

Digging up dirt on Northern Phys Ed steam tunnel underway

L. W. "Okie" Brumm is digging up a lot of dirt on Northern's campus these days.

A tunnel cutting across the center of campus, carrying heat, water, TV and telephone cables and a monitoring system to the new HPER building at a cost of \$739,000 is slated for completion in December, according to David McClintock, Director of Campus Planning and Development.

Brumm Construction Company, a controversial

company because of its non-union status was awarded the contract this spring because they were the only ones whose bid fell below the maximum, McClintock said. McClintock gives two reasons for this, "The non-union status of the workers and the method used in construction."

The method Brumm Construction is using is to build the tunnel a section at a time and then slide them along into place instead of the one-mold form, now popular.

Beside Brumm, six other

contractors submitted bids for the project. Closner Construction Company of Marquette with a bid of \$999,000 was the next closest to Brumm but still over the maximum \$840,000 limit. Closner was followed by another Marquette firm, O'Dovero Construction with a bid of \$1,045,728.

"They were all so close when the bids came back we thought for sure Brumm had to be the one who was wrong," said McClintock, "So we asked him to double check his figures." When Brumm assured the state that the figures were correct, he was awarded the contract.

But not after some delay. "Some lobbyists in Lansing were trying to get the Governor to use a plastic tunnel because it was cheaper," McClintock said. "So we had to get estimates again but found that the plastic tunnel was really more expensive."

The route the tunnel takes has been moved twice since

the plan's inception. "We originally planned for the tunnel to connect at Gries Hall and go around behind Spooner and Carey Halls," said McClintock, "but we found that it was too narrow and the drop-off behind Carey Hall was too steep," he continued.

The second plan was to take the tunnel down the side of the University Center then straight across the island in front of Carey Hall and then straight down the hill to Waldo Street. "But," said McClintock "that route goes right through the group of pines in front of Carey." Although the straight route is shorter McClintock says President Jamrich wanted to keep the grove of trees.

The current plan is to run the tunnel across the island, around the trees at Carey Hall, down the center of the hill by the new administration building, along Waldo, across Presque Isle Avenue and continue down Waldo to the half-built physical education building.

"It's important to get the tunnel hooked up as soon as possible so the people can work on the building this winter," said McClintock.

Another part of Brumm's job is to hook up storm and sanitation sewers at the new building. "They've already done all that," McClintock said. "They're really working fast."

The monitoring system run to the new building has already been installed in the Cohodas Ad building and at the Thomas Fine Arts building. According to McClintock the system which monitors doors, machinery, temperature and fire "will pay for itself in a couple of years." The cost to install the system in the P.E. building is \$83,900.

"We eventually hope to run the tunnel in a circle around campus," said McClintock. "That way if a section breaks down we can route the heat in the opposite direction so the entire campus won't be without heat."

\$20.50 per hour

Board ups tuition

The Board of Control passed a \$1.50 per credit hour tuition hike at their July 17 meeting. The cost of a single credit at NMU now totals \$20.50.

President John X. Jamrich told the Board that the university may face a deficit in 1975-76 totaling from \$400,000 to \$500,000. The additional revenue generated from the tuition increase will total approximately \$300,000.

The Board of Control delayed action on a tuition hike at its May meeting because the administration did not have a clear enough picture of the university's economic situation at that time.

Jamrich observed that

NMU's tuition level would still rank in the lower third of the 15 state-supported colleges and universities.

Board Chairman E. Harwood Rydholm said the Board "is always reluctant to increase the cost of education, mindful as it is of the income levels of the families who are helping to send sons and daughters to Northern. Our approach to matters like this has always been conservative.

We feel this action is the prudent one—meeting as best we can our obligation to provide a comprehensive program for our students while still making every effort to keep the cost of education as low as practicable."

Police report five rapes in city

Marquette Police are investigating a series of five reported rapes which occurred over the past six weeks in which the same assailant is suspected. Two women have also been chased but were able to obtain help.

The incidents which have been reported on June 8, July 1, 8, 16 and 20 involved the same method of operation. In each case the victim has been a woman between the ages of 18 and 22 walking alone after midnight. The assailant, wearing a shirt over his head, attacked from behind.

Police said that each case involved a threat of a knife.

Early on July 19 a woman was chased on Wright Street. Police said she ran several blocks, entered a private residence and called the police.

The same morning another

woman was grabbed on North Third Street by a man wearing a shirt over his head. He released her when she screamed for help.

