

Faculty Members Respond

Professor Warren D. Strandberg, Assistant Professor of Education, felt that the open Student Council meeting held March 31st was good. He felt that it furthered communications between the students and the administration.

"Many valid concerns were stated" and some of them were answered to the satisfaction of the students by the representatives of the administration. Professor Strandberg felt that the demonstration of last Thursday would not have occurred in the form it did had not the president been at the meeting Wednesday evening. He felt the main reason for the demonstration was the students' appreciation of the president's willingness to work with them. In his own words, "The demonstration was in part the students' response to the president's response to the students' concerns."

Professor Strandberg stated that he did not feel that the students were demonstrating entirely for the support of the philosophy of, "right to try," for no one, outside of the board members, really knew what the issue was surrounding the resignation of the president.

Dr. Ellsworth Barnard, Professor of English, felt that the mass meeting conducted in the University Center was well run and effective in communicating ideas from the students to the administration. As a result, many things which have been annoying students will be changed.

Dr. Barnard also pointed out that the open meeting and the student demonstration were signs of the N.M.U.'s students "coming of age and their willingness to accept the responsibilities of governing their own activities." The demonstration was "fine in every way for the university", commented Dr. Barnard. He was entirely sympathetic towards the march and even joined it himself.

Dr. David Dickson, head of the Language and Literature Department, thought the meeting Wednesday night was a healthful occurrence. He also thought that on the whole the comments from the students were pertinent and that the answers from the president were direct and honest. He was impressed by the way the Student Council was able to run their regular meeting along with the students' and administration's ideas being interjected. Dr. Dickson feels that meetings such as these,

"every now and then" would be helpful for communication between the students and the administration.

He feels that one of the basic needs of this university is more student participation in connection with the student newspaper. He feels that it definitely should be published weekly when funds are available. He feels that here is where the students needs can best be expressed. He feels that enthusiastic student outbursts are not without precedent, but that every calm and rational means of communications should be exhausted first. "This seemed to be done Wednesday night." In a comment about the demonstration, Dickson said; "It was a warm and meaningful affection and respect for Dr. Harden."

Professor Fred P. Berry, Assistant Professor of Political Science, commented that the manifestation of student support for Dr. Harden was very substantial and spontaneous. "The basic American right to peaceable assembly and expression of views was exemplified in the demonstration."

"The key to proper exercise of the right lies in the word 'peaceable'. If exercised in moderation and with respect for the rules governing the system in which it occurs, it can be a constructive procedure."

Dr. Albert B. Cook, Assistant Professor of English, commented, "My reaction to the developments involving the student body at Northern is primarily one of hope."

"Out of student petitions and arguments came the meeting of Wednesday, March 31, demonstrating that the student body can act responsibly in making their desires known; and from the news of the President's resignation came a forceful and generally responsible demonstration of the students' concern for the future of the University."

"Consequently, knowing that things can never be quite the same as they were before last week, I hope that the student body will accept the new responsibilities they seem to have demanded with maturity and judgment."

"Instead of complaints about food, parking space, and hours, they will continue to be concerned about the quality of instruction and the climate of learning at Northern, thereby showing us all that this wasn't just a midsemester-exam-time flash-in-the-pan."

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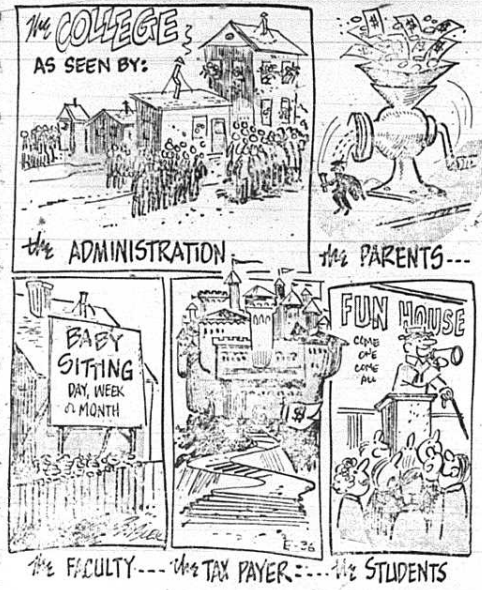
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aspects of Democracy and Communism in arriving at the choice of doctrine which they will follow in the future.

What comes as a shock is that the Communist has found a new ally in the American people themselves. As a nation we are right this minute giving the Communists

all the propaganda they could ever use by our actions in Selma, Alabama. In Selma we have the epitome of our so-called democracy. A person is refused the simple right of voting for no other reason than his color.

