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Editorial Comment

America Is Change NMU Is America

"America is change" writes Eric Sevareid.

This continuous evolution has enabled America to adjust so as not to be left behind by the ever-changing world. And just because the change may get noisy or play upon the prejudices of many people, it isn't spelling any sort of end for the society. It is simply change without which we can survive.

To some it may seem overbearingly hectic and difficult to work with, but it is much more lasting than the peaceful solitude of stagnation.

No aspect of our society is left out of this continuous evolution and Northern Michigan University has not been an exception. Some of the change we see is extremely vivid, most is very subtle. Last fall we saw very vividly, in the case of Dr. Robert F. McClellan, an attempt to effect one kind of change.

Various frustrated individuals at that time found themselves predicting the end for the University. The University was supposed to be sick beyond possible cure. According to these people the only possible way to save it was to tear it down to the very last brick and start all over. It is very interesting that you can save by destroying it, but none the less this was the contention.

The cry "sick society", sick university society, is the cry of the weak. It is the last gasp of the individual of little spirit and little faith as he takes leave of his responsibility of meeting, and working to solve the social ills as they are present themselves in our society and every society - past, present, and future.

For this cynic the biggest shock of all comes as the problems begin to be solved. When this happens, not even the smallest amount of credit belongs to him. He fled the horror of reality, but the strong stayed to bear the burden and try to make that part of society a little better place to live.

Northern Michigan University has not been destroyed. It is not dead. It has in fact gained from that hectic and heated controversy a new breath of life.

As the University's vigorous new president, Dr. John X. Jamrich, assumes the responsibility of leadership with the announced intention of meeting this nationwide problem of academic governance, it appears that the University could be on the threshold of a great tomorrow that will have the administration, faculty, and student body working together toward fine achievements.

This isn't to say that life is going to be all bliss. There will continue to be changes and adaptations, but a university community working together will be able to meet and adapt them or adapt to them.

Yes, America is change and Northern Michigan University is America. To the weak, the short-sighted, this conflict that can arise out of change spells nothing more than the bitter end, but to the bold and strong, this is where is found the possibility of a greater tomorrow.

- The Editor



Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Vinocur

Associate Dean At MSU

Dr. Jacob Vinocur Academic Vice President Under Jamrich

Dr. Jacob Vinocur, associate dean of the graduate school and professor of English at Michigan State University, is Northern Michigan University's new Vice-President for academic affairs.

Vinocur succeeds Dr. David W. Dickson who left NMU in February to become vice president for academic affairs and provost of Federal City College, Washington, D. C. The appointment, effective Aug. 1, was announced today by NMU interim president Ogden E. Johnson after it was approved Saturday by the University's Board of Control.

Vinocur, a native of Lansing, holds bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU and a doctorate in English from the University of Wisconsin.

He taught at U-W from 1949 to 1954 and at the University of Mon-

tana from 1954 to 1965.

While at the University of Montana, Vinocur rose from an instructor to full professor and head of the schools' humanities department.

During the 1958-59 academic year he held the Chair in American Literature and Civilization then endowed by the Readers' Digest at the University of Dijon, France.

In 1965 he was one of twelve persons awarded a one-year fellowship in university administration by the Phillips Foundation. He spent the year as an assistant to the president of Duke (N.C.) University.

At Duke, Vinocur assisted in the drafting of a study of the school's operations for the Ford Foundation which led to a \$20 million grant for Duke. He also authored a proposal by which Duke was awarded a \$275,000 grant from the Educational Facilities Laboratories of the Foundation for sophisticated and pioneering space utilization studies.

He was appointed to his present position at MSU in 1966.

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is a unique academic community consisting of its faculty, students, and other constituencies.

In explaining the concern for academic governance, he said it is not unique to Northern, the University of California at Berkeley, or other institutions "which have experienced visible confrontations," in a number of "careful and excellent analyses of academic governance."

Dr. Jamrich has said that he believes the best solutions to academic governance lie along the lines suggested in reports compiled by the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education, and the Berkeley Commission.

He has quoted the new general secretary of the AAUP as saying, "there is not a sharp line between faculty and administration, and it would be a serious mistake to draw it."

Harden Scholars Met On Campus

The first two students designated as "Harden Scholars," Gretchen Bietla, Iron Mountain, and Alice Gauthier, Schaeffer, met last week at Northern Michigan where they will enroll as freshmen next September.

The school's dean of education, Dr. Wilbert A. Berg, visited with the recipients of \$4,000 Edgar L. Harden scholarships, named in honor of NMU's president emeritus.

Miss Bietla, ranked second in her class of 146 at Iron Mountain High School, and Miss Gauthier, top-ranked student in the 84-member senior class at Escanaba Holy Name, were on campus to attend an orientation program. Both plan to become teachers.

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