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**Newhouse Elected**

The 1965-66 A.C.C. freshman class held its elections on October 12th and 13th. Those elected were William Newhouse, President; James McCallum, Vice - President; Jannel Thomas, Secretary; Judi Snell, Treasurer. Representing the freshman as student government members are James O'Neal, Barbara Hayes, Linda Molter and Mary Beth Davidson.

Mr. Newhouse, the President, is a 1963 graduate of Tawas

High School. When interviewed he expressed his wish to thank his supporters for electing him to office and promised to devote his energy to promoting more spirit and participation in school sponsored activities.

Mr. McCallum, the newly elected vice - president, is a 1965 graduate of Alpena High School. He feels that since he was the only candidate it might have had something to do with his election.

**Wonderland State Salutes Heritage**

Persons who want to brag about their state during Michigan Week can say truthfully that its rivers and streams would reach one and one-half times around the world.

Bordered by four of the five Great Lakes, Michigan has the largest supply of fresh water of any of the fifty states.

It also has 1,037 inland lakes and 36,350 miles of streams and no community in the state is more than six miles from an inland lake or stream.

Its, 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline is longer than the nations coastline on either the Atlantic or Pacific.

The locks at Sault Ste. Marie are the second busiest waterway in the world. More tonnage passes through these locks in an eight - month navigation season than through the Panama or Suez canals in a full year.

Michigan's total land area of 36,494,080 acres makes it larger than Greece, larger than Switzerland and Portugal combined and nearly five times the size of Belgium.

With its nearly 40,000 square miles of water surface, the state's combined land and water area make it the largest state east of the Mississippi and the tenth largest in the nation. Its population of about eight million ranked it seventh among the states in the 1960 federal census.

The Upper Peninsula alone is equal in size to the combined areas of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. It has 16,538 square miles of land.

Jim Nensewitz

**DEAN'S COLUMN**

The May issue of the Timber-Cruiser will be the last one for the current academic year. This is, therefore, my last opportunity to express to the students my feeling that this has been a good year for the College and to congratulate the student body on the excellent way the affairs of students have been conducted. It has been a good year academically as evidenced by the fact that this is the largest graduating class in the history of the College, and there are twelve honor graduates with two summa cum laude and two magna cum laude.

It has been a good year in student activities. According to all reports, social events have been well conducted and well attended. Student Government has conducted its affairs successfully and with distinction. It has been a good year in intercollegiate athletic competition. The College student body has shown a keen interest in current affairs



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both local, state, and national and has shown this interest by evidencing a desire to explore, think, and obtain facts, meanwhile exercising the restraint that can be expected of college students who have reached a greater maturity and awareness than is true of the general population. Congratulations on a good year.

Many of you have no doubt been following the excellent series of articles in **The Alpena News on China** - "One - Fourth of Mankind." If you have, you've noted that many of the experiments being conducted in our current society were tried many centuries ago in China. Some of them were tried centuries before Christ. One of the characteristics of the educated man is his desire to learn to avoid mistakes by understanding history, interpreting it, and relating it to current problems. This may well be done in relation to the present tendency to attempt to question and influence by nose counting, demonstrations, pressure for specific purposes, etc. For example, you are referred to the attempt of deer hunters to influence the Michigan legislature by demonstrating on the steps of the Capitol. Our Representative Joseph Swallow has a good discussion of this in a letter to the editor in a recent issue of **The Alpena News**. This is quoted in part.

... And, if peaceful demonstration fails, then some resort to militant demonstration and pressure tactics.

Whether the location be Watts or Berkley, California, Saigon, Detroit or Lansing, the principle is undeniably the same.

And, who is to blame? The legislator or public official who, by giving in, encourages more pressure tactics? The sincere, but often misdirected demonstrators? Or the responsible majority of Americans who sit by complacently and do not object to such activities?

We all in our own way have a duty to uphold - the rule of law. If we don't, the consequence today than many of us realize. . . end of quote.

Again, referring to the history of China, perhaps you noted in No. 6 of the series the chapter entitled "The Contending Schools." Some centuries before Christ there were apparently four schools - Lao-tze, Mencius, Mo Ti, and the Legalists. Apparently after a number of years of experience with disorder, the Legalists took over. To the Legalists "all this talk of morality was nonsense. Government should be based not on love but on power." It is being suggested that disorder, lack of understanding of proper governmental procedures, improper pressure groups, failure to live under sound principals of democracy as expressed in representative government can only lead to a major change in the governmental way of life in the United States. It is suggested that this change will be in the direction of more authoritarianism. In other words democracy through representative govern-

ment is always in peril and may be more so now than ever before. If this is the case, the excesses that are becoming more and more prevalent in our current society and demands backed up by ill - advised demonstrations will contribute greatly to the loss of freedom and coming of a more authoritarian system. It must be realized that the companion of freedom must be restraint. If "x" desires one direction and "z" another and they are dichotomous, one must be restrained; and the restraint must be exercised by orderly processes - in most instances either administrative, legislative, or judicial. In other words it must be made completely clear that freedom and restraint are inseparable.

Judd Arnett in a recent column is apparently interested in the same concern being expressed here. He bases his concern on two incidents in Detroit. One of them is the "Northern incident" and the other the "Knox incident." You are all familiar with the "Northern incident" but perhaps did not take note of the "Knox incident." The "Knox incident" referred to the pitching of a tent by James Mitchell on the lawn of the Knox home - Mr. Knox being the Detroit City Housing Director. Apparently Mr. Arnett feels that both of these incidents are examples of the kind of thing that must be a matter of concern to those interested in the preservation of freedom, democracy, and orderly government. He concludes his column with this paragraph: "The week that was demonstrated there are 'leaders' in this community who have yet to learn that progress cannot be successfully forced on distortion, disorder, and diatribes. Bad news, this."

Alpena Community College students, as people well on the way toward completion of a prescribed program of higher education, can be expected to be leaders, in the direction of preservation of freedom, exercise of restraint, and protection of the orderly processes of government.

There are many who fear that this nation is on a "binge." Wage demands are high and the demands for fewer hours and more fringes are often extravagant. Strikes are prevalent. Inflation is a real danger and though still creeping shows signs of beginning to crawl. Many demonstrations have been orderly and in a few instances may have been necessary. I am not an alarmist and I feel that if we're on a "binge," it's modest; but I do feel that a greater feeling of awareness of the dangers is needed. If excesses do lead to breakdown and loss of freedom, it may be close. It may well be in our lifetime and in this generation.

I am reasonably certain that students know me well enough to be sure that my position is not to be construed in any sense as limiting discussion, examination, exploration, and pursuit of truth wherever this may lead. These things I support. . .

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