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Christmas Issue



Board of Trustees Postpone Fate of Forestry Program

by: Lynn Lightner

With discontinuation of the forestry program and reinstatement of Lumberjack varsity sports as its key issues, the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, December 8th.

Decisions on both issues, however, are still forthcoming as the board unanimously voted to postpone the decision on the controversial forestry program pending further analysis.

The forestry program, one of only 3 like it in the state, is suffering because of low enrollment and high costs. The administration has thus recommended discontinuing the program after the 1984 summer session.

Jay Wright, ACC forestry instructor urged the board to re-enact recruiting efforts and to look at the projected upswing in Michigan forestry employment in the next few years. Although recognizing it as not being an absolute certainty, Wright suggested that this fact makes one wonder if now is the time to put the ax to this program. However, he does feel that if the ax is going to fall, let it fall - killing the program entirely. Wright sees no sense in dropping it with the hope of future reinstatement. He likened it to a badly maimed dog lying along side the road, urging, "Kill it. Wipe it out. But don't let it just lie there squirming."

The sports issue, unlike the

postponed action item, was merely an informational item and thus its fate too has yet to be decided.

Ron Ross, Student Senate representative, addressed the board keying upon the highly successful results of the poll conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee. 80% of 402 daytime students favor reinstatement of athletics and are willing to fund it by paying a certain percentage more per contact hour.

Unlike the forestry program, money no longer seems to be the objective. The Ad Hoc Committee will make its recommendation in January and the Board will decide. All ACC students are urged to attend this January 19th meeting to express any views on either of these two important issues.

BTA Hosts Annual Christmas Dance

by: Madeline Hoppe

The old proverbial phrase, "There's no free lunch," doesn't apply December 16, 1983, because the Besser Technical Association is holding a free dance, with the musical group "Outrage" providing music. The BTA is also offering free refreshments, a food table, and door prizes to ACC students, according to spokesperson, Ron Ross.

The dance will be held at the Alpena Civic Center from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Attire may be formal or semi-formal. All students and dates will be admitted free at the door upon presentation of a student activities card. See you there and maybe Santa will make an appearance, depends whether you were naughty or nice.

The BTA is also sponsoring a raffle for Cross Country Skis with the winner to be drawn the night of the dance.

Computerized Heat

Have you ever dreamed of the day when computers will run everything? Well wake up because ACC now has its own computerized Energy Management System. This system will keep our buildings in a comfortable atmosphere and will also help save energy.

The computerized Energy management System has the ability to monitor all boilers and report immediate troubles.

It also controls all univents, all air-handling systems, ventilation fans and outside lights.

The system controls these and many other items in all buildings except Forestry, Nursing, and East Campus. These buildings will be added to the system next year.

The system is located in Mr. Ilsley's office.

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ACC Loses Head Librarian

Mike Huggler

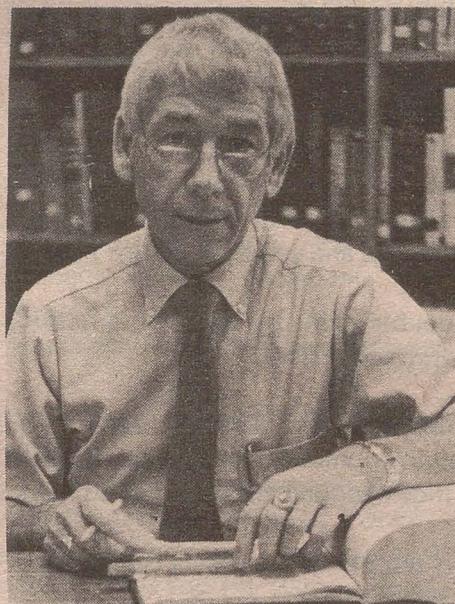
Over the past few years, many of us have been fortunate enough to meet Dennis Muir, ACC's head librarian.

For the past three and a half years Mr. Muir has kept busy helping students with the library. But he has decided to retire after this semester. He says that it's time he enjoys his house on the beach.

Working at ACC certainly left him little time for relaxing. If not sorting mail, ordering items, or straightening out matters with his staff, he spends time helping demanding students locate materials or use the equipment.

He had help though. Work-study students kept guard of the checkout desk. "The help was always efficient, but never really sufficient," said Mr. Muir. He said that since students come and go so often, they never had time to learn how to do more complex tasks.

He also got help from his staff. Mrs. Elaine Wagner assists with lib-



Head librarian Dennis Muir will retire at the end of the semester.

rary duties while Mrs. Holly Pake handles the AV equipment. Many others also help out in other areas. Mr. Muir was extremely pleased with the staff, calling it "the best staff I've ever worked with."

He says that the library is on its way to becoming computerized. This move will help keep track of circulation, enabling the library to be more accurate and organized. Also our library can check other libraries in the state to see if they have any resources we could use.

He hopes some other changes will be made but funds are inadequate and, as he says, "We are dreadfully short of space." He would like to see changes like private conference rooms for students, separate faculty rooms, and leisure rooms where students could relax and read for sheer enjoyment of reading.

However, he is thinking more about his retirement than anything. ACC will definitely miss Dennis Muir's courteous, affable presence in the library.

And what are his plans for the future?

"I plan to ski, run, swim, cook, and not get up at 6:30."