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Board Of Education

Overrules Public Sentiment

By Mike Murphy

With \$681,000.00 being cut from the Alpena Public Schools System budget for the remainder of the 1977-78 school year, it's natural that some cuts be made at the college level as well as K-12. According to college President Dr. Charles Donnelly, ACC receives 1.5 mills from the school budget. Though there has been no talk of cutting that yet, some services will be reduced. Custodians, who belong to the same union that the K-12 custodians do, will get a reduction in their work-week. Two nights a week this school will not get cleaned.

Other cuts will be made in the secretaries

employed here. Since ACC secretaries belong to the same union that K-12 secretaries do, if an elementary school secretary, for example, gets cut out of a job, they can bump one of the college's secretaries out of a job if they have the seniority. Some secretarial positions may be cut altogether also, though no decisions have been made yet. The supply department is another area that will receive attention. The purchase of supplies for the remainder of the school year will be held to only the barest, absolut necessities.

When questioned about possible cuts in college level sports, since all K-12 sports have been cut out, Donnelly replied, "College sports is a different

issue than high school sports. If we cut sports here (A.C.C.) we lose students, if we lose students, we lose revenue due to the state aid system and tuition. If we cut college sports (basketball in particular) we would lose approximately the same that we'd gain." Referring to spring sports at ACC Dr. Donnelly stated that no decisions have been made yet concerning golf, which is about the only spring sport here.

Since an economic belt-tightening seems to be the order of the day, students should do all they can to help out.

Student Senate

Loses Two Members

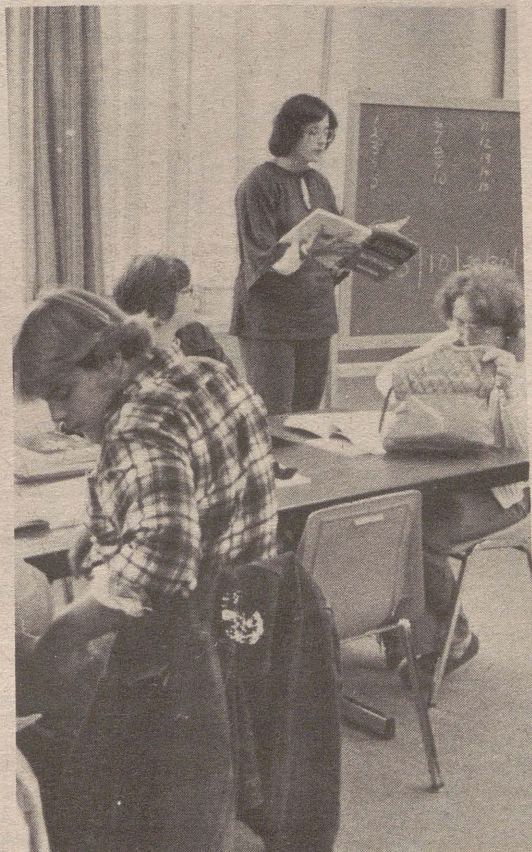
by Rich Lamb

An election will be held early in Febuary to fill the vacancies of two members of the ACC Student Senate. They will be to replace Lorraine Manitowabi, a sophomore who has resigned, and freshman Virgina Beadle, who will not be attending ACC next semester. It will be announced in the Splinter concerning the exact date petitions will be available.

Other Matters Before The S.S.:

—The matter of the pedestrian crossing on Johnson Street was discussed. President Gary Besaw named two alternatives to putting up warning lights; enforcing the legal speed limit, or lowering the speed limit to 25 miles perhour. Also pointed out by Besaw was that the matter is now out of their (the Student Senate) hands. A follow-up letter to the city of Alpena was suggested.

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