



## Damage To Building Is Light

# KAYE HALL FIREBOMBED



In reply to a request from students and faculty members at the University, Northern Michigan University president John X. Jamrich, standing on rock, called off classes last Friday in memorial to the four students killed at Kent State University. President Jamrich read a statement of his intent last Thursday morning to an estimated 250 students while standing on a rock in front of the University Center. Turn to pages three and seven for stories and additional photos covering the events of last Thursday and Friday.

## Jamrich OK's Black Call For No Guns, Memorial

Northern Michigan University President John X. Jamrich announced Wednesday night that Tuesday, May 19, will be set aside by the University for a "program reflecting on the death of six black people in Augusta, Georgia."

At the same time, Jamrich ordered the removal of all guns from the University campus, including from the University's designated dormitory gun storage areas.

Both moves came in the wake of a demonstration by about 40 black students held early Wednesday morning on the front lawn of Jamrich's home.

The students demanded that Jamrich close the University for the remainder of the semester due to alleged danger faced by black students on campus, and that classes be called off for one day in memory of six blacks killed during this week's civil disturbances in Augusta, Georgia.

At a meeting called by Jamrich later Wednesday morning, black

student Mike Gaines, a senior from Detroit, explained the rationale for both the demonstrators' demands.

"We feel that the killings of blacks in Augusta," Gaines said, "entitles us to conduct the same type of memorial services which were granted by the University last week for the slaying of four students at Kent State University."

Gaines said that the students also requested that the University be closed for the remainder of the semester "because of the potential dangers present at this University."

"This campus has more guns on it than any other campus in the state," Gaines said, "and this fact along with the present tense atmosphere is why we want this school closed down."

Pat Williams, president of the Black Students Association and a junior from Saginaw, said that black students feared the presence of guns in dormitory rooms and "are fighting daily for our lives on this campus."

Williams said that his life and the

lives of other NMU black students have been threatened in the past.

"Get all of the guns off this campus today, not tomorrow or next week or next year," Williams said, "and a major problem confronting the black student will be eliminated."

Williams said that blacks were asking the elimination of all guns on campus so that they could "return to being students, which I haven't been since my first semester on this campus."

Jamrich said that he would take action on the gun-ban request, which he said has been under study by Dean of Students Lowell Kafer's office for several months.

In a directive issued Wednesday afternoon, Kafer ordered "any person possessing a firearm on campus" to "remove it from the campus by the end of the week or check it with the University Security Office."

Kafer's directive further stated

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## Windows Broken In 3 Campus Buildings

At least four Molotov cocktails were lobbed through windows in portions of Kaye Hall early Wednesday morning, and campus security police report that other buildings on campus were damaged at about the same time.

No serious damage was reported to any of the buildings attacked. University President John X. Jamrich revealed that he received a threatening phone call at about 2 a.m. Wednesday, just prior to the time the damage reportedly occurred.

Jamrich said that the caller, who identified himself as a black student, demanded that the University be shut down for the remainder of the current semester in honor of six blacks killed earlier this week in rioting in Augusta, Georgia.

Jamrich said that he told the caller that such a shutdown would be "utterly impossible."

Upon hearing the refusal, Jamrich said, the caller told him that he had "damned well better do something, or something will happen."

Shortly after, about 40 blacks assembled on the front lawn of Jamrich's home demanding that classes be recessed. A bonfire was built on the lawn which was later extinguished by NMU security police.

Jamrich told the group that the topic would be discussed with the University's Academic Senate and other groups later Wednesday morning.

Members of the Michigan Civil Rights commission, on campus this week to investigate alleged discrimination against University black students, were present at the demonstration from 3 a.m. until 6 a.m.

William Lyons, chief of the NMU security department, said that a routine check of campus buildings at about 2:30 a.m. indicated that everything was normal.

But Lyons said that at about 5 a.m. one of his patrols noticed a light haze in the basement of Kaye Hall.

Security officers checked the area and found heavy smoke near the Purchasing Department offices, located in the basement of Olson Library.

Lyons said that a window in the Purchasing Department office complex had been broken, and some unknown chemical had been poured on a radiator.

The chemical charred the radiator and the floor, Lyons said, causing the smoke.

Upon further checking the Kaye Hall building complex, Lyons said, security officers discovered the four Molotov cocktails, none of which had ignited.

Three of the four cocktails were tossed into offices in the Dean of Students' complex. The fourth was thrown into the theater beneath the

old Olson Library. Bombed in the Dean of Students' area were the offices of Associate Deans Ron Stump and Karen Reese, as well as the University Records Office.

There were also reports of broken windows in Gries Residence Hall, the new Instructional Facility and the Thomas Fjorne Arts Building.

Marquette city police and NMU security officers are investigating the bombings and the other damage.

## Civil Rights Commission On Campus

Responding to a complaint filed by the Black Student Association, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission this week conducted hearings on campus on the charge that the University is allegedly providing black students with "unequal educational opportunity."

Official details as to specific charges comprising the "unequal educational opportunity" charge were not made available. NMU President John X. Jamrich and the five-member team from the Civil Rights Commission on campus refused to reveal the nature of the specific charges.

Reliable un-official sources, though, told the NEWS that the Commission was investigating seven specific charges.

These sources told the NEWS that the basis for the seven charges include:

- The receiving by black student leader Pat Williams of allegedly threatening phone calls and a reported incident of two weeks ago where two black students were shot at on campus;

- Allegedly discriminatory teaching practices of Associate Professor K. L. Sindwan of the Sociology department;

- An alleged incident where by a black student had to pay for drugs he received from the Health Center which he claimed are normally distributed free;

- The situation surrounding the Charles Girffis case;

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