

VIDEO TAPE DISPUTE

Panther Cancels TV Appearance

The captain of defense for the Chicago Black Panther party, Willie Calvin, cancelled his scheduled live appearance on campus television Tuesday night after television officials refused to give him a free video tape of the program.

An estimated 350 students had gathered in six rooms in the campus Instructional Facility to view the program, which was to have been a panel discussion.

According to officials, Calvin demanded the free tape about 15 minutes before the show's scheduled 7:00 starting time.

After conferring with University President John X. Jamrich, Director

of Learning Resources William Mitchell told Calvin that he would either have to provide a video tape or pay the University \$60, the cost of a roll of tape.

Mitchell said Thursday that he could not understand Calvin's last-minute request for the free tape "because he was told in advance, I believe Monday morning, that he would have to provide or pay for a tape if he wanted a copy of the program."

Calvin's final decision to cancel the appearance was made at about 7:30, Mitchell said.

Calvin was on campus all day Monday and Tuesday, under the auspices of the Humanities II program. The visit was arranged by Humanities II coordinator Robert Dornquast.

After cancelling his television appearance, Calvin reportedly requested that six NMU Black students up for trial in Marquette's District Court for alleged participation in last December's sit-in be allowed to speak in his place.

The six and their lawyer, Kent Bourland of Houghton, were in the studio with Calvin.

The request was refused by Dornquast, who said that discussion of the coming Marquette trial was "not the purpose" of the program.

HEARING SET FOR OFFICER

A special hearing on the conduct of an NMU security officer has been set for today by University President John X. Jamrich.

The hearing was called Wednesday after an incident in the Security Office involving the officer, two Northern students, and a French poodle owned by the Jamrich family.

The students had found the poodle wandering loose on campus.