

STUDENT DEATHS MEMORIALIZED

University Calls Off Classes

Northern Michigan University President John X. Jamrich, in reply to a request from students and faculty members at the university, called off classes for last Friday, May 8, in memorial to the four students killed at Kent State University.

The Academic Senate had earlier voted 17 to 13, with one abstention, in favor of canceling classes Friday, and the Governing Board of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, representing the student body, had also given their vote in favor of the cancellation.

Relating to these votes of support, Jamrich said that "the Academic Senate vote, representing the opinions of the Senate members and not necessarily the opinions of all members of the faculty organization, was a majority vote for the cancellation of classes in respect for the students at Kent State University."

"The officers of the ASNMU presented a supporting opinion for the dismissal of classes in proper respect for the students who were killed on the Kent State Campus."

"In addition to this, there were almost 2,500 student signatures on a petition for the dismissal of classes 'in respect for the four students killed at Kent State.'"

Upon concluding his statement, the president received applause from the estimated 250 students present.

Events leading to the dismissal of classes at Northern began Wednesday, when the president met with students who had gathered in his

office to request that classes be canceled for Friday.

Jamrich told these students that if they could present him with evidence that a significant number of the student body supported their request, he would consider it.

At 11:30 p.m., some 450 students gathered on the lawn of the president's home, and presented

him with the petition signed by nearly 2,500 students.

In response to another request to call off classes Friday, Jamrich told the students that he would meet at 9 a.m. Thursday with representatives of the Academic Senate, ASNMU and the administration, and that at the conclusion of this meeting he would make his decision.

'Quette Armory Flag Dropped In Protest

The lowering of the Marquette Armory flag to half-mast climaxed a day of non-violent demonstrations last Friday, as NMU students mourned the death of four students slain during demonstrations early last week at Ohio's Kent State University.

About 150 Northern students massed in front of the Armory after a discussion of the Kent State killings and other national and international issues in Hedcock Fieldhouse.

Classes were cancelled all day Friday by University President John X. Jamrich at the request of faculty leaders and students. (See separate story.)

The armory flag was lowered Friday after students called the Lansing office of Michigan Governor William Milliken. Final permission to lower the flag, however, came from a Milliken aide.

The Marquette Armory flag was

reportedly the first in Michigan to be lowered in honor of the slain Kent State students.

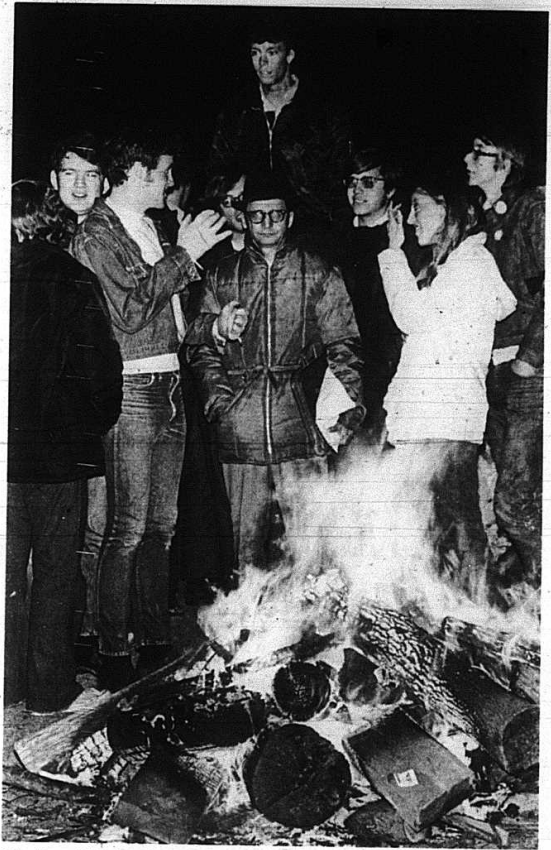
The local Guard unit was under orders issued early Friday from the state adjutant general to allow students to conduct a "lie-in" on the Armory's front lawn.

After the flag lowering, the demonstrators held a short prayer service and left the Armory grounds.

