Within the past several days, the case in District Court involving six of our Northern Michigan University students was declared a "mistrial." The conduct of the trial, the preparation for it, and the most recent decision designating it as a "mistrial" were entirely the responsibility of the duly elected officials of this district, the County Prosecutor and the presiding Judge.

The University has not interfered in or become involved with the trial in any other way except as staff members and students were called as witnesses. Similarly, the University has no legal authority or intention to attempt to interfere with any decision the Prosecutor and presiding Judge must make regarding the ending or continuation of the trial. This matter is their sole and exclusive responsibility.

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