

## Master Plan Includes Model Classrooms

Two model classrooms are in the planning stages and will be completed for the Fall semester.

The target area in BTC is room 107 A. In VLH no designated room has been determined yet, but, advisors have been meeting to discuss a location along with room renovations that will meet the needs of the students.

The average student's age is 29, and because of the aging population, seating has become an important element in the planning stage. Lighting, carpeting, shades,

and instructional communications will also be considered primary factors in the remodeling plans.

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The architectural firm that was

hired this past fall will be on campus this month to discuss the development of their master plan for the college. During their visit the idea of scheduling one or two classrooms each year for renovations will be proposed and worked into their master plan.

This type of renovation procedure will take some time to finish but once a working model is established, the process should progress smoothly, enhancing the look of ACC each year.

By Mary Bartz

## Plans to Move Away From Block Scheduling

It has been determined that an adult's retention span is 1 1/2 hours after a lecture and then begins to decrease.

This information has made it very important for the college to examine the night lecture courses that are being offered once a week. It was revealed that it is extremely difficult for the instructor to conduct a normal class session.

Several reasons for this have been determined. One reason is the amount of retention of adults and the rapid loss that occurs as time passes. Another reason is that most of the next class period is spent reviewing from the previous class.

It has also been determined that one class period is equivalent to eight percent of the semester, so if

a student misses a class they miss a tremendous amount of valuable class material. These reasons all have an over-all effect on the entire course objective.

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According to Curtis Davis, Dean of Students, "The college is planning to move away from block scheduling for night lecture courses". This move is set for the fall semester. Davis said, "Block scheduling is not the best learning environment for students in courses where lecture is required". He continued, "Not enough time is available during the class for the

instructor to reinforce the concepts".

In determining the decision, two issues were examined: quality of education received in the classroom and student convenience. A survey was conducted among students to get their reactions to the scheduling change. Although the survey results were not revealed, Davis commented, "The priority issue, which is quality of education in the class, is the determining factor here." He also indicated that he didn't anticipate any student problems with the change.

In light of the issue it seems that the college has the best interest of the student in mind and the move from block scheduling should be another positive step for the college and the students.

By Mary Bartz

## ACC in Brief

### Voter Registration Offered On Campus

ACC needs your help. In light of the upcoming millage election, a voter registration drive will be held in VLH on March 28-30. Times are scheduled to be, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1pm and on Wednesday from 7-9pm. If you are not registered please stop by. If you are unable to register at ACC, please remember that you can register at the local Secretary of State Office, before March 30 to be eligible to cast a ballot on May 2.

### Residents of Alpena Attend Board Meeting

In attendance at the March 16, Board of Trustee's meeting were Judy Christensen and Bud Wegmeyer. Christensen was a member of ACC's second graduating class and announced that so far five of her family members have attended ACC. Christensen is pleased that ACC has helped educate her family for their future. Wegmeyer is president of the Alpena County Farm Bureau and has a son and daughter that both attended ACC. Wegmeyer was present like Christensen to show support in ACC.

### Herm Bordewyk Retires After 19 years

Mr. Herm Bordewyk has served with dedication as a full time faculty member since 1970. At the end of this semester Bordewyk will retire. Bordewyk will be missed by all as he has touched the lives of those who work, attend, and attended ACC. Enjoy your retirement.

### Newport Indicates "Warranty Concept" Planning

During the March 16, Board of Trustee's meeting Dr. Donald Newport, President of ACC, talked of a "warranty concept" that is in the planning stages. He explained that the warranty will be a level of accountability put in writing. Looking at the staff, students and resources the college would be held accountable for the type of students that comes out. The "warranty concept" would be a guarantee that students would be able to transfer to four year institutions or be at the job entry level. Newport will update the Board of this concept at the May meeting.

### Positions Available For 1989-90 School Year

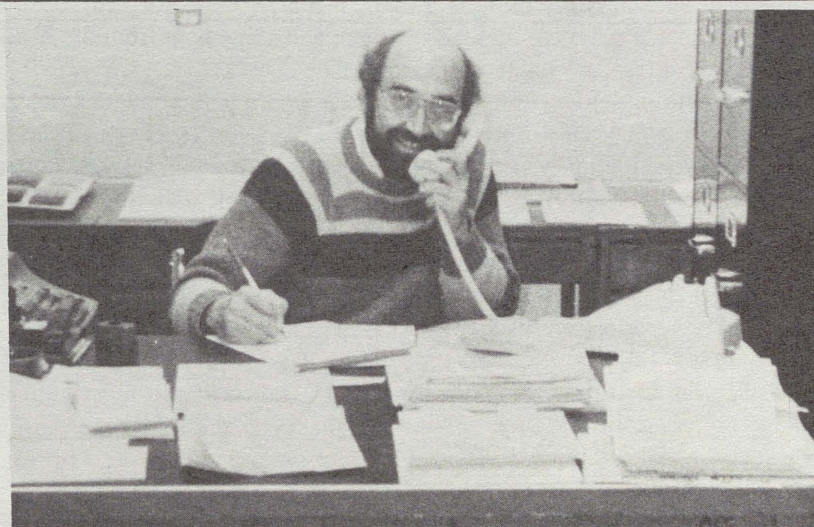
Applications are now being accepted for the following positions for the 1989-90 school year. Lumberjack editor, Assistant Editor, Photographer, and Advertising Manager. Applications can be pick up at the Student Services Office, rm 101 VLH. Return completed applications the the Lumberjack office, rm 110 BTC, or place in the Lumberjack mailbox, next to BTC main office. Application Deadline March 31. The Editor's position offers 16 credit hours of free tuition. Assistant Editor receives 8 credit hours of free tuition. Photographer is offered a cash stipend and Advertising manager is receives 10% of all ad sales.

### Campsite Number Suggested For Negwagon Park

The Advisory Committee for Negwagon State Park listened to comments from committee member Dr. Richard Moreau that 100 modern and 50 rustic campsites should be implemented to warrant a full-time official at the park. The advisory committee was initially formed for establishing proposals to assist the Department of Natural Resources in a master plan regarding conservation of Negwagon State Park.

## Campus Book Store Open For Business

Open 11 am - 1 pm  
Monday through Friday



James Simons; bookstore manager



## What's Next

by Chuck Witt

Interested in surfing, sand and just having a good time -- well that is "What's Next" with student activities. Our annual theme dance will be held on April 15, 1989 at the Civic Center. The

theme this year will be "Back To The Beach", bring your beach toys and surfboards and have a great time.

Trivial Pursuit and Casino Night were held recently with great success. Both were well attended and all who played had a great time. These events will definitely be held next year.

Speaking of next year, recent Student Senate elections gave us our new Student Activities

Chairperson for 1989-90 -- Michael Rhea. Mike is learning the ropes and planning activities for Fall 89. Some activities planned so far are: Club Day, Halloween Dance, Trivial Pursuit and the Christmas Dance.

If you the student have any suggestions for activities, please submit them to the Student Senate office in BTC.