Police chased a man meeting the assailant's description that same morning. He slipped away from them by running between houses on North Fourth Street.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 5 ft. 9 in. to 6 ft. tall, 150 to 170 lbs., and approximately 20 years old.

The incidents have occurred on the north and south sides of the city, on County Road 550 within the city limits, and on West Hewitt and East Fair Avenues. In one incident, the woman was forced into an older van.

Police would not reveal the names of the victims.

Three nabbed for weed

Three marijuana arrests topped the list of a number of arrests and complaints on campus last week, according to Campus Safety Investigator Ken Chant.

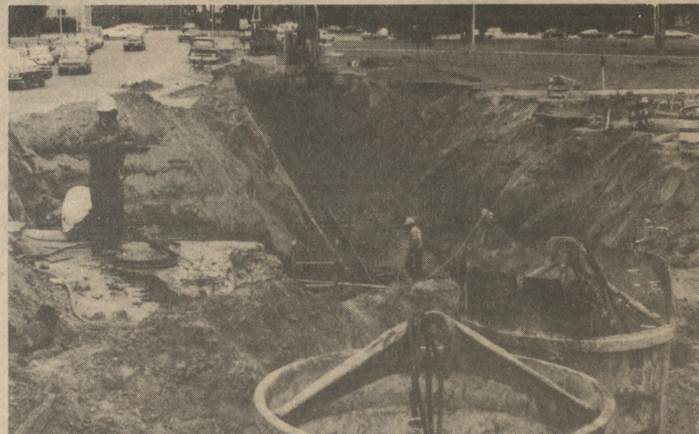
Chant said one male student, 25, was cited to the Dean of Students Office for possession of marijuana on July 15 when Campus Safety officers spotted a number of plants growing in his window in Married Student Housing.

Two non-students, 18 and 19, who were visiting Marquette from Detroit, were arrested for possession of marijuana at

4 a.m. in the conference parking lot in back of the University Center. That same day, the two pled guilty to a reduced charge of use of marijuana in Marquette District Court. Both received delayed sentences and were soon on their way home.

In other incidents, Campus Safety is still investigating the theft of a skillsaw valued at \$150 from a Brumm Construction Co. trailer between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, July 11.

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The steam tunnel being built through the center of campus by the Brumm Construction Co. is necessary to keep physical education majors warm this winter. But the way traffic is being clogged this summer, some drivers are already getting a little hot under the collar.

Free college tuition sought

State Representative Jackie Vaughn III (D-Detroit) said recently he will renew his efforts to win legislative approval for HB 4025 to provide free college tuition for Michigan residents.

A bill introduced by Vaughn and under consideration by the House Committee on Colleges and Universities, which he chairs, would make available to all Michigan residents two years of college or university education without being charged tuition or matriculation fees.

The free tuition concept recently won the endorsement of the State Board of

Education. "I have been encouraged by this and other support for my bill," Vaughn said. "I intend to press for passage of the bill. It is needed today more than ever before. Because of the spiraling cost of living, the steadily rising cost of higher education and high unemployment, we must move in this direction now."

He added that the free tuition would bring financial relief to families throughout the state and would be an important step toward quality in educational opportunity.

He said that the availability of two years of tuition-free education hopefully would encourage students to con-

tinue on and obtain four-year degrees. "In addition, for many it would be an opportunity to obtain the vocational, technical or trade training that would open the doors to a better life," he said.

Vaughn added, "It was not the intent of the taxpayers of Michigan to develop a system of higher education that few students could afford to attend. It is a waste of human potential to price education out of the reach of those who desire it, yet that is what is happening. The only real answer is free tuition that would at least offer two years of advanced education."

Three receive citizenship award

Three Marquette residents have been selected to receive Northern Michigan University's President's Award for Distinguished Citizenship during the University's summer commencement luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Friday, August 8, in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

They are Raymond J. Buchkoe, retired Warden of the Marquette State Prison; Ellwood A. Mattson, president, First National Bank and Trust Company; and Ben J. Myler, president of the Union National Bank and Trust Company.

Consisting of an engraved

bronze medallion and a citation, the award has been established to "recognize publicly individuals who have provided unselfish support of civic, social and cultural activities," said NMU President John X. Jamrich.

This will bring to 21 the number of Upper Peninsula leaders selected for the honor.

