



The Charge: Creating A Disturbance

BLACK TRIAL BEGINS

ACTION!

Would it be possible for the library to carry *Billboard* magazine? Just as *Variety*, a recent addition to the periodical section, covers topics pertinent to the show business industry, *Billboard* deals in depth with the music world. This publication... would not only appeal to the students of music, but to the general reading public as well.

Ray Matkovich

Head Librarian, Miss Helvi Walkonen, said that the present subscription budget has been depleted but that the library would subscribe to the magazine in July, the beginning of the 1970-71 fiscal year. She also asked that you relay your request to Mr. Gene Paicurich, Acquisitions Librarian.

Now that we have the nice white chalkboards in the Instructional Facility Building, it would save on eyestrain if the pink chalk in Room 233 could be replaced by some dark color. Thanks

Roy Poplawski

University personnel couldn't agree more with you. As a result of your note and a similar unsigned one from another student, the University, much to its dismay, discovered that the chalkboards were not broken in in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and that the chalk presently being used is not the best color. During the Easter break, all the boards were chalked, and also worked in with an eraser, and subsequently washed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. This, plus the addition of a darker colored chalk, which is being ordered, should solve the problem.

If possible, would it be too much to ask the city to fix Tracy Street. The holes are getting big enough to bury a car.

Unsigned

The City has agreed to fill the holes on that portion of Tracy Street between Norwood and Center Streets. Then, as a part of its regular summer street improvement plan, the city will repave that portion of Tracy.

Could a Postal Mail Box be placed in the Learning Resources area for the convenience of both students and instructors?

Both University officials and city postal authorities think your suggestion is a good one. Mr. Vernon Haring, Marquette Superintendent of Mails, has agreed to relocate a campus mail box that is sparsely used. The box will be installed near the Learning Resources Center as soon as possible.



Pictured here on the Marquette District Courthouse steps are members of the Northern Michigan University student group protesting the trial of six NMU Black students now being conducted. The "group of conscientious students who came together" for a better community are also conducting a class strike, which is neither condoned or approved by the University President's office.

'DISCRIMINATED AGAINST'

Protest Supports Defendants

A group of Northern students characterizing themselves as a "group of conscientious students who came together for one cause — a better community" initiated this week a protest in support of the six Black students now on trial in Marquette District Court.

The number of students in the group, composed of all white students, was put at 75 by the group's leaders.

According to the leaders of the group, the protest was initiated because it is felt by all the individuals in the group that "minority college students are being discriminated and prejudiced against in the Marquette community" and that because of this fact the "six Black students will not get a fair trial."

The protest began last Saturday with a march from campus to the courthouse in south Marquette and

continued into the week with a class strike.

Saturday's march, according to the group's leaders, was also in protest of alleged unfair and unconstitutional treatment given an NMU student who was arrested by Marquette police for displaying an American flag up-side-down on the seat of his pants. The group's leaders said that while in this case the student was white, the treatment he received is indicative of the "rail-roading done in the Marquette courts."

"The reason we are protesting is to show that white students do care for the well-being of Black students," a member of the group said.

Chuck Steen, a member of the group and one of its leaders, claimed further reason for the protest in favor of the six Black students.

"It was brought to our attention concerning the trial that someone in the city of Marquette is calling the shots and forcing people to do something that their judgement would otherwise say no to," Steen said.

"That person," Steen continued, "is someone in the power structure of the city."

"The reason why this person is doing what he is doing is to show

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\$1610 Of Expenditures Approved By Board

Expenditures totaling \$1610 was approved by the Governing Board Tuesday night at what was declared an "emergency meeting", by ASNMU President Harry Campbell. The expenditures were as follows:

\$100 to the Black Culture Week Committee to help cover the expenses of a Black Culture Week to be held May 11-16;

\$500 in further financial support beyond \$500 already given to cover production costs of *It's Dark in the Woods, Isn't It?* the feature length

color production filmed by the senior seminar cinematography class; \$110 to Associated Women Students for the holding of Parent's Day in mid-May.

Tuesday night's expenditures amounted to over 50 per cent of the collected tax revenues for the semester.

Campbell declared the meeting Tuesday night an "emergency meeting" because the meeting regularly scheduled for Monday night had been cancelled due to the election campaign.

Dr. Niemi Second To Testify

The trial of six NMU black students on the charge of creating a disturbance in connection with a sit-in on campus last December began this week in Marquette District Court.

The six defendants are Vernon Smalls, David Williams, Patrick Williams, Christopher Poole, Phillip Harper and Loren Loban.

Proceedings began Tuesday afternoon, following a day and a half of jury selection. Called as first witness for the prosecution was Don Pavloski, photographer for the University News Bureau.

Pavloski testified that he photographed damage allegedly done to the University Deans' Office during a 19-hour sit-in on December 17 and 18. The sit-in, staged by about 75 black students, was in protest over disciplinary action taken by the All-University Student Judiciary against a black student, Charles Griffis.

Griffis was accused of having a girl in his room, in violation of dormitory regulations.

University Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Allan L. Niemi was the second witness to be called by Marquette County prosecutor Edward Quinnell.

Niemi was allegedly held captive in his office by black students for approximately 45 minutes in the later hours of the sit-in.

