

OFF THE TIP OF THE PEN

FROM THE EDITORS'



Well, this is it...the last issue of the *Lumberjack* for the Spring semester. At this time it seems only natural to thank those who have helped behind the pages of the *Lumberjack*.

A full hearted thank you must go out to Mr. Witt, Director of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Witt is known around the *Lumberjack* office as Mr. Wonderful, and he is just that. Whenever we needed the straight story about an issue on campus, he was the man to give it to us. This helped many a time to save the image of this paper.

The newspaper had their own gofer, and this person was Chuck Witt. Every issue had its, "Chuck go-for-this" Chuck go-for-that". He was a great asset when it came to pasting headlines. Thanks Chuck.

This year there seemed to be so much more support for the college newspaper, and this support came from the students and faculty. You took the time to let us know your views on certain issues such as the bookstore,

smoking, lighting on campus, and much more. Your input has helped generate our staff into wanting to report what most interests you.

Even though Dr. Newport was the new guy on the block, it did not stop our staff from playing the first practical joke on him. Thanks for "elevating" with our jokes.

Last but not least, we as editors would like to thank Bob Eller and his concrete students for being the butt end of all our jokes. You have all helped to make this year fun, fun, fun! All the way from Bob's souped-up office to the concrete student's TP'd cars, we never let a wall come between us! (To those of you who are unaware, the guys bricked up our office door with concrete blocks from top to bottom.)

Hopefully this year's college paper has helped to keep you up-to-date on the current issues around campus. As editors, it has been a trying experience; but in the end, it was all worth the while.

To The Editor - A Slight Disappointment

As Chairman of the ACC Awards Night /Board of Trustees Dinner, I would like to congratulate all award recipients and thank all who were in attendance.

In all, the night was a success with one exception- this being administrative and trustee attendance. During the year, the Student Senate has worked on the problem of student attendance at college events and has overcome.

For Awards Night, of the seven trustees, only two showed up. The banquet is the way we honor both the students and our trustees for their work over the past year. It is sad that the other trustees placed a higher importance

of something else over the students.

This is also true of administration, only 1/3 showed up, 1/3 sent letters of regret, but 1/3 neither had the courtesy to respond or send letters of regret.

As a member of the Student Senate, we try to communicate with administration and establish a positive relationship; but, it seems, they too have higher priorities.

With our last event of the year, Spring Fling, I would challenge all administration and Board of Trustees members to show up for this event and show the students that you do care. Chuck Witt

Please Think Twice

Although we all make mistakes in our life, some are more devastating than others.

One night, while on Easter Break, after drinking quite a bit, a friend and I got this crazy urge to play basketball. Against all common sense at one o'clock in the morning we entered an elementary school through an already broken window.

After having shot a few baskets, and throwing seven balls and two fire extinguishers out the window, we decided to leave, for we understood our mistake. But as soon as our feet hit the pavement outside the building a cop came out of his hiding place and leveled his service revolver at us, and that was all she wrote.

When, and I hope most of you would agree, you are looking down the barrel of a loaded gun you do not argue with the person behind it unless, of course, you have a death wish.

After being taken down to the local station, and being processed, fingerprinted, and photographed we were taken to the Oakland County Jail, which makes the Alpena Jail look like the Holiday Inn in comparison.

There were no beds, no blankets (unless the guards felt the urge to give you one, which they did not), and the toilets were in the middle of the holding tank, which was our home for the next two days.

We got to meet some real interesting people, like Chico who had been in a year for tow counts of armed robbery, and Marcus who was in for stealing his "friend's" car, and I can not leave out Jackson who was in for assaulting his wife and kids. Not what you would call the cream of the crop.

For breakfast there was two boxes of Sugar Smacks and milk, without bowls, of course. And for lunch and dinner there was the world renowned stale bread bologna sandwiches and milk. But the worst part was calling my folks. All the stale sandwiches in the world could not be as bad as that one phone call.