Board adopts logo — names speaker

By BECKY BEAUCHAMP
North Wind News Editor

Northern Michigan University's Board of Control adopted a logo for the university at their regular meeting on July 17. The logo, bearing the initials NMU with a pine tree in the background, will serve as a university symbol.

President Jamrich reported to the Board on the university's financial outlook for 1975-76. Upon his recommendation, the Board ap-

proved a \$1.50 per credit hour tuition hike.

In other action, the Board accepted a total of \$913,662 in gifts and grants. Among them were a \$302,630 grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for Basic Educational Opportunity Grants to students for the 1975-76 fiscal year and a \$284,323 HEW grant to convert WNPB-Channel 13, NMU's public TV station, to color.

Dr. Jack R. Rombouts, Vice President for Continuing

Education, told the Board that the summer session enrollment was up 200 to 300 students and that several hundred more hours were being taken by summer students.

Rombouts also reported to the Board that this is a "banner year" for summer camps. He said that by the end of the summer 2,000 young persons will have attended one of the various programs. Football, basketball, wrestling, swimming, gymnastics, music camps and a visual arts prep school are among the offerings to elementary and high school students.

The Board approved Wayne State University President George E. Gullen Jr. as the summer commencement speaker and agreed to award honorary doctorate degrees to Gullen and Pulitzer Prize winning historian Bruce Catton at the Aug. 8 summer commencement ceremonies.

Catton, who will receive an honorary doctor of letters

degree, is currently writing a historical book on Michigan on commission from the American Association for State and Local History for the Bicentennial in 1976. Gullen will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

The Board also approved the selection of Raymond J. Buchkoe, Ellwood A. Mattson, and Ben J. Myler as recipients of NMU's President's Award for Distinguished Citizenship.

Dr. Rombouts and Provost Glenn reported to the Board on new programs and services at NMU. Among them are an estate planning class for senior citizens, an education specialist degree and an individually created program for undergraduates.

Dr. Glenn reported that a new series of two year degrees are being instituted which includes programs for medical secretaries, data processing and aviation technology.

The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Robert V. Hockey as the acting

department head of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Reports were received on the barrier removal project for handicapped students and staff and on the move into the new administration building.

A slide and tape presentation on the Regional Environmental Education Center of the Upper Peninsula was given by James Mansfield and Dr. Donald Snitgen, associate professor of biology.

Fritz Mills, vice president of ASNMU, reported to the Board on responses to a recent survey among students concerning their opinions on a student food co-op. Mills told the Board that out of 170 responses, only 12 students said that they would not utilize such a store.

Mills also told the Board that ASNMU is working to obtain a facility to hold voter registration on campus before the fall elections. He informed the Board that ASNMU supports the hiring of a legal representative for students.

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Dr. George Lott, director of the LRC, said the monies will permit WNPB to be "fully colorized, perhaps as early as January but definitely not later than March 1."

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Points North packs 'em in

By CHIP BROOKS
North Wind Managing Editor

Business is booming in the West Hall dining room.

After a sparse first two weeks, crowds for the Points North Repertory Dinner Theater have increased to overflowing for many shows, according to company director Dr. Suzanne Kiesby.

"We sell out every time it's cool," she said. "Godspell" and "Prisoner of Second Avenue" are doing particularly well, with one "Godspell" crowd numbering 145. Normally that show is limited to around 80 and others 60, with audiences over the past couple weeks averaging around 50.

A number of changes have been made during the company's seven-week run; for example, the shows now start around 7:30 p.m. after a 6:30 dinner, rather than around 9, as was the case in the opening weeks.

"We've gotten a lot more efficient," says Kiesby.

"And the audiences seem to like that a lot better. It's more like going to a restaurant and then a movie."

And the shows have been put through some changes, too, with the company rehearsing two shows every day. "We've added a lot of new bits," said Kiesby. "We've quickened the paces."

The company of 22 actors, musicians, crew and directors operates on a 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. schedule almost seven days a week, Kiesby said. "It doesn't leave much room for a social life."

In return, company members get free room and board, are paid \$200, and

receive eight hours free tuition for a class in summer repertory theater.

The university spotted the company its \$17,000 budget to cover living expenses, royalties, room rentals, electricity and the like, as part of an effort to encourage cultural events other than football games at Northern.

"Marquette is the cultural center of the Upper Peninsula," said Kiesby. "But we're that on paper only."

She said the idea of a semi-professional local repertory theater is, "a new concept in the U.P." The only similar effort is in Calumet, which is staffed by professionals.

