

# *Delay Granted In Hearing For Black Students*

Northern Michigan University officials this morning announced a postponement in a hearing involving 25 black students, who are charged with violations of several rules of NMU's code of conduct.

The hearing was delayed to some time during the week of Feb. 4 to 11, according to Lowell Kafer, dean of students for NMU, on request of the black students.

They asked for the delay in the hearing because of final examinations, which began today at Northern. The hearing was scheduled to begin today.

NMU spokesmen said the hearing, when held, will be conducted by the NMU faculty-student judiciary committee. It will take up the case of the students who allegedly were involved in the sit-in in the office of the dean of students on Dec. 17-18.

## **Had Rejected Amnesty Plea**

Last week NMU's president, Dr. John X. Jamrich, denied a request by the black students for a complete amnesty for all black students who participated in the sit-in, which occurred after a black student, Charles Griffis, a Grand Rapids senior, who was charged with having a woman in his room in a dormitory after hours.

The NMU student judiciary committee had convicted Griffis, triggering the sit-in,

but a faculty-student judiciary committee acquitted him (on appeal), at 3:30 a.m., Dec. 18, after which the sit-in ended.

## **Threatened Official**

However, the dean of students' office, which the black students had occupied, was left in a shambles and the blacks had held Dr. Allen L. Niemi, vice president for student affairs, hostage for about 40 minutes, during which time he was threatened with a four-by-four wooden club, it was reported at the time.

Meanwhile, civil proceedings were initiated against the black students, and City Police Det. Marvin J. Gauthier conducted an investigation, on request of NMU officials and Prosecuting Attorney Edward A. Quinnell, Marquette.

Quinnell this morning said Gauthier's initial investigation has been completed, and that the black students involved have consulted an attorney.

The NMU attorney, Richard Jones of Detroit, is scheduled to fly into Marquette Thursday afternoon and will consult with Quinnell, Gauthier and Marvin Heitman, Marquette, assistant prosecutor, on the matter.

"We have to decide what can be proved in the way of criminal charges," Quinnell said, "and what's desirable in this case in the matter of criminal charges."