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The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate of Northern Michigan University directed Vice Chairman Robert McClellan to act as its representative ~~to indicate~~ to indicate the committee's concern; he would not be acting as a spokesman for the faculty. Currently he is formulating his report to the Academic Senate for presentation at its 3:00 p.m. meeting today. He was accompanied by Senate Chairman David Meneghal and Senate Secretary John Watanen while carrying out this assignment.

Vice-Chairman McClellan's initial impressions of the events are that President Janrich took a consistently rational and responsible approach to the situation. At all times President Janrich was open to every possible resolution of the problem acting in the best interests of public property and safety. At every step he moved within pre-established university procedures for resolving critical events of this sort. At no time did President Janrich intervene improperly. Finally, the President's proposed implementation of a court injunction indicated his innovative and imaginative approach to an extra-legal problem through the use of lawful action.

The Executive Committee was concerned that the established student judicial process be carried out in a manner which best met the ideals of a publicly supported university. It is the feeling of the three observers that this goal was met. The actions of the student government officials were responsibly carried out. Despite the 19 hour occupation of the office area affected by the Black Students Association's activities, the resulting damage was comparatively minimal and occurred only during the final minutes.

David Meneghal
Chairman

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