The company is now working on repaying the \$17,000 loan from the university through profits from the shows. "But it will be nearly impossible," said Kiesby. "We've covered the cost of the shows and we're just now getting into performers's costs."

In addition to the show profits, the cast is making money by selling advertising on the placemats, by contributions from patrons, friends of the theater and sponsors and by taking the show on the road for money.

The company's last tour will take them to K.I. Sawyer, Escanaba and Saginaw.

Since the company started rehearsals on May 15, Kiesby said they have had but one day off and things don't look much better for the rest of the run. Many days they work two shows, a matinee and an evening performance.

"The university is really getting their money's worth," quipped Kiesby. "Especially since they're not spending any."

Campus safety

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Two nine-year-old boys were turned over to their parents after they painted obscenities on the seats and mirror of a boat near Married Student Housing. The boys agreed to clean up the boat, Chant said.


Campus Safety is still investigating a hit and run accident on July 12 in commuter lot V. Chant said that between 9 and 11 a.m. a car ram into the side of a female student's 1974 Subaru and then left the scene of the accident, leaving "moderate" damage to the girl's car.

Chant said five persons, one 16 and the other four 17, have been arrested by the Michigan State Police and charged with larceny from an auto in connection with the theft of \$240 worth of tools from a student's car in Big Bay.

Although none of the four rapes in the past five weeks occurred on campus, officers were asked if they were providing any extra protection. Campus Safety replied that they were not increasing manpower specifically for the situation but that officers were observing suspicious persons more carefully on their nightly rounds.

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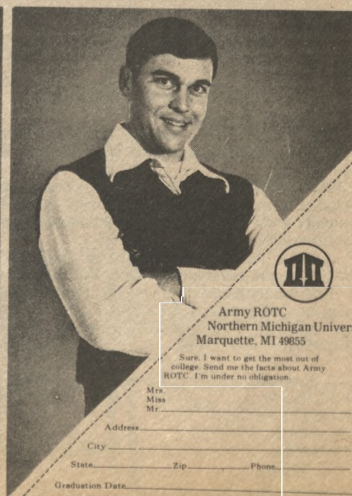
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commentary

Report rapes

Marquette City Police reported this week that five girls have been raped in the city over the past six weeks. The first three were not released to the press until, on July 16, when an NMU student was the fourth victim.

We question the advisability of holding rape reports in police files while the list of victims grows. Perhaps the subsequent three incidents may never have occurred if the first rape was made public.

According to the Mining Journal, police said they do not report rapes until an investigation has been completed and evidence amassed supporting that a rape has occurred, or an arrest is made.

Other police officials have suggested that the rapes were not publicized, both to avoid sensationalism and to give police a chance to apprehend the alleged rapist when he attacks another victim. The theory is that publicity may scare him off.

These reasons do not seem to us to justify continuing the no publicity policy.

Surely it does not take police a month to determine if a rape has occurred. While rapes are certainly delicate matters to investigate, delays in investigations and excessive questioning of victim's accounts neither contribute to catching criminals or protecting an uninformed public.

We support the police in their efforts to avoid sensationalism, and we subscribe to the journalistic ethic of not naming victims. But the release of four rape accounts, all unsolved, certainly does not seem consistent with the police's stated goal, which might be better achieved by routine releases.

The final point, which suggests a "we'll catch him next time" attitude, is particularly dangerous. In essence, the police have bet the public's safety against the chance that the criminal will be caught "next time." That strategy is now a three-time loser.

If she had been aware of the other three rapes, the fourth victim probably would not have walked home alone at 12:30 a.m. We feel that, on the balance, one of the best ways the police can protect us is to keep us informed of the exact nature of the dangers we live with.

Perhaps then there will be no "next time."

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By CHIP BROOKS

Throw your politics to the wind. Let's dance.

Out into the night with a misrepresented vision of Jack Kerouac in mind and money and girls we go to dance away from our cares and into sexuality. To dance to the amplified guitar rock 'n' roll rhythm and blues dream from adolescent rumors and immediate high energy.

A dream of dancing to live music which is becoming a nightmare of canned music in Marquette.

It was noted in Time Magazine two years ago that discoteques, a sixties rage were making a seventies comeback. And so Marquette, only a year and a half late, has an Alibi.

