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## Former Board of Trustees Member to speak at graduation

by Yvonne LaFave

Thursday, May 16, 1991, ACC will host commencement exercises for students who have earned associates degrees during 1990-91.

The actual commencement ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. in the East Campus Gymnasium. Dr. Donald Newport, ACC's President, says, "This is the second year commencements have been held at night, and we (ACC's faculty) feel this evening ceremony gives students and their family or friends greater flexibility to participate in the celebration."

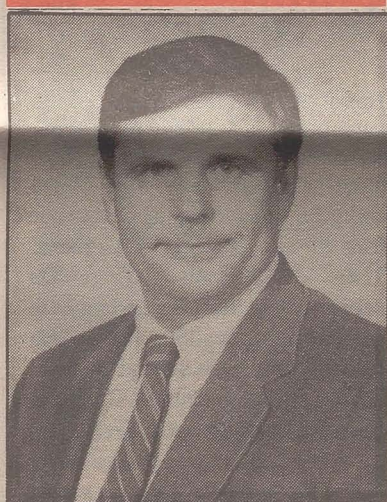
Tracy Schulke, a graduating sophomore and 1990-91's Student Senate President, will speak at the event; the keynote speaker will be Melvin R. Matchett, a former member of ACC's Board of Trustees and the present Regional Director of Michigan State University's North Region Exchange.

An Honor's Reception will take place on the morning of the 16th, and Lori Dziesinski, ACC's Records Secretary and a member of the faculty involved in the organization of the activities, urges graduating students who have been invited to participate in this reception to pick up their free ticket in VLH 107. Other tickets can also be purchased for student's guests.

The Besser Male Chorus will perform at the commencement ceremonies, and a reception will be held after the ceremony at the Jesse Besser Museum. This reception is open to graduates, their guests, and all other ceremony participants.

The commencement exercises are dedicated to Helen Malandrinos, ACC's retired Nursing Director, and to Frank Dragiewicz, a retiring member of

the Auto Service and Repair Department. Newport explains, "Both of these employees, in their respective roles at ACC, have made significant contributions to this institution. The commencement activities provide an appropriate



Matchett

opportunity to acknowledge their caring and dedication."

Newport also adds, "No graduation at any other level is more special than that at a community college ceremony. This will be a unique celebration due to the diverse nature of the students at this community college."

## ACC reaffirms commitment to Huron Shores

"Now, perhaps more than ever, it's important that quality educational opportunities be available in that area," said ACC President Don Newport, commenting on the future of the Huron Shores Campus located at Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

Alpena Community College, which has served Iosco County residents and military personnel for over 20 years at the Base, will continue to provide postsecondary education in the county after the base closes.

College officials reaffirmed the institution's commitment to its branch campus following the announcement that Wurtsmith is one of 71 military bases on a proposed closure list.



U.S. Senator Levin holds an informal session following his presentation on campus Thursday

## Levin reports on Middle East trip

by Pat Byrne  
Guest Writer

Michigan Democratic Senator Carl Levin spoke May 1 to a standing room only campus audience on the status of the Kurdish refugees. Senator Levin, along with Senators Robb (D-Virginia) and Exxon (D-Nebraska) had just returned from a congressional mission touring areas in and around the Operation Desert Storm theater.

The Senator described the conditions of the refugees, trapped in the mountain. Descriptions were given of babies dying from dehydration and diarrhea, of an "intolerable" death rate of 2,000

people a day, of a frightened people denied entry into their last hoped-for haven.

The Senator then illustrated relief efforts being conducted for the Kurds. He described the airlift of blankets and food by American and British forces. "A sea of tents" is how he depicted the tent city near the town of Zacco. Being constructed by the coalition forces the "city" is 200,000 tents. According to the Senator, the Kurds have agreed to descend from the mountains if they have assured protection against Saddam Hussein's forces. Levin believes that the Kurds will again head for the border if the troops are withdrawn too soon.

Levin spoke with the refugees directly, and described them as highly civilized people, made up of engineers, teachers and other professionals. In fact, he spoke with a Kurdish civil engineer who asked the Senator to relay a message for his brother-in-law in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Senator then addressed the issue of on-going American military presence in the area. He does not see it lasting long and stated that the United Nations has

a "golden opportunity" to "get some teeth" installing a military force to protect people. He believes that if the U.N. does not establish military strengths to enforce its resolutions soon, it perhaps never will. Our troops will be able to return to the U.S. as soon as the U.N. presence is established.

Senator Levin also spent time in the southern regions of Iraq and declared the refugee problem resolved. He described in detail the "terrible environmental damage" being done by the oil well fires in Kuwait. He asked the audience to "imagine what hell would look like" to give an idea of the area. Black rain and snow one thousand miles away, as well as, a 10 percent increase in the world's hydrocarbon pollution are just two results of this destruction. Senator Levin described the Kuwaiti government as incompetent in capping the well fires.

The Senator answered questions from the audience. On the subject of the cost of the war, Levin stated that a total figure was unavailable, but a rough estimate would be a few billion dollars if

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