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Co-Plaintiffs

SGA Decides To File In Dr. McClellan's Behalf

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Acting as the duly representative body of the students of Northern Michigan University, the Student Government Association voted last Tuesday by a 23-1 margin to file as co-plaintiffs in Dr. Robert F. McClellan's suit for reinstatement.

Student body president Don L. Keskey and Senator Rob Fure said in a prepared paper that this procedure would provide a means by which "student positions on institutional policy may be transmitted to the proper authorities."

They authorized McClellan's lawyers, including Erwin B. Ellman and Rolland O'Hare, to "act on our behalf, without fee."

During debate of the proposal which included very few Senators, the opinion was expressed that this was a necessary step to be consistent with earlier actions taken by the Senate in relation to the McClellan case.

The SGA is trying to qualify as a co-plaintiff in McClellan's suit for reinstatement on the following grounds:

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate, concerned about the impact of the termination of Dr. Robert McClellan's appointment upon the future of the University, upon the value of the degrees granted by the University, upon the tenure of good students and faculty, and upon the free academic climate of the University,

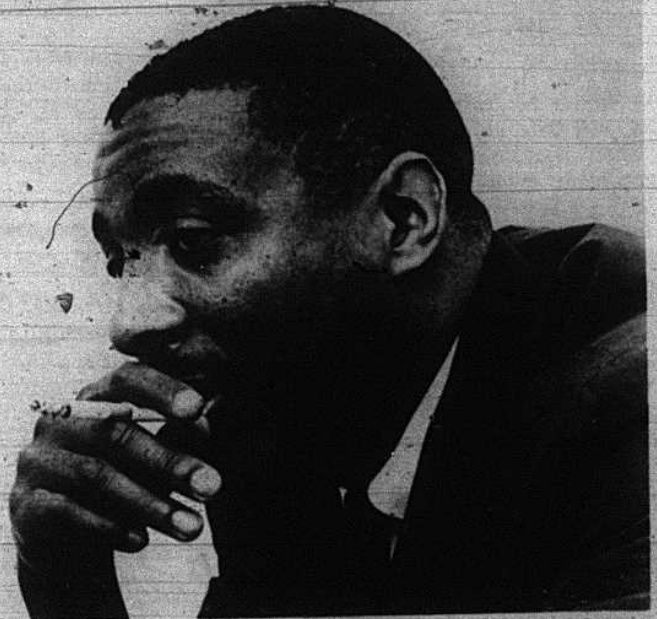
and believing that it is essential to the welfare of this institution that Dr. Robert McClellan be reinstated, hereby joins him in the suit against the President and the members of the Board of Control to secure judicial protection of the academic freedom of both faculty members and students as well as Dr. McClellan's reinstatement and authorizes Erwin B. Ellman, Rolland O'Hare and other attorneys retained by Dr. Robert McClellan to act on our

behalf, without fee."

Keskey was not able to say when or if the suit would get to court. If it does go to court, the courts will have to decide whether or not the SGA is a legally incorporated body with the right to sue or be sued and if they satisfy the requirements of co-plaintiffs.

Likewise, a similar judgment will be made in the individual cases of the 140 faculty members who have reportedly signed as co-plaintiffs, to determine if they qualify under the law.

Dick Gregory Here Tuesday



Dick Gregory will be on Northern's campus Tuesday evening at 8:15 in the Fieldhouse. The location has been changed from Kaye Auditorium.