

# CAMPUS UPDATE

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# 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.

community college district consists cation for the K-12 system, and the of the present Alpena Public Schools Board of Trustees for ACC. The District which includes Alpena and college board will be specifically Presque Isle counties.

will have the self-governing system K-12 board can be devoted exclunecessary for it to control its destiny. sively to youth education. Until now, the college has been an

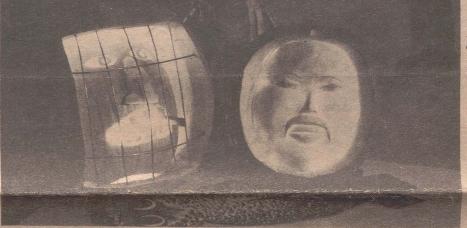
The newly-created independent school district-the Board of Edu- 1.5 mills on each dollar of state concerned with policy and prob-Independence means that ACC lems of the adult student, while the

The ACC Board of Trustees has appendage of the K-12 system. been awarded the authority to levy From now on, the voting public has 1.5 mills. Public approval of the decided that there will be a seperate charter millage means that the Trusboard to handle the affairs of each tees will levy an annual millage of

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 Krumback.

#### Strategy rents roomate

"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 dont' 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.

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.

Hosts Candidates

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 Mc- of seniority rights. Each of the ot-Cormack, Dr. Peg Lee, and Henry her three departments will receive Valli. Candidates from the Board of their own chairperson. Trustees that were involved were er, and Mel Matchett.

# 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

This temporary system will Donald Lee, Margaret Crick, Lee operate until the end of this school Britton, James Milstein, Harvey year. Next year the faculty of ACC Hansen, Frank Hunter, Roger Bau- will have to renegotiate the situation.