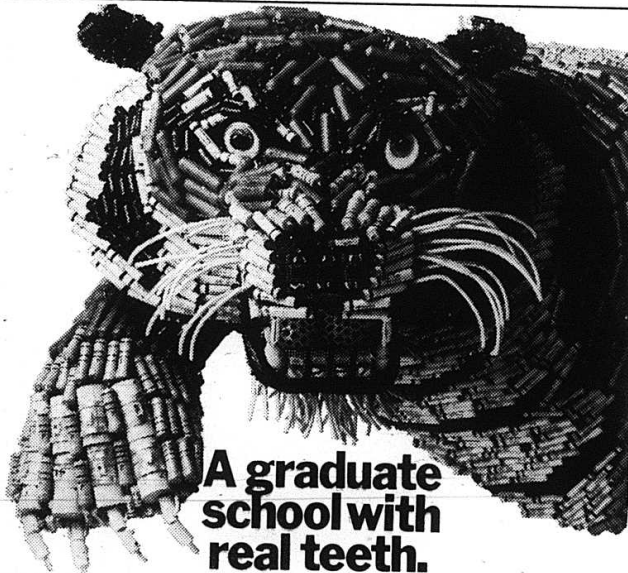
At least twenty Marquette city policemen were reportedly inside the Armory. According to reports, they wore riot helmets and carried nightsticks.

After leaving the Armory, the group of students marched back to the Fieldhouse. Discussion reopened in the Fieldhouse at about two o'clock Friday afternoon.

Included as topics in the afternoon discussion were the circulation of a referendum proposing that Michigan men be exempted from fighting in undeclared wars.



Northern Michigan University president, Dr. John X. Jamrich, confers with some of the estimated 450 students who had gathered on the front lawn of his home the night of Wednesday, May 7, to present him with a petition signed by nearly 2,500 students requesting that classes be called off last Friday in memorial to the four students killed at Kent State University. The students built two fires on the asphalt pavement in front of the President's home to ward off the cold of the night.



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Climaxing a day of non-violent demonstrations last Friday, was the lowering to half-mast the flag at the Marquette Armory. Pictured here are students conducting a "lie-in" at the base of the flag pole while waiting for permission from Michigan Governor William Milliken's office to lower the flag.

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that firearms checked with the Security Department "will be retained and stored off campus until the owner leaves the University at the end of the term."

Final discussion at the Wednesday morning session centered around the proposal for a memorial school closing on Tuesday, May 19.

Jamrich closed the meeting with a request that both the Academic Senate and the ASNMU Governing Board consider the memorial proposal and report their suggestions back to him later Wednesday.

Both bodies met in emergency session Wednesday afternoon, and presented their suggestions to Jamrich Wednesday night, just prior to the publication of Jamrich's official statement.

In what was described as a stormy session, the ASNMU Governing Board voted 6-2 "to recommend to the president (of the University) that classes be cancelled for the entire day in memoriam to the six black people killed in Georgia."

In its special session, the Academic Senate passed a motion asking that "on Tuesday, May 19, the entire University community focus its attention on the issues of faculty-student relationships, racial tensions, and other issues of national and local importance."

The Senate further commented that "the action of simply dismissing classes last Friday (in honor of students killed at Kent State University) was ineffective. . . ."

Continued the Senate resolution: "No penalties shall be applied to students who exercise their free-

dom of conscience to participate in any of the activities on that day according to their best judgment."

Going a step further, the Senate urged faculty members to consider "the difficulties of (the black students') situation" when giving final grades. The resolution noted that some black students "have not been able to function in their normal capacity as students during the period of time since the past sit-in. . . ."

The Senate recommended that an "incomplete" or "withdrew-passing" be issued to such students.

In issuing his Wednesday evening statement—which was televised and broadcast locally—Jamrich said that he reviewed "carefully the recommendations of the Academic Senate, the ASNMU, black student representatives and the administrative staff."

Jamrich continued: "In summary, May 19, 1970 will be an Issues Day with class discussion emphasis on concerns of the campus community and special programs with particular focus on the major issues."

Planning for Tuesday's memorial program is under the direction of Dr. James Rasmussen, assistant professor of speech at the University.

Mail

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who did not wish to attend classes on May 8, should have been permitted to do so. But, I do not feel that they should have been permitted to force the other students to join the strike.

Perhaps your decision to cancel classes was made in order to avoid violence. Well, this, too, I think was wrong. The college students of today, of which I am ashamed to say that I am, are using violence as a blackmail technique. Either the College Administration or Federal Government does as they wish, or else they become violent and do extensive property damage, and inflict bodily harm to others.

In these troubled times, I think the establishment should exercise strength and courage, and not be weak by yielding to this sophisticated type of temper tantrum, as exhibited by today's college students.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,
David Solow

FCC Clears Channel 13 For Ed Use

The Federal Communications Commission has ordered the change of assignment of television channel 13 from commercial to educational use, according to President John X. Jamrich of Northern Michigan University.

In the same action, the FCC transferred channel 19, which had been assigned to educational use, to commercial assignment.

President Jamrich pointed out that this action had been sought by the university in order to provide