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STUDENTS REACT

Resignation Brings Vote Of Confidence

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

The first announcement came over the local radio station on an AP release at 11:00 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 2:00 p.m. in front of the University Center and continued around the campus, stopping in front of Kaye Hall, and finally dispersing in front of the President's house.

Led by Student Council members Dick Landi, Dick Wendt, and Vince Romano, the march was composed mostly of Northern students, many 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 policy.

It is especially ironic that the President firmly reminded the stu-

dents that any changes would have to be approved by the Board of Control, the body to which he had tendered his resignation less than a week before over disagreement of the philosophy of the Board's policy regarding administrative functions.

Dr. Harden was unable to appear before the demonstrators; 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 WDMJ radio and WLUC television, as well as the Mining Journal, UPI carried news of the demonstration over its nationwide news service.

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED

Early in the evening, Edwin George, President of the Board of Controls, 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 support Dr. Harden. Governor Romney issued a statement saying that Dr. Harden would remain in the presidency of Northern.

In a statement given to the press, Dr. Harden thanked everyone for the support he received, but 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.



The President's chair was empty April 1 - and it was no April Fool's joke. Overwhelming support of Dr. Harden's philosophy of "The Right to Try" encouraged his decision to remain.

(Photo by Heideman)

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.

That students are dissatisfied with the status quo was evidenced by the overflow crowd of 400 students; many vocal in their disagreement of the university's current policy concerning off-campus housing, student dress, regulations of the Northern News, and student-administration communications.

The meeting followed a regular Student Council agenda, but the floor was soon thrown open to discussion of the issues. President Harden complimented the students for channelling their complaints through the Student Council and told them that "apathy and indifference should not be on a campus where there are rational people." He cautioned the people, however, against developing a revolutionary attitude before applying rationality to a situation. The students and administration, he said, must work together, not separately, to build a community which the state of

Michigan can be proud.

STUDENT DRESS COMPLAINTS

Student dress regulations prompted many vocalized complaints; it was pointed out that the university's policy banning blue levis while allowing all other colors was somewhat inconsistent. Most girls spoke for an easing of the rule banning slacks from breakfast and lunch, and in the classroom. Spalding girls questioned the advisability of skirts in this climate. The male population was not quiet; most boys asked to be allowed to wear sweatshirts to breakfast and lunch, 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

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NMU Students Participate In National Convention In Tacoma

Debaters and speakers from Northern Michigan University will attend the 24th National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, largest forensic honorary in the nation, to be held at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, from April 11-16.

Approximately 125 colleges and universities 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,

extemporaneous speaking, and oratory, with a separate men's and women's division in all events except discussion. In addition, students compete with opponents from different geographical areas of the country, thus enabling them to en-

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Committees To Submit Reports

Committees have been formed to study and report on the problems brought up at the student meeting held Wednesday, March 31 in the University Center. The committees

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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 Heideman)