SGA Votes To Retain Job Corps

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In what was considered a surprise move by many, the Student Government Association (SGA) Tuesday night passed a resolution by a vote of 17 to 3 recommending to Northern Michigan University's president Dr. John X. Jamrich that "the Women's Job Corps Center be retained at Northern."

What was looked upon by many as being even more surprising was the SGA's decision to recommend to Dr. Jamrich that the University try on an experimental basis a voluntary integration of Job Corps enrollees in University coed dormitories. This measure passed by a vote of 17 to 0 with three abstentions.

The SGA recommendations were in response to a request by Dr. Jamrich for various segments of the University community to report to him and make recommendations concerning the Job Corps Center. Those who were surprised at the SGA's recommendations felt that the recommendations did not reflect the true feelings of Northern's student body.

In making its recommendations, the SGA offered no immediate rational. A formal letter explaining the reasons for their support of the Job Corps Center and for their recommendation for experimental opening of NMU dormitories to Job Corps enrollees is to have been presented to Dr. Jamrich by the end of this week.

Present at the SGA meeting to vote on both recommendations were 18 student body senators and two representatives from the Job Corps Center. Five of the 25 senators who presently comprise the SGA were absent from the session.

Asked whether there were any segments of the student body who were not represented because of current vacancies in the SGA (the SGA is normally made up of 35 senators), student body president Paul Harrington replied emphatically, "No."

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"Every student had at least one senator representing him," Harrington further replied.

According to a spokesman for the Friends of the Black Student Association, 12 of their members were present at the SGA meeting. The spokesman said that their purpose for attending the session was to exert influence on the Job Corps recommendation.

Harrington dismissed the idea that individual senators were influenced by FOBSA calling the thought "ridiculous.""Most everyone had their mind made up before the meeting," he said.

At least one SGA senator (whose identity (Continued on page 4)