

Alpena Community College

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BOARD SELECTS PRESIDENT- NEWPORT ACCEPTS

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The ACC Board of Trustees, during their December 3 meeting, announced their selection for the new president of ACC. Succeeding Dr. Charles Donnelly will be Dr. Donald L. Newport, 46, current president of Oklahoma City Community College.

In a recent telephone interview, when asked why he chose to accept the new position, Dr. Newport, a former Michigander, responded, "Michigan is home." Newport also indicated other reasons for accepting ACC's presidency.

He took into consideration ACC's previous leadership (Dr. Donnelly), the Board of Trustees who "work hard and represent the college well", the staff and "how much they care", the community with a "sense of ownership", and "the most important ingredient, the students."

A graduate of the University of Michigan's Ph.D. program in industrial relations and psychology with strong exposure to the community college philosophy, he has also traveled internationally

examining the collegiate systems of Japan, Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy.

The community college scene is a familiar scene to Dr. Newport as he has devoted 25 years, more than half of his life, to working with community colleges. Newport has been the president of community colleges in Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, and now Oklahoma.

Upon assuming the role of presidency, Newport would immediately like to "get to know the college community" and become an "active, positive member of the community." Newport would also like to further develop the partnerships of the college with other area agencies.

One issue Dr. Newport will face immediately is the present accreditation ACC is currently undergoing. Dr. Newport has had an extraordinary amount of experience with accreditations.

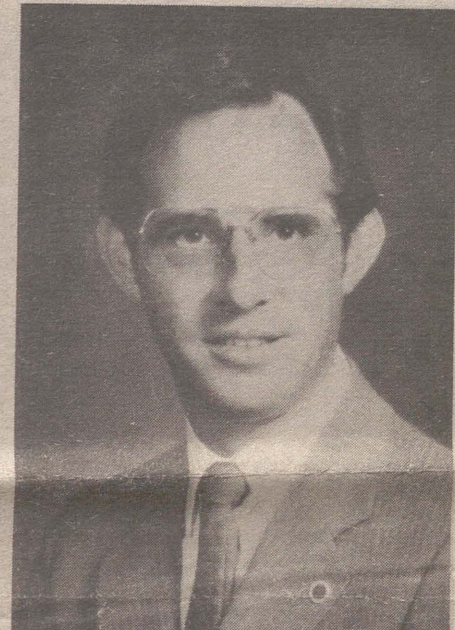
Dr. Newport has his own philosophy of community college education. The school needs: "...a Governing Board which "dares to care... an active commitment on

the part of its Chief Executive and administrative team to a style of leadership which promotes the feeling of both credibility and 'community' ...while encouraging constant reevaluation of the District's purposes..."

Newport also believes the school must "possess a dedicated, innovative, and highly skilled faculty which is committed to carrying out the person-to person philosophy of the 'open-door' community college..." The faculty should also meet "the ultimate goal of providing the best possible transfer, occupational, developmental, or continuing education services to the student."

He further believes that the college "needs a student body of younger and older citizens who are equally as committed to the community college", and "a commitment on the part of its business, industrial, and service communities..."

When asked what he considers to be his greatest strengths, Dr. Newport responded, "I care about people and the relationships between people...I don't shy away



Dr. Newport

from work."

Dr. Newport and his wife, Dee, a public school teacher, have two sons, Brad, 13, and Jeff, 11.

When asked his opinion of the Board's selection of the new president, Dr. Donnelly

commented, "ACC is fortunate to get a person of Dr. Newport's experience."

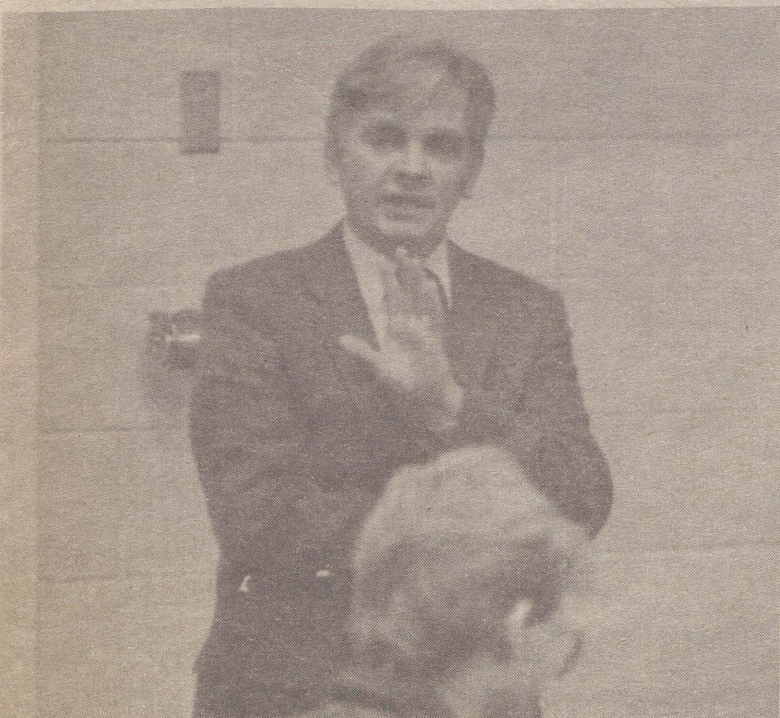
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Mr. Bartow, advisor for FFA, answers questions on parliamentary procedures.

A workshop was held on December 3 by the AHS Future Farmers of America. The workshop dealt with Robert's Rules of Order, better known as the Parliamentary Procedures. Students, faculty, and administrative personnel attended the workshop.

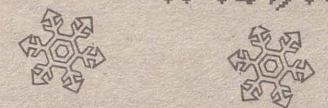
Dean Williams was in attendance at the workshop. Williams explains, "Robert's Rules of Order is the standard bible for the ways of running formal meetings, dictating such things as who is to be there, how business is introduced, how motions and proposals are presented, and what kind of voting will take place." Williams also

stated, "The rules are designed to prevent chaos from taking over in an emotional situation."

By using the rules, the majority are sure of having their decisions prevail, and the minority are sure of having a voice in the decision process. There are agreed-upon ways to present a topic to the "floor" and only the items on the floor may be discussed at the time. The rules help determine when to meet again, when to adjourn, when to take things up again at a next meeting.

Williams stated, "It was more of a demonstration than a workshop, and I picked up a couple of pointers and brushed up on things I was rusty on."

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