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NEW MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION--PRO OR CON? The new Michigan constitution as a whole is an improvement over the 1908 one, according to Prof. Arthur W. Bromage, chairman of the U. of M. political science department. Speaking in Grand Rapids Wednesday, Bromage analyzed the constitution:

Local government--several advances were made by the Constitutional Convention in this area. The proposed article "preserves and strengthens city and village home rule; makes the development of county home rule an ultimate legislative responsibility; and opens the way to experimentation with metropolitan governments or authorities as yet undesigned." Legislature--until the U.S. Supreme Court establishes precise standards on legislative apportionment, the ultimate constitutionality of the proposed Senate plan; based 80% on population and 20% on area, will be an open question. Bromage feels that the proposal that apportionment be established by a constitutional bi-partisan commission is a "technical advance." The controversy over apportionment has obscured other adjustments made in the article, such as lengthening of the senator's term from two to four years.

Executive branch--this office is strengthened by the four-year term, provision for reorganization of the executive branch into 20 principal departments, and the priority given to the governor's budget in the legislative process. But Bromage added, "If the friction which has prevailed for the past 10 years or more continues, the actual strengthening of the office may have little effect in practice."

Judicial article--"A significant change is that the governor can no longer appoint judges to vacancies in courts of record. In my opinion, a major gain in the judicial article is the provision for ultimate elimination of the justices of the peace. The development of the concept of a unified state court system is one of the merits of the judicial article."

Finance and taxation--Bromage was displeased with restrictions upon legislative action in fiscal policy, especially the prohibition against a graduated income tax and the limits on property tax.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT LAWYERS CLUB. In response to a substantial number of requests the Board of Directors has arranged with the Lawyers Club kitchen to serve a brunch in place of the usual heavy meal on Sundays, November 3 and 10. If after these two dates the general feeling of the residents is affirmative the brunch setup will be adopted on a permanent basis. Brunch will be served cafeteria style from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The selection is intended to satiate the hungers of those who have breakfasted as well as those who have not, and to provide both groups with the full measure of board they are paying.

AIR FORCE AND NAVY LAW PROGRAMS. Commander Richard C. Smith, Law Program Officer for the Ninth Naval District, will discuss the Navy's Law Specialist Program in a group meeting on Tuesday, November 6, Room 132 Hutchins Hall, at 1:30 p.m. Major Gerald W. Massy, III, Officer Selection Specialist for the Air Force Recruiting Service, and a law officer from the Selfridge Air Force Base, will discuss the Air Force Judge Advocate General's program in a group meeting on Tuesday, November 6, Room 150 Hutchins Hall, at 3:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS MORSELS. Theft continues in the Lawyers Club: Ray Marvin, proprietor of the basement store, has had to discontinue sale of newspapers because of pilferings totaling \$15 in one week alone. ...Aspirants to the New York Bar note changes in the bar exam posted on second floor of Hutchins....The Law Club TV room will remain open

beyond 10:30 p.m. on election night....The Michigan Rugby Club, roughly one-third of whom are law students, meet the Toronto Rams on Wines Field after the football game. Up until last Spring the Michigan Club was undefeated for three years; the Rams are in second place in Ontario, so it should be a good tilt....Last Sunday a smoky fluorescent light brought the Fire Department screaming to the library....

SMALL TOWN, BIG LAWYERS. Raymond Dresser will be a guest of the Lawyers Club next Wednesday, November 7. In addition to carrying on a highly successful personal practice, he has also been active in the Michigan Bar Ass'n and is a past president of that group. From Sturgis, Michigan, he contends that there is money in law practice carried out in small communities (Sturgis is about 20,000) as he discusses "Opportunities for Law Practice in Small Communities." As per usual there will be opportunity to ask questions following the speech which is slated to begin at 6:30 in the lounge. If you would like to dine with Mr. Dresser prior to his remarks, call Bill Rutherford at NO 2-7707.

AT THE FRAT:

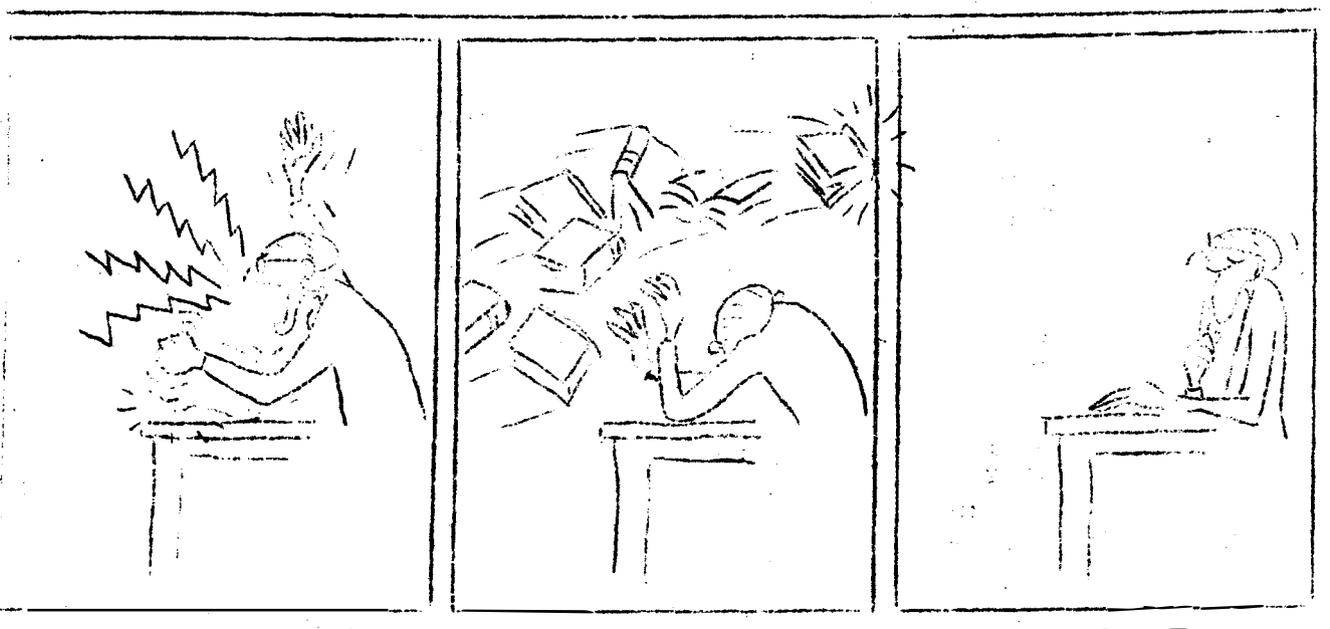
TER: The Law Club and TER collide in the second place football play-off at 2:00 Sunday at Wines Field.

Delt: Hayride Saturday night--meet at house at 8:30; members only; \$1.50. Also post-game party, also house meeting at 10:00 Wednesday.

RES GESTAE SPORTS STAFF PIX:

Harvard over Penn	Maryland over Penn State
Dartmouth over Yale	Duke over Georgia Tech.
Cornell over Columbia	L.S.U. over Mississippi
Wisconsin over Michigan	Notre Dame over Navy
Mich. State over Minnesota	So. Cal. over Washington
Missouri over Nebraska	Ohio State over Iowa

Record to date: 41 correct, 11 wrong, 5 ties



QUADSVILLE QUOTES by Meyer Sniffen

Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary.

— R. L. Stevenson

There are two periods when Congress does no business: one is before the holidays, the other after.

— G. D. Prentice