May 13, 1970

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students of
Northern Michigan University

From: John X. Jamrich, President

Once again we ask the University community to commemorate the
University will set aside the entire day to dedicate itself to a
program reflecting on the death of six Black people in Augusta,
Georgia.

That day will focus, through class discussions and additional
special programs, on the issues of faculty-student relationships,
racial tensions, and other issues of national and local importance.

At my request, a meeting was held today by the Academic Senate,
the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, Black
student representatives, and administrative staff of the University
to consider certain specific requests, the purposes to be achieved,
and alternative means of achieving these objectives.

The administration, faculty, and students of Northern Michigan
University recognize the fact that for many members of the campus
community, the Augusta deaths are as much a matter of concern
as was the Kent State University situation.

The Academic Senate, acting on behalf of the entire faculty, passed
the following motion:

With regard to the suggestion that classes be dismissed,
and in view of the generally perceived opinion that the
action of simply dismissing classes last Friday was
ineffective, and in recognition of the death of six Black
people in Augusta, the Academic Senate in lieu of
suspending classes resolves that on Tuesday, May 19,
the entire University community focus its attention on
the issues of faculty-student relationships, racial
tensions, and other issues of national and local importance.