Niemi testified that he was forced to remain in his office after he had gone in to investigate reports that glass was being broken by the sit-in demonstrators. The incident occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on December 18, Niemi said.

The students had been in the office since about 8 a.m. the previous day, according to Niemi's testimony. He noted that, in the early hours of the demonstration, students were "polite, and they did not obstruct traffic."

As he walked through his office

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POST RESULTS

Results of yesterday's ASNMU election will be posted today on bulletin boards throughout campus according to Duane Contois who was in charge of the election.

Election results will be printed in next week's edition of the NEWS as the election yesterday was past the NEWS press deadline.

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Dr. Jamrich On Stand Wednesday Evening

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shortly before he was allegedly held, however, Niemi stated that the mood of the demonstrators had "changed." A Christmas tree in the office had been crushed, the floor was littered with papers and a window had been broken, he said.

As he attempted to phone campus security police from the office, Niemi said, "two black students came up and first asked me not to use the phone, then, as I continued dialing, ordered me not to use the phone."

Niemi said that he tried to leave the office by climbing over a desk but was surrounded by what he termed "a wall of bodies."

Niemi said that he then told Pat Williams, president of the Black

Student Association, that he was leaving the office. He testified that Williams told him not to leave and to "be quiet and sit down if you know what's good for you."

During his testimony, Niemi identified pictures taken in his office immediately after the sit-in by University photographer Don Pavloski.

Besides Patrick Williams, Niemi said he also was able to identify Loren Loban, Christopher Poole and Vernon Smalls as having been present during the time he allegedly was held captive.

Niemi did not identify either Phillip Harper or David Williams as having been among those present in his office during the course of the sit-in, however.

"I did observe that Pat Williams was in charge of the group and

giving orders," Niemi said.

Niemi said that he was threatened during his alleged captivity by two students holding wooden objects.

One of the objects, a four-to-five-foot long drapery rod, was wielded by defendant Loren Loban, Niemi said. The other object, a two-by-two-inch, 30-inch long board, was held by an unidentified demonstrator, he said.

Called as the third witness for the prosecution was NMU President John X. Jamrich. Jamrich took the stand Wednesday night.

Jamrich told the court that he was called out of bed at about 3:15 a.m. on December 18, the time at which Dr. Allan Niemi testified that he was being held captive by the sit-in demonstrators.

Jamrich said that he "ran" from his home to Kaye Hall, where he tried to get into the Deans' Office.

Jamrich said that he was told "You can't come in" by defendant Pat Williams, who, according to Jamrich, was standing on a desk in the office.

Jamrich told the court that he then called both the University attorney and the Marquette City Police station to tell them that the University was going to seek a court

injunction against the demonstrators in the Deans' Office.

Shortly after making those calls, Jamrich said, he received a call saying that the Student-Faculty Judiciary had overturned the Griffis decision and that the black students were beginning to leave the Deans' Office.

As of press time Thursday morning, Jamrich was still on the witness stand, being cross-examined by the attorney for the defendants, J. Kent Bourland of Houghton.

In addition to the three already called, Prosecutor Quinnell has said that he intends to call eight more witnesses. Bourland has indicated that he will call from five to fifteen witnesses for the defense.

Included among the witnesses for the prosecution are ASNMU President Harry Campbell, Joel Smith, Tom Halquist and ASNMU Secretary Kurt Huffman.

Six women and two men are sitting on the jury. There are six regular jurors and two alternates.

Hearing the case is Marquette District's Judge George Hill.

Environmental Solutions Not Simplistic: Jamrich

Dr. John X. Jamrich, president of Northern Michigan University, stated Tuesday night in his opening address for the University's Environmental Teach-In, that answers to the problems of environment will "not be found with simplistic solutions."

Calling for the development of scientific methods of dealing with these problems, the president noted that "for some, the university has moved too rapidly in carrying on

research; for others, the response of the university to social and technological needs has been much too slow.

"For some, the idea of research application via the university is considered to be the wrong role for these institutions. Others maintain that the university must move even further into the arena of research, providing for its application and, even more importantly, somehow measuring the implication of research as to its good or bad effects on humanity.

"Though attractive at first glance, the latter position is first of all unrealistic in that we have few, if any, useful criteria or prejudging usefulness of newly discovered knowledge, and just as little factual basis for determining in advance the potential good or harm of new developments."

The president concluded by saying that "I want to indicate again my personal enthusiasm and support for the efforts of this group and for the goals which have been identified.

"At the same time, I have to repeat my caution that the full understanding of the problems is a complex matter, and the specification of the solutions is dependent upon the utilization of our fullest scientific and technological abilities."

Protest...

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that students at Northern Michigan University who speak out against the administration will not be tolerated," Steen stated.

Steen refused to indicate who the person is or whether he knows his identity.

On Tuesday an estimated 25 members of the group met with NMU President John X. Jamrich in his office concerning the group's planned class strike for the duration of the trial.

Jamrich indicated to the group that a class strike would not be condoned or approved by his office.

"This attitude (of Jamrich) of not approving a class strike so that concerned students could attend the trial does not represent the good and will of NMU students," Steen said.

He also said that if President Jamrich was "really interested in the and will of NMU students he would be aiding in dropping the ridiculous trial."

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