

Dismissal Stirs Faculty, Students

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Over 1500 students jammed Kaye Auditorium Wednesday evening in support of a faculty objection over the terminal contract given to Dr. Robert McClellan, an assistant professor of history.

The student move, apparently sponsored by the Student Government Association, followed a series of actions by individual faculty and the Faculty Senate, and the faculty as a whole over the past week.

Initially, the Faculty Senate, composed of nine faculty members, took action on the McClellan case. It was the topic of discussion at their first meeting of the school year and has been their predominant concern ever since, according to their report to the entire faculty.

This group met with interim President Ogden E. Johnson on September 29, but according to them, received no satisfaction on the matter.

Former University President, Dr. Edgar L. Harden had made the original decision with the consultation of Dr. Clarence Bjork and the Board of Control. Later, interim President Johnson and his assistant Dr. Jack Rombouts thought the decision should be shared with the administrative council which is

all the deans, the vice presidents, and three divisional directors.

At a special meeting of the administrative council on Monday, October 9, there were four reasons presented for the release of Dr. McClellan at the end of the academic year. It was pointed out, however, that it was Dr. McClellan's activities on the whole over the last two years, rather than any single reason that led to the decision. It was said that it would be in the best interest of the university if he left.

4-Course Plan

His criticism in class of the 4-course plan, along with implying that it was only pressure from Dr. Milton Byrd, vice president for academic affairs, that had obtained

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faculty approval, was listed in the charges against him.

His activities as chairman of the Committee on Student Affairs in the fall of 1967 when he encouraged student protests against conditions in the new dormitories were cited. Also, his activities with the families of the North Marquette area in fighting the university's expansion program was pointed out. According to the administration, this was done

without him having full knowledge of the situation.

During the summer session of 1967, he sent his humanities 2 class to interview residents of the North Marquette area as to how they felt toward the university.

At a meeting of the entire faculty on Tuesday, October 10, Dr. McClellan admitted to the charges as stated, but argued along with

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Homecoming Called Big Success

The 1967 Homecoming, rated as a "166% success" by Don Patierno, Homecoming Committee Chairman, had many "winners."

Pretty Kay Voss, the most beautiful winner, was chosen 1967 Homecoming Queen. A Delta Zeta sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon, she was crowned Thursday night at the Homecoming Concert featuring The Lettermen.

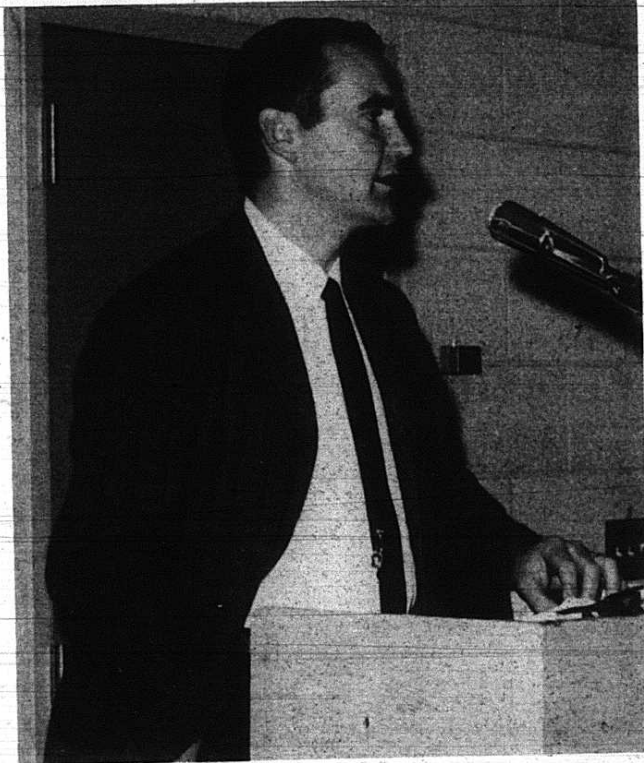
Miss Voss is a junior from Ontonagon majoring in Business Education. In September of this year, she was crowned Miss Ontonagon County, and next spring she will take part in the Miss Michigan Pageant in Muskegon.