Whatever else the Alibi is, it is popular, and it is one of the big factors destroying or greatly curtailing live music for dancing in Marquette. From my slightly biased point of view as a musician, I'm fascinated by the Alibi, with its hypnotic blare of recorded Top 40 boom-chaka.

One of the immediate thrills of the Alibi is the feeling of "being there," that exciting communal anonymity of being part of the crowd. Like Andy's on peanut night. We go simply to "be there."

There are other advantages to being there. Two come to mind. First, there's alcohol; those stupefying Supabears, which make the other attraction so much more attractive: the opposite sex. The Alibi, like all the really great nightspots, is a mating ground.

But there are no other great nightspots around Marquette (most students do not frequent the Cabaret): The Alibi is the only show in town.

Our former palaces are becoming tombstones: the Elks now own the Four Seasons, scene of more than a few alcoholic Happy Hour dance frenzies; and even that Church of Boogie, the Back Door is decidedly bearish on the dance scene.

Whereas Joel Scofield, who books for the Door used to hire bands months in advance, it's now just a couple of weeks, so unsure is the market. For awhile this summer, the place was a non-dancing coffeehouse.

Meanwhile, back at the Alibi, we continue to bump and shuffle shoulder to shoulder in eye and ear popping pre-recorded funk.

I once heard a guitar player friend of mine with a scholarly bent explain, "There's an interaction between a band and a crowd, a give and take, so that when the crowd gets better, the band gets better, and things just keep going."

Maybe the banal Woodstock Nation band-audience mania and its rock roots are ending. Perhaps our dance partners, rather than the band, have become the focal point of our disco-dancing, putting an end to 15 years of comedians' jokes about dancing back to back ten feet apart. Contact is where it's at.

There's nothing wrong with contact, but I'm just sorry to see my visions of every band at the old Four Seasons finishing off a Happy Hour set with the whole crowd jumping and clapping their hands above their heads, "I want to take you higher"—fading away.

I'm truly sorry.

Warranty bill before Senate

Legislation requiring merchants to provide full warranties for the products they sell was introduced by Senator John Hertel (D-Detroit) this weeks.

"Passage of this measure will guarantee consumers that when they purchase a product such as a refrigerator or a stereo, the warranty on labor will last at least as long as the

warranty on parts," said Hertel, chairman of the Senate Committee on Consumer Protection.

"I don't think it's fair to penalize consumers for shoddy workmanship because of a misunderstanding of the distinction between a warranty on parts and a warranty on labor," said Hertel.

"Any reputable merchant, who employs qualified people to work for him," said Hertel, "will have no difficulty in insuring customers that the labor will last just as long as parts of the products he sells."

"By forcing merchants to provide a warranty on labor, my bill could help restore the high quality expected of American products in the world market," said Hertel.

State closes sex clinic

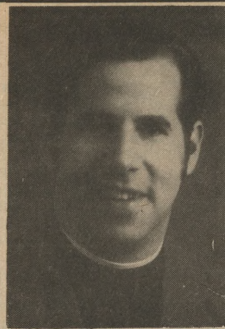
The closing of a sex clinic is one of the recommendations made by a special Senate Committee examining cost and effectiveness of all Michigan departments.

The closing of state operated LaFayette sex clinic would save taxpayers \$50,000 according to committee findings.

In its report, the BEST (Budget Effectiveness and Savings to Taxpayers) committee states "While the committee does not express an opinion either on the value of sex or the values of sex counseling, we do not believe that in this time of fiscal crisis that sex counseling represents a high priority use of scarce tax dollars."

Other recommendations include continuing stringent restrictions on out-of-state travel, terminating auditing of county road commissions by two agencies and recab-turing federal funds.

The BEST recommendations involve a potential savings of \$3,300,000 for the state.



Inquiry

New myth needed

By RUSSELL H. ALLEN

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of four comments by Rev. Allen on the quest for community and purpose within higher education and the American society which it serves and informs.)

The old myth has lost its power.

Much of the literature on the market today concerning the status or plight of America, American society, the American Spirit and higher education suggests at least one common theme. People, and as a result institutions, are trying to re-evaluate their basic concepts and beliefs as a defense mechanism against the seeming failure or inability of efforts in the past to improve the human condition or achieve honorable and idealistic goals.

Something has gone wrong, and the "wrongness" is rooted in the basic philosophy of the people involved. The old myth has lost its power; a new myth needs to be found. In response, we would make a three-fold response. The first part is simple, and was expressed last week: contemporary negativism-nihilism is not justified. There is a way out short of the tearing down of all structures, institutions and societies. The leadership role of higher education especially must not be given up or abandoned.

