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Board Meeting To Review Case

Approximately 250 students, according to official University releases, turned out at halftime of the Quantico football game to demonstrate in favor of reinstating University professor Dr. Robert McClellan.

McClellan Getting Review Not Hearing: Johnson

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Faced with a possible student boycott of classes, Northern Michigan University's Board of Control is meeting today with interim president Ogden E. Johnson to review the case against Dr. Robert McClellan. Dr. McClellan, an assistant professor of history, was given a terminal contract at the offset of this school year.

The review, which came about after pressure from the faculty and student body, is being held in the shadow of student picketing which has been going on almost continually since Wednesday of last week.

Student body president Don L. Keskey who, along with former student senator Rob Fure, is credited with organizing the ad hoc student committee to support Dr. McClellan, indicated that the picketing would continue until the Board of Control hands down a decision. Keskey added that if McClellan is not reinstated the picketing would turn into the boycott of classes that was passed almost unanimously by over 2,000 students at a mass meeting last Wednesday.

The student resolution for a class boycott was supported later in the week by NMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. They passed a resolution agreeing "not to penalize in any way the students who might be involved in the boycott."

ONLY 80 OF NMU'S faculty of over 300 faculty members are represented by the AAUP. A similar resolution was presented at a meeting of the entire faculty last Tuesday but failed passage.

Northern's Interim President Ogden E. Johnson indicated that the meeting of the Board of Control which started yesterday would be concluded sometime today. Johnson said that every effort was being made to give a complete review of the entire case. This has included permitting McClellan to present, in writing, an answer to the charges. In addition, Dr. David Dickson and Dr. Thomas Griffith will present an explanation of McClellan's defense to the board.

"This is a review and not a hearing," insisted Johnson, "and we're going to do everything we can to prevent it from turning into a three ring circus."

Johnson said that he thought that having the Academic Vice President Dr. Dickson, and the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Griffith, present an explanation of the controversy to the board was the best way of presenting the facts "objectively".

As articulated by Faculty Senate member Dr. Richard O'Dell, the action on the part of the faculty is not a controversy over one man as much as a testing of the limits of academic freedom and faculty involvement in enunciating the goals of the university.

Besides continuing to picket on campus since the middle of last week, a few students traveled to Lansing last weekend to picket Story, Inc., where former University President Edgar L. Harden is employed.

"A couple of the students came over to our home," said Dr. Harden, "and we spent some time talking the whole thing over. I told them they could picket as long as they wanted and when they got cold they could come in for coffee. Just so they would go back and tell whoever sent them that I wasn't changing my position."

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Academic Vice President Dr. David W. D. Dickson reflects the emotional strain that has marked the McClellan controversy.

Issue Statement

Homeowners Defend McClellan

The North Marquette Home Owners Committee issued a statement in defense of Dr. Robert McClellan, charging that statements released by the university administration concerning McClellan's involvement with the committee "are inaccurate."

"Dr. McClellan never acted in behalf, as implied, of any group or property owners in the expansion area," the statement reads, "but rather in behalf of and as spokesman for the Citizens of Marquette Committee. His only objective was to establish some reasonable lines of communication.

Dr. Robert McClellan. . ."they dared to attack the saint."

"Dr. McClellan did not, as charged by the University, open any meeting with an air of hostility, use inflammatory remarks or shout in the presence of this steering committee."

"In spite of what the university's presidents are now saying, we... wish to inform Dr. Edgar Harden and President Ogden Johnson, since their representatives seem to have forgotten, that it was generally agreed at the conclusion of the meeting that said meeting was informative and constructive and a step in the right direction.

"The only thanks due anyone at that time were to Dr. McClellan for his effort and dedication in civic affairs."

The statement was signed by Edward Malmgren, chairman of the committee, Mrs. Paul Connolly, secretary, and two members, Clyde Vadnais and Don Becker.

NMU Speech Head Knocks Folk Medicine

The head of Northern Michigan University's speech and hearing clinic says that a drug made in Finland which purports to cure stuttering is nothing but a folk medicine.

Dr. Lonnie Emerick says the medication, Hirven Sarven Tippoja (elk horn drops) as reportedly compounded "would have a very limited effect upon human physiology."

Emerick makes his views in an article entitled "A Cure for Ankyttaa" which appears in the November issue of "Today's Speech," the journal of the Eastern States Speech Association. Ankyttaa is the Finnish word for stuttering.