

## MRS. MONDALE VISITS WILSON DORMITORY

By Bill Garant and Pat Bedore

Wilson dormitory was the scene of much excitement on Thursday, October 16, as Mrs. Joan Mondale--wife of Vice-President Walter Mondale--stopped and spoke briefly while on a campaign swing through the state of Michigan. Campaigning without husband Walter, she was accompanied by Dan Dorrity (D), who is seeking a congressional seat from the 11th District in the upcoming elections.

Arriving about 25 minutes late because of flight complications, Mrs. Mondale was introduced to a crowd of approximately 75 persons by Dr. Charles Donnelly, president of ACC. Present in the rather smallish crowd were several ACC and Alpena High School students, along with members of the local media and a few ACC faculty members. Also seen were a few of Alpena's more prominent citizens, including Bill Morey, who is currently running for State Representative from the 106th District.

Mrs. Mondale began her talk by relating a conversation she had with her husband, Walter, who wanted to know where she was going. "I'm going to Alpena Community College to win Michigan for you and Jimmy," she said, to which he is supposed to have replied, "Give my best to the Lumberjacks." In a more serious moment she related how that she centered her Alpena visit on the ACC campus because she wanted to

encourage younger persons to participate in the upcoming elections.

"Politics is everyone's business," continued Mrs. Mondale, "and we must get involved." She reminded those present that democratic government requires the involvement of those being governed, and said that, "we must tell America what we think--we must vote!" She continued on this theme for the next 5

minutes or so, and then moved on to her closing remarks.

In closing, Mrs. Mondale again reminded her listeners of her main reason for appearing, mentioning that the most important thing about any election is not who we vote for, but simply that we get out and vote. She added, however, that she believed that the Democrats offered the best candidates in all elections, and

that she hoped that everyone would vote Democratic--especially making sure that President Carter and his "strong, intelligent, and handsome" Vice-President were re-elected.

After speaking for some 15 minutes, Mrs. Mondale thanked the crowd for their attendance and stepped down from the podium, which allowed her to mingle with the crowd and shake hands. She then moved on to an adjoining room where she held a press conference with members of the local media, which centered mostly on Mrs. Joan Mondale -- the person.

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Mrs. Joan Mondale speaks to a crowd of people gathered inside the Wilson dorm. With her are Dr. Charles Donnelly (center), and congressional hopeful Dan Dorrity (D). (Photo by Brooks Krumbach)

## ACC Faculty Signs Pact

By Assistant Editor Dave Talbot

On Wednesday, Oct 15, the ACC Faculty Council ratified a tentative agreement on a two year contract, its first ever, with the ACC Board of Trustees.

The contract bargaining had to start with a separate board and new language suitable to a community college, instead of the old K-14 system contract language. The lengthy re-editing process needed to fit the agreement took more than a month.

On April 29, 1980, bargaining began between the Faculty Council and the Board of Trustees, setting a pattern, which may bring future negotiation meetings to decisions quicker.

During the month of August as the bargaining continued, a state mediator was called in when the deadline of the talks were drawing to a close. On Aug 23 under the direction of the mediator, a tentative agreement for a two year contract was reached.

The faculty ratification grants the 55 member council an increase of 10 percent on the salary schedule. Beginning salary for an instructor with a bachelor's degree is \$13,214 ranging to a top BA salary of \$17,839. Master's degree base is \$14,536 to a maximum of \$23,323. For those with doctorate degrees, the salaries will range from a base of \$16,782 to a maximum of \$26,098. Included is a 7.4 to 9.3 percent increase for summer sessions and extra class preparation time, and fringe benefit improvements in vision and dental insurance. Also, a process was developed to handle different benefit issues which may come up if a federal wage freeze is ever put into effect.

Cost of living adjustments between 8 and 11 percent, based on an April to-April evaluation, health insurance and long term disability, will be part of the fringe benefits in the second year pact.

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## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

By Beth Anderson

People helping people is a beautiful thing to behold, and that's exactly what can be seen when the Alpena Volunteer Center (A.V.C.) gets in the picture. The A.V.C. is located right on the campus of ACC -- in room 112 of the East Campus building, and is under the direction of Mrs. Vernie Nethercut. The Center's sole purpose is to recruit and screen potential volunteers for a list of school and social agencies' requests which are kept on file, and which are continually updated. Mrs. Nethercut and her assistants seek to fill those requests whenever a volunteer makes contact with them by developing a specific program that will be rewarding both for the volunteer and the particular agency concerned. Orientation and training are highly stressed, as are program coordination, evaluation, and recognition of

the volunteer's important contribution.

You may be wondering what a volunteer does. There are a large variety of volunteer jobs available, such as being an art aide, a tutor, or simply being a friendly companion for someone--plus many, many more.

Some examples of the volunteer work done by ACC students last year are: Cathy Heilig was a classroom helper at Ella M. White Elementary School; Elizabeth Littler did publicity work for local Girl Scouts, and also worked on a question and answer series for the downtown construction project; and Marylou Northrop served both as a tutor for a younger person, and as an assistant at Shelter, Inc., a local outreach center that helps victims of spouse abuse.

Nethercut mentioned that some of the requests that come in are never completely filled, like those

for tutors and mental health helpers, and that the Center is always in need of more volunteers.

So the question is--are you qualified? And the answer is--probably yes! The A.V.C. feels that, "A volunteer is an extra pair of hands, an extra measure of personal warmth, a very valuable special resource, and a bridge between the particular school or agency and the community." So to qualify, all you need is a willingness to take part in orientation and training sessions, to enjoy people, to be dependable, and to be discreet when necessary. Volunteers are concerned and dedicated persons of all ages, who come from all walks of life, and who are willing to serve on a regular basis--even if for as little as two or three hours a week. They are all united in a common desire--a desire to assist others in a time of need.

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