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SGA Passes Censure At Tuesday Meet

The regular meeting of the Northern Michigan Student Government Association, Tuesday evening, was marked by a censure resolution directed towards President Emeritus Edgar L. Harden, the Interim President Ogden E. Johnson, the NMU Board of Control, and the resignation of SGA Vice President Peter Fogo.

THE SENATORS INCLUDED IN their resolution a request to Governor George Romney to establish a board of scholars to investigate the "Academic Freedom" situation at Northern. The resolution read in part as follows:

Therefore, with this in mind, we move that the Student Government Association, acting in behalf of the student body of Northern Michigan University, vote to censure the

President Emeritus, Edgar L. Harden, the Interim President, Ogden E. Johnson, and the Board of Control, and to call for a thorough investigation by a committee of "Recognized Scholars" appointed by the Governor of this State of Michigan.

Fogo's resignation came after the election of Don Patierino to the President Pro Temp position of the SGA. Fogo announced his resignation, and Patierino was then named Vice President of the student body.

In further business the senate gave its approval to SGA President Don Keskey's appointments of justices to the Student Supreme Court. Mary Pace was retained as Chief Justice, and Harry Campbell, Jonathon Bacon, Dave Trambrey, and Linda Larabee were all approved as Associate Justices.



Attorney General Says

Courts Offer Only Course Of Action For McClellan

by Jeff Jurmu

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Attorney General Frank J. Kelly, in Marquette for a speaking engagement, asserted in a television appearance that the only recourse for Dr. Robert F. McClellan is to take the case to court to decide if "due process" was denied him somewhere along the line.

Kelley noted that once the decision was made by the NMU board, nothing would change it unless it was overruled by a higher body.

Kelley observed that the Northern Board of Control had acted in accordance with the rules and regulations under the new State Constitution.

Kelley's statement came in the wake of preparations for a week of boycotting and demonstration and the proclaiming of this week "Robert McClellan Week."

KELLY FURTHER STATED IN A special interview with Northern News editor Jeffry Jurmu that more picketing by students was futile, and that "continued picketing and boycotting could do Dr. McClellan more damage than good." Even though these actions are being taken in good conscience, continued Kelly, it is not necessarily the best course of action.

Over 2000 students met a week ago Thursday faced with the board's firm decision, to determine a course of action. At the meeting, held in response to a faculty call for increased student support, it was reaffirmed that there would be a boycotting of classes along with a variety of demonstrations.

Donald L. Keskey urged all students if their conscience was clear

to do so, to boycott at least one class and all four if they could. Associate Dean of Students Lowell Kaffer expressed his concern at the meeting for students acting in clear conscience and asked specifically that each student, after making up his mind one way or the other, not to step on the rights of other students.

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Dr. Ellsworth Barnard, English professor, who had just come from the faculty meeting held earlier in the evening, read the following statement of censure on which the faculty at their meeting voted to vote on by secret ballot.

"We do not have confidence that Interim President Ogden E. Johnson and the board of controls are capable of governing Northern in the best interests of the university and its constituents."

"We base this lack of confidence on the recent activities of the interim president and the board with respect to the dismissal of Dr. Robert McClellan and on the clear implication by these actions that neither the faculty nor their representatives are to have a recognized voice in the formulation of academic policies and procedures at Northern."

IN REFERENCE TO THE ISSUES cited by the administration as the reason for McClellan's dismissal, Barnard said of each, "Lies!" Referring to the document in which the charges were made, Barnard said that the person who wrote it was "not only a liar, but incompetent as

a liar," and he added concerning the charges, "I think they stink!" Dr. Barnard, English professor, stated at the meeting "I would say a substantial majority of the faculty will not penalize students for their activities during this week."

"I can tell you factually that not more than 10% of the students are attending classes," Dr. McClellan stated on Monday. "As I talk to my colleagues it is clear that a majority of students are boycotting."

A NORTHERN NEWS poll indicated that at the beginning of the week most students were attending classes whenever they could. Attendance was down in the history, speech, and English departments, but most instructors are either holding classes on campus as scheduled or in their homes, holding conferences in their offices, or have given their students a research assignment.

RESULTS FROM THE POLL REVEALED that boycotting took place for the most part in those classes in which it was encouraged, while attendance was normal or above in all the others.

Demonstrations, complete with burning effigy of administrators, "freedom rally," burn-in of all "vulgar university propaganda publications," boycotting of university bookstore and Wild Cat Den, parade through the streets of Marquette, "Trick or Treat for Academic Freedom," and a love-out at Sugar Loaf were planned for this week.

Last Thursday it was estimated that over 3000 students demonstrated in Kaye Hall until it became over-crowded and then in the fieldhouse. It turned out to be a "sleep-in".