

MISTRIAL

New Trial 'Uncertain'

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Jamrich said Wednesday that the University would not press for a new trial nor would it ask that charges be dropped.

The six defendants are Vernon Smalls, Marquette; David Williams, Detroit; Patrick Williams, Saginaw; Christopher Poole, Clarkston; Phillip Harper, Inkster; and Loran Loban, New Rochelle, New York.

All but David Williams were identified by prosecution witnesses as having been in the office during the course of the sit-in. Altogether, between 50 and 75 blacks were reported to have participated in the demonstration.

During the trial, NMU Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Allan Niemi testified that he was held captive in the occupied Deans' Of-



Judge
George E.
Hill

fice for about 45 minutes during the final hour of the sit-in.

Niemi also testified that the office was damaged prior to his allegedly being held captive. Damage was estimated at about \$205 by University officials.

After the mistrial ruling Monday, Judge Hill dismissed the all-white jury comprised of four women and two men.

CORRECTION

Two inadvertent errors were made in the story in last week's (April 24, 1970) Northern News headlined "Black Trial Begins."

One paragraph referred to a five-foot long drapery rod which Dr. Allan Niemi testified "was wielded by defendant Loren Loban." The paragraph should have correctly read, in part, "was wielded by defendant Christopher Poole," Niemi said.

A second paragraph incorrectly read: "Niemi did not identify either Phillip Harper or David Williams as having been among those present during the course of the sit-in, however." The paragraph should have correctly read, in part, "...as having been among those present during the time that he (Dr. Niemi) was allegedly held captive by the black demonstrators."

The News regrets the errors and apologizes to those whom their printing may have inconvenienced.