

Funding

# Keskey To Ask For Referendum

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Northern Michigan University student body president, Don L. Keskey announced this week that, "in an effort to give the Student Senate the freedom to work on behalf of the student body," he will ask the Student Government Association to place before the student body a referendum calling for drastic reform of the University's funding policy to give the SGA an opportunity to be more effective.

"This has become a necessity now—we see no other alternative at this point," explained Keskey.

According to Keskey the referendum to be held in February would consist of a proposal for a student head tax that would be collected through the business office's filing card system at registration time each semester.

Keskey said this would permit the SGA to carry on all necessary activities on behalf of the student body even though they may not be in complete accord with administrative policy. "Right now," continued Keskey, "we are hampered in that we can only carry on activities the administration permits because of their control of funds."

The senior president pointed to housing as one of the problems that the SGA is working on, but hampered extremely because of the present funding policy.

Interim President Ogden E. John-



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son indicated that he was willing to discuss the situation to determine if there was a problem and if so, what would be necessary to solve it.

SGA adviser Dean Lowell Kafer offered his agreement that a change in the funding policy was necessary but expressed a doubt that Keskey was considering all the alternatives in calling for the referendum.

He outlined the alternatives as three: continue the present policy, have the university appropriate the money with no strings attached, or the students could impose a tax upon themselves for the operation of the SGA.

"The third alternative may be the only workable alternative," said Kafer, "but I think reasonable consideration should be given to the possibility of an appropriation from the University with no strings attached."

"During SGA debate over the donation of SGA money to the McClellan defense fund, Kafer had refused to authorize the expenditure "under the present policy," but offered to assist in developing a new policy.

Nearly everyone seems to be in agreement that some change is necessary," added Kafer, "and I think if the groundwork is properly laid, whatever alternative is chosen has a good chance for passage."

The groundwork according to Kafer would include making arrange-

ments with the business office for collecting the tax and an attempt at some sort of tentative agreement on the referendum with the administration.

The Board of Control is the only body that could authorize the funding change. "There is nothing to be gained by trying to back them into a corner after the vote is held," added Kafer.

Keskey on the other hand, said that he had "felt out" Interim President Johnson and didn't get anything definite. He said he decided to go ahead and ask the SGA to hold the referendum before seeking tentative agreement with the administration. "The proposal will be well formulated," said Keskey, "and will be presented jointly with Dean Kafer."

Keskey added that he didn't care to offer any prediction whether or not the Board of Control would look in disfavor upon a referendum presented in this manner.

## Faculty Guide Available At Library

The 1967 edition of the Faculty Guide has been released and is now on reserve in the library according to Rob Fure, editor of the publication.

Any student who wishes to know how his fellow students have evaluated teaching effectiveness at Northern may peruse the Faculty Guide upon request at the library's main desk.

Among the factors for evaluation on the thirty thousand questionnaires distributed to the student body last spring are such aspects as instructor attitude, challenge, relevance, and fairness in grading on examinations and written work, and content, interest, and delivery in lectures.

Besides giving the student an idea of the feeling of his peers regarding a teacher's effectiveness, the Guide is also valuable in that it gives the instructor an idea of where his strong and weak points are and where he can improve.

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GI: "Saginaw."

Romney: "Saginaw. Good."

Romney (to next G.I.): "Where you from, soldier?"

GI: Detroit

Romney: "Detroit. Good."

As one observer put it: "He thinks he's running for the presidency of Michigan."

Romney also visited hospitals.

In one, introduced to a young man with his leg amputated, Romney's (Con't on page 3)