



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET

By Agatha Sytek

Resolutions that will increase tuition for Blockmaker students and formulate a plan to expand classroom facilities at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, and a report on the student enrollment status for the fall of 1984 were three of the major action issues discussed during the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, September 20, 1984.

Because of an enrollment increase in the ACC/WAFB programs, students are now faced with over-crowded conditions. Charles Wiesen, Director of Continuing Education and of the Wurtsmith campus, told the board that the enrollment increase from 582 to 636 creates an educational environment that fails to satisfy the needs of the students, particularly those in the areas of science and data processing. Wiesen discussed the Air Force's proposal to build a facility in the 88-89 year. Although promising, their proposal lacked firm backing due to an unpredictable number of base and wing commanders in attendance. Wiesen then stressed the need for immediate expansion and offered a plan to which the board approved.

Under a buy-lease agreement the board decided to purchase a reocatable classroom from R. J. Taylor Corp.. ACC will pay \$8,000 the first year, \$7440 the second, and \$6,720 the third. If the college decides to discontinue the lease, the building will be removed cost free to ACC and the Air Force. If the operation is a success, the target goal is the purchase of 14 such classrooms over a span of three years. In agreement with WAFB, ACC would finance the projects and the Air Force would cover the continuing

maintenance, hook-up and utilize costs.

1984 fall enrollment figures show a 66.4% drop or 1878 headcount down from last year's 2,006 mark. This drop represents a 9.8% decrease in credit hours. The decrease was contributed to the fact that the rate of high school graduates has lowered. President Charles Donnelly pointed out that ACC is not unique in this situation. He based his statement on a preliminary report taken from a panel of community college presidents showing a national drop in community college enrollment.

Overall, the largest drop was in freshman students down 140 from 750 last year to 610 this year. In-district students fell 155 from 1084 in 1983 to 929 in 1984. Transfer students are down 132 from 1117 to 985. Inservice students are up by 29 from 840 in fall of '83 to 869 this fall. Out of district are down 8 from 76 to 68 and foreign students up one from one to two.

A sharp decline in full-time students totaled 96, from 895 to 799, and part-time is down 32 from 1111 to 1079. Comparative figures show 971 women and 907 men.

Donnelly also noted that these results reflect an upsurge in employment. The survey indicated that despite the decline, WAFB rose from 29% to 32.9% and the returning student count up 53.3% or up 13 to 1109.

In other issues, the annual audit report delivered by certified public accountant, Gordon Nethercut of the firm Young & Nethercut, shows a sizeable growth in the fund balance from \$77,371 in fiscal 1983 to \$240,786 at the end of the fiscal year of 1984.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Jim Williams on the Center for Economic

Expansion. Williams and economic consultant heads the center which will assist in economic expansion of the economy in the Northeast Michigan area.



Register To Vote

Secretary of State Richard H. Austin today reminded all students, salesmen, travelers, tourists and anyone else away from home for extended periods that they may register to vote at any Secretary of State branch office anywhere in Michigan.

According to Austin, October 9 is the final day to register to be able to vote in the Presidential election on November 6.

To be eligible to register to vote, individuals must be 18 years of age on election day and have resided in Michigan for at least 30 days.

Campus Update Takes On New Look

By Sienna Samp

The ACC Campus Update, has changed its format as well as its location on campus; however, staff are optimistic that the 84-85 year will be a successful one.

A few of update's new staff members got their first glimpse of the new newsroom, Tuesday, September 11 when they helped pack some of the newsroom materials so they

could be moved to the new location, room 110 in the Besser Technical Center.

Being nearly four times larger than the old newsroom it is able to better accommodate more staff and equipment comfortably.

This year's staff is considerably larger in membership allowing reporters to cover more areas surrounding the ACC campus and several groups and organizations around Alpena. Other positions on the staff

include: Photographer being filled by Tari Wheelwright and Mitch Repke; Layout being done by Kevin Moor & Tari Wheelwright; Composing by Renee Kaschner; Assistant Editor; Monica Wozniak; Editor, Sienna Samp; and Advisor Dr. Lawrence Aufderheide.

After several years as a four-column paper, this year's Update will be shifting to five columns.