I am now out on \$10,000 bond, awaiting my preliminary hearing. I face up to a possible 10 years in prison. And although I'll probably just be put on probation sometimes I think prison might be easier. For on probation I will have to face everyone I let down; my parents, my grandmother, my nephew who looks up to me as his role model, and most of all myself.

So next time you decide to go out drinking, or to do something "for the hell of it", think what it would be like to check yes when filling out a job application where it asks if you have ever committed a felon. For that is what lays in store for me.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

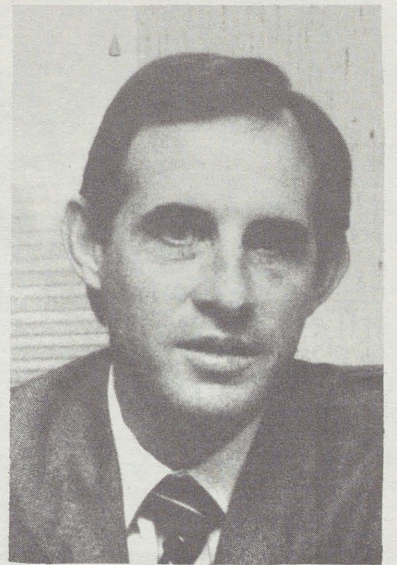
To Our Students:

As a college year approaches conclusion and my first 100 days also nears completion, lots of thoughts come to mind.

First, to those several "old timers" who have gone out of their way to share a table at a local burger spot or bring a story about A.C.C. lore - thanks. And, as your academic work at this time concludes, may you always remember that this process of education never stops and wherever you go - a bit of the college will always be with you. Your successes are our successes and vice versa.

Second, to those returnees - yes, we will have much to keep us busy this coming year and your job will be to provide leadership for our new students in communicating how we solve problems in an up-front, forthright fashion using all our wisdom. It's a challenging task and we may occasionally stub our toe, but we keep working at it.

Third, two words go a long way in this crazy world toward building a better home, college, classroom, or relationship - they are simply "thank you!" Before



this semester concludes, I would wager that there is a faculty member, a secretary, a dean, a custodian, or a fellow student who has done something special... gone that extra step... that such words would bring a very special and lasting smile. Think about it.

In that regard, let me thank the staff of our *Lumberjack* for all the courtesy and special thoughtfulness which has been shared with me. You do good today and I know you will continue to do good in the future. Thanks!

Donald L. Newport
President

TWO TO WIN

On graduation day, May 13, one male and one female from the sophomore class will be announced as the winners of the Anna and Jesse Besser Awards.

There is a board made up of faculty and staff members which includes Mr. Yule, Mr. Counsellor, Mr. Miesen, Ms. Moran, Dr. Moreau, Mr. Bordewyk, and Mr. Lamb. These people review nomination petitions for specific individuals who meet the qualifications.

This award is presented annually to the male and female students who have made outstanding contributions to the life of the college through scholarship, student leadership, and expression of responsibility in the solution of social problems. The award also carries with it a stipend of \$100.00.

Good luck to all nominees!



STUDENTS GRADUATE

With the semester ending in just a few short days, many students are looking forward to May 13th and graduation.

This year about 231 students will be receiving degrees or certificates. Of the people graduating, 18 are from Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

To attain an associate degree, a student needs at least 60 credit hours (some degrees require more), which are divided into various departments, depending on the field of study. Certificate programs vary from one year to two years, also depending on the field.

There are just a couple of steps a student must take in order to graduate. First, he/she should meet with an advisor to assure the number of credits already received.

The next step is to fill out a graduation form and pay the four-dollar graduation fee. The fee is necessary to help cover the cost of printing diplomas.

If the student wants to attend the commencement exercises, he/she must then order a cap and gown. Participation in the ceremony is not required to receive one's diploma.

Records office secretary, Lori Grossman, says it is too late to register for this semester's graduation, but they are accepting applications for summer term graduation.



Board of Trustees table