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DR. HARDEN SAYS...

"The Student demonstration was the most heart warming experience in my life." These were the words of President Harden on being interviewed Monday morning by the Northern News.

He continued by stating that the demonstration was outstanding for two reasons: First, the spontaneity and support shown by both the students and the faculty, and second, the orderly assembly which gave credit to the students and the school they were representing. Dr. Harden noted that the incident had received national coverage. He stated it was unique in the fact that students rarely demonstrate "for something".

Reporter: What was your conflict with Mr. Frazier actually over? Harden: The differences with Mr. Frazier and myself were mainly philosophical. An example of this might be to what extent should Northern Michigan University serve the area. It was Dr. Harden's opinion that the purpose of the Board was to make policies. On the other hand, the purpose of the administration was to administer these policies.

Reporter: I can't help but feel the possibility of your never having the

intention of resigning, but only putting to use political tact. Is this true?

Harden: No, I had talked the situation over with my family, after giving it serious thought, and decided that I would resign if certain situations were not rectified.

Reporter: On our last meeting you said that you were going to do something about the HPER building so it may be of more service to the students. Has this been done?

Harden: Immediately following the Easter vacation the HPER building will be open on Sunday and Saturday and each weekday night until 9:30. He went on to mention that inquiries are being made into off campus housing and that a survey will be taken to help determine the actual number of students who do desire to live off-campus.

Dr. Harden commented on many issues that have been brought before the Board, but he would prefer for a later issue to include them.

If you have any questions you would like to ask President Harden, send them to the Northern News office. Your answer will appear in the following issues.

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THIS WEEK'S ACTIONS ON CAMPUS REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE STUDENT BODY AND THE UNIVERSITY'S ADMINISTRATION?

CHIP TRUSCON, FR., DEARBORN: To some degree the demonstration was rather pointless. The majority of students demonstrated only because of the emotional contagion surrounding the circumstances of Dr. Harden's resignation. The relationship between the student body and the administration has been vastly improved due to their recently reawakened latent interest. Apathy is no longer an excuse for misunderstanding between the two. I was very surprised at the turnout of students at the open Student Council meeting and the rally. I hope this is an indication of their willingness to get involved in something outside of their own nucleus.

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JUDY KENT, SR., CALUMET: The meeting and the rally following really showed the faculty and administration that the students are not willing to accept a laissez-faire policy in regard to the happenings on campus. We hope the faculty and administration will recognize student opinion more than they have in the past.

SUE MOSHER, FR., OAK PARK: It showed to Dr. Harden that we were 100% behind the school and that most of the student body was behind him. I think that it influenced Dr. Harden's decision, to know that we agree with his ideas. I think the open Student Council meeting was a good idea, but it disappointed a lot of people involved.

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GINGER TUOMINEM, SOPH., CRYSTAL FALLS: This is the first time the Student Council has ever really acted in regards to the students. I didn't think the students had the initiative to organize such a demonstration. The open Student Council meeting was a step forward for the students to get some of their needs fulfilled.

JACK CRAIG, JR., SARNIA, ONTARIO: I'm behind all that went on, nothing was out of place. The Student Council meeting brought to light among the students the importance of the issues on hand. It was wonderful of Dr. Harden to come out and talk with the students at the Student Council meeting. I feel that the reason for the demonstration was

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the fact that President Harden was on the side of the students and the students wanted to show their appreciation to him. It was a good move on the part of the student body.

RUSSELL NEUMANN, FR., ROYAL OAK: I feel that the students are starting to take an interest in the administration and that the administration is returning this interest. The meeting Wednesday night was a definite start towards satisfying the students wants. The demonstration in favor of President Harden was an indication that if the administration is willing to back up the students, the students will show their support for the policies of the administration.

MARY CAUHRON, SOPH., DETROIT: The events of last week were a large step forward for this university. Wednesday night, Dr. Harden indicated that he would fully support a revision of many rules.

By the demonstration Thursday, students showed Dr. Harden that they supported his administration to the fullest extent. I hope that now the students, faculty, and administration can move forward, as a unified body, for the betterment of Northern.

PETE STEPHENSON, SR., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK: It's about time some action was taken concerning the administration's use of their own discretion in treating individual cases. President Harden is more than fair in this area, and has shown a great deal of concern for the students. Northern is now faced with a new type of student - one who is used to a great deal of freedom at home, and who feels that he has outgrown most of the infantile restrictions placed on him in high school. I am glad to see Northern finally confronted with a liberal type of student vis a vis the old one. I sincerely wish that this movement continues until something is done, and that it does not fade out as has been experienced in the past.

