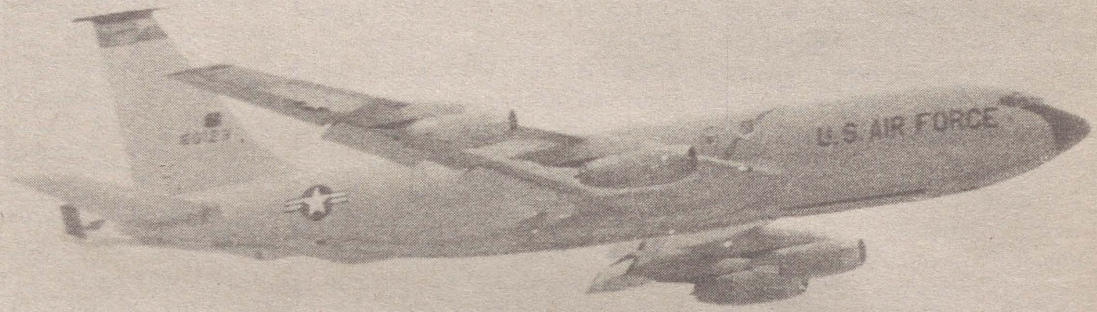


MILITARY ASPECTS OF WURTSMITH



Most ACC students are familiar with the campus in Alpena, but some are not aware of ACC's other branch on the Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

On December 1, members of the ACC Student Senate and two photographers from the *Lumberjack* staff were given an insightful tour of the airbase. The group toured air force facilities and also the college's teaching facilities.

News travels fast on the base. Upon entering, one of the photographers got so excited, he managed to get his car hung up on a curb. When we reached the

public affairs building and met our guide, Second Lieutenant Andy Little, he was already laughing about the incident.

The group was permitted, by the base commander, to view the Weapons System Trainer designed for USAF/Boeing B-52G/H bomber crews. This system trainer can simulate a real world mission for the crews to get training experience. Not only did we get to view this flight simulator, but the whole group got a chance to ride in it.

The simulator was preprogrammed to fly around the base, out over Lake Huron and

then back to the landing strip. The ride went smoothly until the plane took a nosedive into the lake. I felt rather ridiculous when I realized that I was trying to climb over the back of my seat. It is amazing at how realistically the simulators can reconstruct an actual flight.

Not only is the flight simulator used for pilot and copilot training, but also for navigator and gunner's training. This particular price of equipment demonstrates one of the many highly technical aspects of the base facilities.