The second part is to affirm the analysis above: The old myth has lost its power—indeed, it may never have had any power.

Actually, this "old myth" is not very old. It dates from the close of World War II, and lays close to the core of the intellectual life manifested in the past few decades. This old myth declares that "Man has come of age" and is totally responsible for his own existence. The old myth adopted the belief that the right combination of power, resources, and institutional pressures would bring about the total liberation of the human spirit.

This led inevitably to the adoption of the concept that institutions are the enemies of human freedom, and that therefore the goal is their eventual destruction. It was only one step from there to the belief that the individual is the measure of all things and that the purpose of existence is to liberate the self from all restraints. As a recent novel suggested, the old myth has reached its climax in the belief that the goal of life is to become "hassle-free."

But life is not and will never be hassle-free. That realization has very interesting results. It has caused some suicides, or at least contributed to them. It has driven some to vehicles of escapism, including drugs, alcohol, cults, literalisms and fundamentalisms, religious and otherwise. It has removed some necessary social taboos and community restraints, which in turn have contributed to increases in crime and vandalism.

It has also given great strength to modern hedonism—a potentially destructive form of "I want what I want when I want it." The old myth, unchecked and left uncritically to its own designs and implications, has led to these and other problems.

However, the apparent result of the old myth is not as important as our growing realization of its emptiness for human life. That is the real problem—something must take its place. If my analysis is accurate, then the search for a new myth is the most important task we face.

The third part of our response is this: The academic community bears a key responsibility for participating in the search for a new myth. The people and institutions of higher education are confronted and challenged by this search, while at the same time experiencing the need for their own new myth. That paradox is what makes the present task so frustrating.

What response is higher education making to this condition? That will be the topic of the last in this series.

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Micronesians split on commonwealth

By CHIP BROOKS
North Wind Managing Editor

Northern's Micronesian students are expressing apprehension about the recent vote by Mariana Islanders to become a U.S. commonwealth. Some think the military and tourist influence will destroy the Micronesian



Bigid Akapito

cultures, while others point to the economic gain possible in the move.

The Marianas, one of six Micronesian districts, have an area of 370 square miles and are located 1,500 miles east of the Philippines. The six districts of Micronesia together make a string of tiny islands stretching from Canadian latitudes to far south of the equator.

The myriad cultures of these islands are united under the Micronesian Trust Territory, granted to the U.S. by the United Nations after World War II. The Micronesian Congress, located in Saipan, an island of the Marianas, has succeeded in bringing about a consciousness of Micronesian unity throughout the islands.

It is this unity which Micronesian students, par-

ticularly those who live outside the Marianas, feel is most threatened by the recent vote by islanders to begin steps toward becoming a U.S. commonwealth. This is the same status as Guam and Puerto Rico now have.

Northern presently has approximately 24 Micronesians attending with another 15-20 expected in the fall. Many transfer from Soumi College's two-year program. From Micronesia to Hancock, Mich.? According to one student, an administrator from Soumi at one time worked with the trustee government and at that time, started recruiting Micronesian students. Micronesians continue to come here because there is an established community.

Carolineans and Chomoros Bigid Akapito, from Truk,

went to an English high school in Saipan for three years. She has many doubts and fears about the future of Micronesia once the Marianas secede.

According to Akapito, there are two kinds of people in the Marianas, the native Carolineans and the Chomoros, descended of European stock, though the two are quite intermixed now. She says the two live in mostly segregated communities and that the majority of Chomoros generally have superior living conditions.

Since they are the most influential people, Akapito says, "It's very convenient for the Chomoros, severing themselves from Micronesia. They want to be associated with Guam. Basically, they want money and they know they'll get more money as a commonwealth than as part of

the Micronesian trusteeship."

The Marianas will reportedly receive \$1,400 per inhabitant per year in aid when they become a territory. This is the price the U.S. is willing to pay to get the opportunity to rebuild a large base on Tinian, the island which served as takeoff point for the atomic bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

With U.S. influence diminishing the far east, a large base on Tinian would provide a formidable link in our defense perimeter.

