

RELEASE

The Executive Council of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, after twenty hours of observation and involvement in the situation surrounding the occupation of the Office of the Dean of Students by the Black Students Association finds it imperative to present its views to both the A.S.N.M.U. Governing Board and the Student Body at large.

It is in our opinion that President Jamrich handled the entire situation with the best interests of the University community in mind. On three different occasions during the night, he conferred with both faculty and student leaders before formulating his decisions. In every case, we were in complete agreement with him. His stand on this issue was a strong one, for it is important to realize that this was not merely an incident involving an individual disciplinary hearing. Instead, the entire concept of student self-discipline and due process under law was on trial. If President Jamrich had chosen to take the easy way out by personally interfering with the legitimate judicial process, all that we have struggled for in the past two years would have been erased in one, tense evening.

We feel that President Jamrich's decisions of last night were both proper and judicious, and we offer him our total and unqualified support. Northern is exceedingly fortunate to have a President with such personal courage and foresight.

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