STUDENTS REACT

Resignation Brings Vote Of Confidence

The announcement of the resignation of President Edgar L. Harden from Northern Michigan University precipitated a peaceful demonstration by an estimated 2500 students on Thursday, April 1.

The first announcement came over the local radio station on an AP release at 8:00 a.m. By noon Student Council members and interested students had organized a march to demonstrate their support of President Harden. The march began at 5:00 p.m. in front of the University Center and continued around the campus, stopping in front of Kiley Hall, and finally dispersing in front of the President's house, led by Student Council members Dick Landis, Dick Wendt, and Vince Remans. The march was composed of students, all of whom had been dismissed from classes by their instructors. A number of faculty members also joined the march as it proceeded around the campus.

RIGHT TO TRY

Support of President Harden and his philosophy of "the right to try," was especially strong in light of the Student Council meeting the night before, where Dr. Harden had promised to work with students in reviewing current administrative policies.

It is especially true that the President firmly reminded the students that any changes would have to be approved by the Board of Control, the body to which he had tendered his resignation last week before the announcement of the philosophy of the Board's policy regarding administrative functions.

Dr. Harden was unable to appear before the demonstration, he was at that time in a meeting, but he was in touch by phone and expressed gratitude at the overwhelming support of his present policy.

The demonstration was covered by reporters and photographers from WJMN radio and WLUC television, as well as the Mining Journal. UPI carried news of the demonstration over its nationwide service.

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED

Early in the evening, Edwin George, President of the Board of Control, reported that Dr. Harden's resignation would not be accepted; he stated that he had received an overwhelming number of telegrams from students, faculty, and Marquette residents who wanted Dr. Harden to stay. Governor Romney said that Dr. Harden would remain in the presidency of the university.

In a statement given to the press, Dr. Harden thanked everyone for the support he received, but he would make no statement concerning the dispute with Board member Lincoln Frazier, of Marquette. Such a statement, he replied, would have to come through the President of the Board.

Student Committees Discuss The Issues

In the first meeting of its kind on Northern's campus, students were able to air their opinions on university policy before an open Student Council meeting held March 31, the meeting included President Harden and Dean Niemi and eleven faculty members.

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NMU Students Participate In National Convention In Tacoma

Debaters and speakers from Northern Michigan University will attend the 12th National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, largest forensic honorary in the nation, to be held at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, from April 11-14.

Approximately 125 collegians and universityers will be represented in the biennial convention-tournament, which opens with a business meeting on Sunday evening, and concludes with an awards banquet on Thursday evening.

Events include debate, discussion, empaneling, and transportation to and from the convention.

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STUDENT DRESS COMPLAINTS

Student dress regulations prompted many vocalized complaints; it was pointed out that the university's policy banning blue jeans while allowing all other colors was somewhat inconsistent. Most girls wore work clothes, some of them to the point that they were banned from the dining hall, and in the classroom. Spelling girls questioned the advisability of skirts in this climate. The male population was not quiet; most boys asked to be allowed to wear sweatshirts and jeans, pointing out that the faculty doesn't mind if they are worn to classes, forcing the boys to change before they eat the noon meal.

The second issue centered around the right of the university to deny off-campus housing to collegians...

A student demonstration which swelled to an estimated 2500 students and faculty members is shown marching in an orderly fashion through NMU's campus center. (Photo by Heidemann)