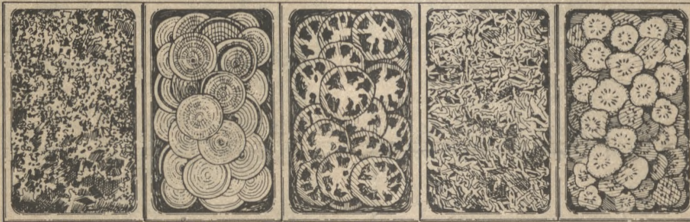
The increased military activity will provide a large economic shot in the arm for the area, and it is apparently this that the Mariana voters were thinking about.

Broken Unity
But there are many side effects of all this that leave doubts with the Micronesian students. Principle among these is the breakup of Micronesian unity. The Marianas are the cultural and governmental center of Micronesia. Educational opportunities are much greater and many Micronesians attend school there.

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Micronesians

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Micronesians face the economic burden of establishing a new capital, they will psychologically have to face the amputation of their principle member. In addition, Brigid fears it will be harder for Micronesians to go to school in the Marianas, which will only further hinder modernization of the remaining five districts.

"We don't want to lose the people," says Akapito, talking of the breakup of Micronesia. "I want the unity."

Both Akapito and another student, Primer Enicar of Ponape, are worried that the other districts might decide to follow the Marianas. Apparently, such sentiments are already beginning to be in

evidence, particularly in the Marshall Islands.

"It's too hard to tell what the majority thinks," said Enicar. "The older people are more conservative and would like to remain as we are. In fact, they'd like to go back and be what they were 20 years ago."

Akapito also thinks that the people don't really know the implications of the commonwealth. She points to Puerto Rico's case, where she says before becoming a territory, the gap between the rich and the poor was not very great. Since then, she says, the rich have gotten richer and the poor, poorer.

"I vote for U.S.—but not right now"

Although he too doesn't feel the people are quite ready, Manny Villiagomez, the only Micronesian at NMU from Saipan, feels that the commonwealth is basically a good idea. Unfortunately, he did not vote in the deciding election because his absentee ballot arrived too late.

"I vote for U.S.," he says. "But not right now." He says that now less than 25 percent of the students go to college.

He worries about the influx of new residents and tourists that the commonwealth will bring. The small island of Saipan is now home for 13,000 people. Manny says he has heard it could rise to 60,000 in the 1980s and "that's bad for the country," he says. "Customs will change."

On Guam, which he says has the same language as Saipan, he speaks to the kids in English, due to American military dominance in the area.

On the whole, he feels that the economic benefit to the Marianas will be important, and that the move to become a commonwealth is in a sense, a formality of what is already the fact of U.S. influence.

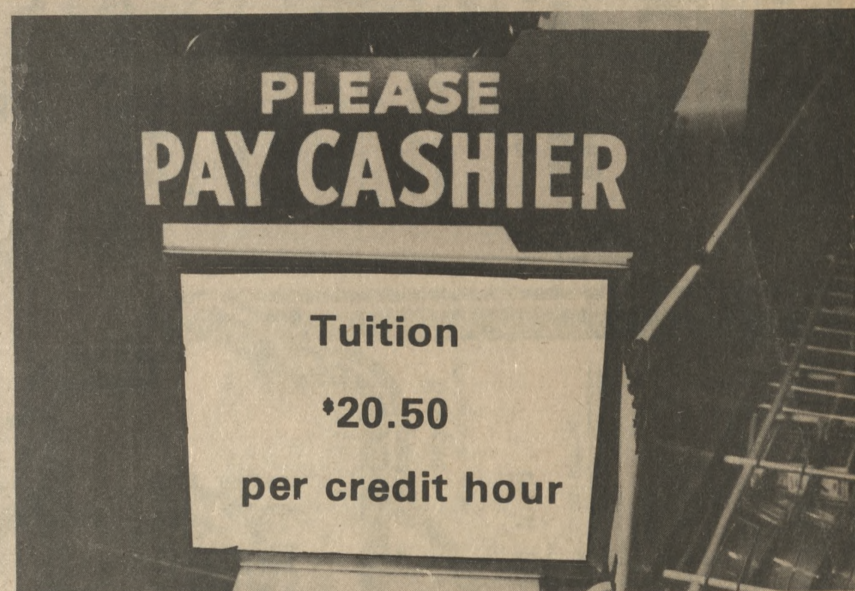
Students are generally unsur eof all the pros and cons of breacking up the official Micronesia.

But all feel that the unity among Micronesians, both at home and at NMU, will continue. Brigid Akapito sums it up. "Even though their status will be changed, they will still be Micronesians in their blood and customs."

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