15 and 25 who have not completed academic or professional training. While the program cannot provide scholarship support or financial aid for thesis work, undergraduate work which seems assured of public dissemination can be supported. The humanities include such subject areas as history, ethnic studies, folklore, anthropology, linguistics and the history of art.

Youthgrants have been used by young people to carry out a wide variety of projects such as exhibits of documentary photographs, printed or audiovisual records of local history, and films on anthropological subjects.

The newly-created independent community college district consists of the present Alpena Public Schools District which includes Alpena and Presque Isle counties.

Independence means that ACC will have the self-governing system necessary for it to control its destiny. Until now, the college has been an appendage of the K-12 system. From now on, the voting public has decided that there will be a separate board to handle the affairs of each

school district—the Board of Education for the K-12 system, and the Board of Trustees for ACC. The college board will be specifically concerned with policy and problems of the adult student, while the K-12 board can be devoted exclusively to youth education.

The ACC Board of Trustees has been awarded the authority to levy 1.5 mills. Public approval of the charter millage means that the Trustees will levy an annual millage of

1.5 mills on each dollar of state equalized property within the district which consists of Alpena and Presque Isle counties.

The 1.5 mills that ACC currently receives will be channeled directly through the college Board. Until now, the Board of Education was allocated millage in a lump sum, 1.5 mills which was reserved for the college. This 1.5 mills is not an additional or increased millage from the local taxpayers; it is a transfer

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Prize-winning pumpkins in the Residence Hall jack-o-lantern contest were first-prize winner, Salvador Fronter; second-prize winner, Brooks Krumbach.

### Administration/Faculty settle grievance

by Ken Lechtanski

The administration and faculty of ACC have agreed on a settlement which will allow all departments at the college to be headed by a chairperson.

At the beginning of this school year, the ACC Administration, in an effort to save money, issued a statement which read that a department must consist of at least five instructors in order to have a chairperson. Four departments did not meet this requirement; Physical Education, Fine Arts, Natural Resources, and Natural Sciences.

The instructors of the affected departments acted in accord with their contract and filed a grievance report which sought to restore the former department chairpersons.

When the grievance was denied, the faculty prepared to take the issue before the Board of Education. In the meantime, however, the faculty and administration agreed on a compromise.

Under the new arrangement the Fine Arts and English departments will share the same chairperson. This chairperson will be elected by both departments soon. The Fine Arts and English departments will remain separate with no crossover of seniority rights. Each of the other three departments will receive their own chairperson.

This temporary system will operate until the end of this school year. Next year the faculty of ACC will have to renegotiate the situation.

### Hosts Candidates

by Cathy Mason

On Wednesday, October 24, the ACC Student Senate hosted the candidates for the College Board of Trustees at an informal question and answer session. The candidates mutually expressed that autonomy of ACC is vital to the students. An independent college could better care for the students' needs.

This meeting was a chance for the candidates to air their views; for the students to discover these views and voice their own. The Student Senate especially probed the candidates to find out where the student stands in their thinking.

Student Senate members attending were Tom Kane, Beth Anderson, Guy Rabey, Kevin Schaudt, and Sherryl Paquette. ACC staff members that were present included Dr. Charles Donnelly, John McCormack, Dr. Peg Lee, and Henry Valli. Candidates from the Board of Trustees that were involved were Donald Lee, Margaret Crick, Lee Britton, James Milstein, Harvey Hansen, Frank Hunter, Roger Bauer, and Mel Matchett.

### Strategy rents roommate

"Everyone needs a basic strategy," says a University of Texas student who has parlayed that need into a "roommate for rent" business.

Pamela Douglas, owner of Basic Strategy, will be the roommate both her clients and their parents "can live with" for a \$25-per-month fee. Douglas chiefly acts as a cover for persons (mostly young women) who don't want their parents to know with whom they are really living.

Clients give their parents Douglas' address and phone number; both mail and phone messages are forwarded regularly to them at their real addresses.

And when parents come to visit, Douglas' clients can move into her apartment for the duration—for an extra fee, of course.

### Bans paper sales

A new law in the state of Washington provides a first-offense fine of \$1,000 for the commercial sale of academic term papers.