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity won an award for sponsoring Miss Voss as queen, while also being presented with the 1966-67 all-sports award.

Float Competition

First place awards in the Homecoming float competition went to Tau Kappa Epsilon, Delta Zeta, St. Luke's School of Nurses, and Carey Hall in their respective categories: fraternities, sororities, organizations, and residence halls.

Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Kappa Phi Chi sorority, Newman Club, and



(Mining Journal photo)

Dr. Robert McClellan, given a terminal contract by Northern Michigan University, addresses a meeting of the faculty as a whole last Tuesday as they reviewed the case.

23% Vote

Student Turnout Light For Election

Northern's students turned out in a light 23% vote last Tuesday for the Student Senate fall elections, and in many cases no real choice existed.

"It is disappointing to have such a light voting turnout," said student body president Donald L. Keskey, "but it is more disappointing to see the lack of seriousness the student body has towards its student government."

Grant Hall found Steve Zimmerman, uncontested, winning easily along with Don Clark, a write in candidate who received only 7 votes. There were 13 people who received 3' or less write-in votes.

No Contest

Bonnie Vander Mullen and Linda Vaccaro were elected senators of Spalding by just filling a petition as they ran uncontested.

Payne and Halverson complex had the best voter turnout among the dormitories. Tom Bogdan and Kurt Huffman, the only ones filing petitions, won easily in Halverson with a combined total of 152 votes with four write-ins. Payne's Jim Winters and Jack Zacks were the only candidates in that election and won against

Chambers and Mike Sutherland.

West Hall found Ann Vnette and Cathie Campbell winning over Martha Spratt and Molly Houlihan, while Thomas Ochs and Mark Hazelwood were elected to fill Gries Hall's two seats.

Jon Bacon won going away for Spooner Hall's one representative, and Martha Banks and Bessie Humphrey polled 37 votes each to the two special seats in Carey Hall.

Elected from the Marquette District were; David Clark, Mary Hammerschmidt, Peter Becher, Henry Kelly, Larry Smith, Mike Milford, and Corally Kell. There were only 8 students in the race for seven seats.

The commuters elected five representatives in a six man race. They were Thomas Solka, Joseph Ruesing, Don Patierno, Bruce Busson, Jeff Ross, and Robert Bath.

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Faculty, Students Look For Reversal

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seemingly the majority of the faculty present that these were not just grounds for dismissal.

Dr. Ellsworth Barnard, in protest, presented his resignation effective June 30, 1968, to interim president Ogden E. Johnson on the same day. However, it contained the stipulation that it would be withdrawn if the university would reverse its decision.

At the faculty meeting, two members of the Faculty Senate, Mr. Patrick Farrell and Dr. Thomas Griffith turned in their absolute resignations for "personal reason". The remaining seven members resigned as a move to get a vote of confidence from the faculty.

They got this vote of confidence and more, as the faculty decided to vote, by signed ballot, on a resolution drawn up by the senate. The voting takes place throughout the rest of the week. The resolution, along with the results of the voting are to be presented to the President early next week.

The resolution says the dismissal did not take place through proper procedures, besides calling it unjust and unfair and calling for a reversal on the part of the administration.

An amendment, in the form of an ultimatum to the administration, would not even be considered by the group.

Headed by student body president

Don L. Keskey, a student response was launched that grew into a mass student meeting that more than packed Kaye Auditorium Wednesday. The group heard Keskey along with Rob Fure present the "facts of the McClellan case" as enumerated by the Faculty Senate.

Keskey called for a "short term" student response between now and the time the president is presented with the faculty resolution. This program sprouts into a so-called "long term" one if the resolution is rejected.

The "short term" plan of Keskey's calls for letter and telegram writing to state and university officials, along with picketing and demonstrating.

Keskey, Fure, and their ad hoc committee received resounding applause from the students at the suggestion of picketing and demonstrating.

Along with a continuation of the above program, their "long term" plan calls for complete cooperation with the faculty as far as their response is concerned. It was suggested by Keskey and his committee that this could possibly involve a class boycott.

Besides Keskey and Fure, the student committee was made up of vice president Pete Fogo, senators-elect Arthur Dale and Don Patierno, and a collection of ex-student senators.