BOURLAND CHARGES

Black Info Lacking

A charge that the campus and Marquette community has been "systematically fed mis-information about the black community" at Northern Michigan University was leveled this week by J. Kent Bourland, defense attorney in the recent trial involving the six black students charged with creating a disturbance at the December sit-in in the office of dean of students.

The charge came at "a tell it all" question and answer session between Bourland and Marquette County Prosecutor Edward Quin nell hosted by the Academic Senate at its bi-weekly meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

About 350 students and faculty members attended the session during which time both attorneys spoke to the audience for 10 minutes and answered questions from the assemblage for about 90 minutes.

Bourland told the audience that the major problem facing students, faculty, and Marquette citizens in trying to confront the black student problem is that "you people have simply not been getting the information you need to respond with."

Bourland charged that local press media have an "absolute stranglehold on all information being released."

"The community at large systematically over the last two years has been fed misinformation about the black community and more recently the sit-in," Bourland said.

Bourland told the audience that "with the truth in your hand, you will be quite surprised."

In his opening statement, Quinnell made several remarks concerning his views about demonstrations

Milliken Lauds Non-Violence

Michigan Governor William Milliken commended the "sensible majority" of students who are attempting to avoid violence on campuses.

He said: "Our best hope for avoiding violence is the self-policing effort of the students themselves. I commend the sensible majority of students who are helping to defuse potentially violent situations. I appeal to all students to follow those who advocate peaceful dissent, and not the handful who advocate violence. Already this week there have been numerous instances in which students have thwarted attempts by extremists to intimidate and provoke violence."