

Vote Tuesday

Tuesday, May 25, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., NMU students will decide whether the student body constitution will be replaced by a revised version.

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION is patterned after the federal system. According to Dick Landi, Student Council President, the significant changes it will bring about include a better promotion of the general welfare of the student body; a better means by which student positions on institutional policy may be transmitted to the proper administrative, faculty and student agencies; a better facilitation of communications among students, between students and administration, and between students and faculty; stimulation of student participation in and appreciation of student self-government.

The proposed constitution will present a transition from class representation to representation based on population; an executive council composed of the presidents of all major organizations; and a Student Senate composed of approximately 30 to 40 representatives.

THE NORTHERN NEWS fully supports the new constitution as a big step forward in student government on Northern's campus. The proposed constitution is a living and realistic document but its passage and success depends on your support.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT on Northern's campus has come a long way in recent years. A new constitution is needed in order to maintain pace with growth of the university. Western, Eastern, and Central are among Michigan universities with recently revised constitutions of student government.

Copies of the proposed constitution will be available for inspection in the Student Council office in the University Center. By all means, inspect it critically and be ready to cast your positive vote, Tuesday, May 25th.

Food For Thought

In recent months President Johnson has retaliated against the society known as the Ku Klux Klan. The Committee on Un-American Activities will probe into the inner workings of this "group".

THIS KU KLUX KLAN, stated by some as the lowest form group of humanity, thrives on the conviction of keeping the Negro where he belongs. Ironically, it is not their intent to drive the Negro out of the "so called" southern white empire, but rather to keep them in jobs like shoe shine boys, or bus boys. The phrase "We don't want to harm them; we just want to show them they ain't as good as us," truly belongs in the pit of nauseousness. One of the most picturesque sights is to see the "great" klansmen holding the Constitution in one hand and the Bible in the other. The ink fades, for the words mean nothing to them. All that remains are blank pages, similar to the blank minds the society breeds.

AS FUTURE EDUCATORS, businessmen and scientists, what thoughts run through our minds, when we see a child of seven donning the klan robes of his parents. How would you, as a teacher, educate this child with higher values of decency? How would you businessmen work with the corroded minds of segregationists? How would you the scientist defend the lives of people whose only defense is hatred?

THIS IS FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Digest it well. Think of what is edible in right or wrong. Regurgitate the ideas of the Ku Klux Klan. Enjoy the meal of peace of mind.