

## *Students On The Move*

Students are on the move all over the country. Students are marching in the South for Negro rights, at the United Nations and Washington to protest America's policy in Viet Nam and they are marching on the West Coast for political and academic freedom on campus.

Here on the campus of Northern Michigan University students are on the move also. Northern students are dissatisfied with administration policies concerning such things as dress codes and off-campus housing. They decided to do something about it.

Some three-hundred students gathered Wednesday, March 31, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the University Center to hear these issues discussed in an open Student Council Meeting. Dr. Harden, President of Northern, was on hand to answer some of the questions. Although at times the questions became personal in nature, the majority of the questions displayed the fact that there were alert and inquisitive students present. This meeting was not a rebellion or uprising but a meeting for the purpose of establishing a channel of communication between the administration and the student body.

It was students on the move to identify themselves with the University. The Northern student is awakening to his responsibilities as a student and as a citizen. He is beginning to realize that the time for 'passing the buck' has passed. The rules which govern the institution governs him and he has come to understand that if these rules need changing he must attempt to change them in an orderly fashion.

Important also is the locality of Northern. The student may have the need to identify with other places of higher learning. He does not want to feel isolated from the rest of the country.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "It is required of a man that he should show the passion and action of his times— at the peril of being judged not to have lived."

Indeed, Northern does not want another Berkeley, but it does want an academic institution of competent young men and women who will be able to take their rightful place in society. What better way can there be to achieve this goal than to work together with a mutual respect and understanding of each other.

J.J.

## *Retrospect*

It has been a basic assumption that nothing is so uncertain as the minds of the multitude. In the events that unfolded during the past week, the student body of Northern Michigan University proved that it is possible for the minds of the multitude to be certain — certain that it is far nobler to rise amidst a sea of tribulation, and strive for unity and expression than it is to live in that twilight zone that knows neither victory nor defeat.

Through our unity, we as students proved that freedom of expression is one of the most basic and vital principles existant in our university and nation. On the evening of Mar. 31st, we expressed our discontent to our president; the next day we defended his principles and goals for greatness in the hour of decision.

Let us remember this week and the effects of our unity, of our responsibility, of our convictions in the days, months, and years to come.

D.L.