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"America is change" writes Eric Severeid.
This continuous evolution has enabled America to adjust 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 cymic 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 wealth of life.

As the University's vigorous new president, Dr. John X. Jamrich, assumes the responsibility of the leadership, the first condition 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.