

Dean's Office Ransacked

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Blacks could be charged with kidnapping or simple assault after allegedly holding an NMU official captive during the last half hour of the sit-in.

That official—Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Allan Niemi—said that he was threatened with two large wooden clubs and told to sit down as he attempted to leave the office.

Niemi had entered the office after he heard reports that it was being ransacked by the demonstrators.

University President John X. Jamrich said he tried to enter the office at the time Niemi was allegedly being held, but was forced out by the demonstrators.

Members of the Black Student Association involved in the sit-in claim that Niemi was not held but “kept bothering us, so he was told to sit down.”

Niemi was released after Griffis' acquittal was announced.

University officials said this week that the Black Student Association will be held responsible for damages to the occupied office, estimated at nearly \$265.

Officials also said that the BSA will be expected to pay for or replace \$382 in stolen property and pay for \$12.75 worth of unauthorized long-distance phone calls.

The office was ransacked by the protestors during the last few hours of the protest, according to University officials.

Books and papers were strewn on the floor, a window was broken

and a typewriter was damaged. The words “pig” and “black power” were written on the walls of the room.

The sit-in had been peaceful up to the time the damage occurred.

Vice President Niemi said this week that no personal files in the office had been entered “to our knowledge.”

Niemi also said that the property allegedly stolen by the Blacks consisted mostly of Polaroid film used for making student ID cards.

“Anything returned will be deducted from the total amount listed as stolen, of course,” Niemi said.

