

RESULTS INCONCLUSIVE:

Continuance Of Job Corps Supported In NMU Faculty Voting

Inconclusive results of a faculty referendum on the status of the controversial Women's Job Corps Center at Northern Michigan University indicate support for continuance of the program.

Of the 334 secret ballots mailed to persons holding academic rank as of last Nov. 15 (excluding part-time faculty), 204 have been returned with a vote of 109 to 83 in favor of retaining the program. There also were 17 "no opinion" ballots, according to the Human Relations Committee, which sponsored the referendum.

If the final tally shows more persons voted "yes" (in favor of retaining the program) than "no," it will be in direct opposition to a Faculty Senate recommendation but correspond with the endorsement given the program by the Student Government Association. The Faculty Senate voted 6-0 earlier to recommend that the center be removed from campus or eliminated.

'Fact Sheet' Attached to Ballot

The organizations are among the several groups asked by NMU President John X. Jamrich to submit recommendations concerning the Job Corps.

Persons receiving the Human Relations Committee ballot were asked to read an attached "Job Corps fact sheet" based on information presented earlier to the SGA by Dr. Bert Jones, director of Job Corps center.

The fact sheet, which one

faculty member who voted "no" said was "biased," contained various information: Racial composition of the enrollees, number of corpswomen graduated, age range, problem situations (number of enrollees arrested, receiving disciplinary discharges, etc.), number who have enrolled in college and the various types of research enrollees have participated in at the request of students and faculty.

Bias Admitted

Also included in the fact sheet was a section titled "Misleading Statements Frequently Heard About Job Corps." An example of a misleading statement listed is that the "Job Corps was responsible for the basketball sit-in demonstration." The "answer" said, "Job Corps had no part in planning the demonstration. Of 150 black students on the gym floor, 10 were from Job Corps," a fact confirmed by NMU administrators.

In response to the charge that the fact sheet was "biased," a Human Relations Committee spokesman said, "Yes, it was. But we assumed that faculty members were familiar with the information which had been presented by the Faculty Senate and other groups, since it had been printed in the Senate minutes and in the local press media, both campus and in Marquette.

"This sheet was new information, which had not been previously published."

Ironically, the Human Relations Committee agrees with the Faculty Senate that a "cultural gap exists between Job Corps enrollees and regular NMU students," which was the basis for the Senate's recommendation.

'Position Paper' Issued

But the committee, in a "position paper" issued Wednesday urging retention of the program, said it does so "on the belief that the cultural gap which has been cited by others as a reason for non-retention is in fact an essential basis for retention."

Reasons given by the committee in the position paper for supporting the Job Corps program included five points:

1. In view of the SGA vote and (pending) results of the referendum, "an effort must be made to solve problems existing at NMU and in the community with Job Corps."

2. The cultural gap which does exist between corps enrollees and many students "is not unique to college campuses or NMU."

3. NMU has responsibility for the quality of instructional experience it provides its students, the majority of whom "espouse middle class values (which) . . . can be challenged, refined and matured. The Job Corps program provides an excellent opportunity for that as a living laboratory in human relations."

4. To train teachers and others in ignorance or isolation

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Japanese Olympic star Seiji Uemura, symbol of Japan's rising sun on a gloved hand, waxed his skis V first test jumps on Ishpeming. Looking on is his companion, N. 21-year-old collegiate performer

Board Eyes Settlement Of Account

Taken under advisement this week by the Marquette Board of Light and Power was an overdue account owed by Cliffs Ridge, Inc.

Board members heard Robert B. Brebner, president of the corporation, explain the ski area's problems in the 12 years of its existence and promised to consider his request for relief on a portion of the \$2,400 bill.

The sum covers the installation of poles, transformers, wiring, etc., required in connection with operation of the ski facility, located on County Road 553 south of Marquette.

Board members deferred action on the matter pending a legal opinion from City Attorney Robert M. Bordeau.

Letter From Sims

In other business this week a

from these problems is to continue the deterioration of our society.

5. A vote for non-retention may "create and affirm the sense of alienation which is growing among disadvantaged members of our society."

The committee said it believes Northern is in an "excellent position to right the wrongs of the present Job Corps program and possibly make unbelievable strides in developing creative means of reaching and serving the poor and disadvantaged.

Final results of the balloting were expected to be available by the end of the week.

Death Takes Sr. Florina In Missouri

Sister M. Florina, the former Ellen Dillon, died recently in Nazareth Convent, St. Louis, Mo.

She was born in Kipling and lived in this area much of her life and had taught in Negawnee. Following her retirement from teaching she worked in the library at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hancock, moving to St. Louis in 1967.

She had celebrated her diamond jubilee (60 years) with the Order of St. Joseph's in August 1968.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, among them Edward E. Jeanson and Mrs. John Pearson, both of Marquette.

Burial was made in the Nazareth Cemetery.

NO PARTY CONNECTIONS

Olysses S. Grant had no strong party connections when he was nominated for the presidency. He had voted only once for president and that was for a Democrat, James Buchanan, in 1856.