

## Students Comment

# *Giving Demonstrators Little Pat On Back*

Dear Editor;

I would like to briefly commend those students who whole-heartedly participated in last week's demonstrations.

I regret to say that I was one of the many who took advantage of the boycott and used it as an excuse to go home, sleep in, catch up on my washing and just mess around. I occasionally snickered at the protestors and got a good laugh out of some of the stunts pulled. I attended the mass meetings because there was nothing else to do and I thoroughly enjoyed the dances.

It never occurred to me that there were some people really interested in the welfare of the school. They were not aiming for a week long party, but instead they cared about education, justice, the future of NMU and the effect on its students.

At the "sleep-in", which was really an all night dance with many private parties off campus, I just happened to see a man and his little boy of about two years old really truly "sleeping-in". That man was so determined to help the cause that he was willing to bring his child. And there we were, having a real orgie--not a second thought about the purpose.

May I pat you on the back, picketers? You people volunteered your time just to walk around in the rain and cold carrying signs which showed your feelings. You were laughed at, mocked, and cut down but still you marched because you knew what you were and are standing for.

You people who are concerned will have to try and understand my kind

of people who don't care. All we want is our diploma and it doesn't matter how we get it. I truly commend those of you who are here to learn instead of pull grades. Thank you very much for caring and please accept my utmost apologies.

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## **Beloit Prexy Urges Student Subsidization**

--Beloit, Wis. (I.P.) Public subsidy of college students through direct student grants or loans rather than by giving operating funds to public institutions was urged recently by President Miller Upton of Beloit College.

The G. I. Bill approach to financing education would insure educational diversity and allow students to choose between private and public institutions on the basis of educational merit, he said.

President Upton stressed that the plight of the independent liberal arts college is caused "not by educational deficiency but by inept public policy which prejudices its competitive position by forcing it to compete for students against state-subsidized institutions."

He referred to present public policy of paying funds to public colleges and universities rather than to individuals. Such a practice forces many students who would prefer a private institution to go to a public one because of the lower tuition costs.

"Let's put to the test once and