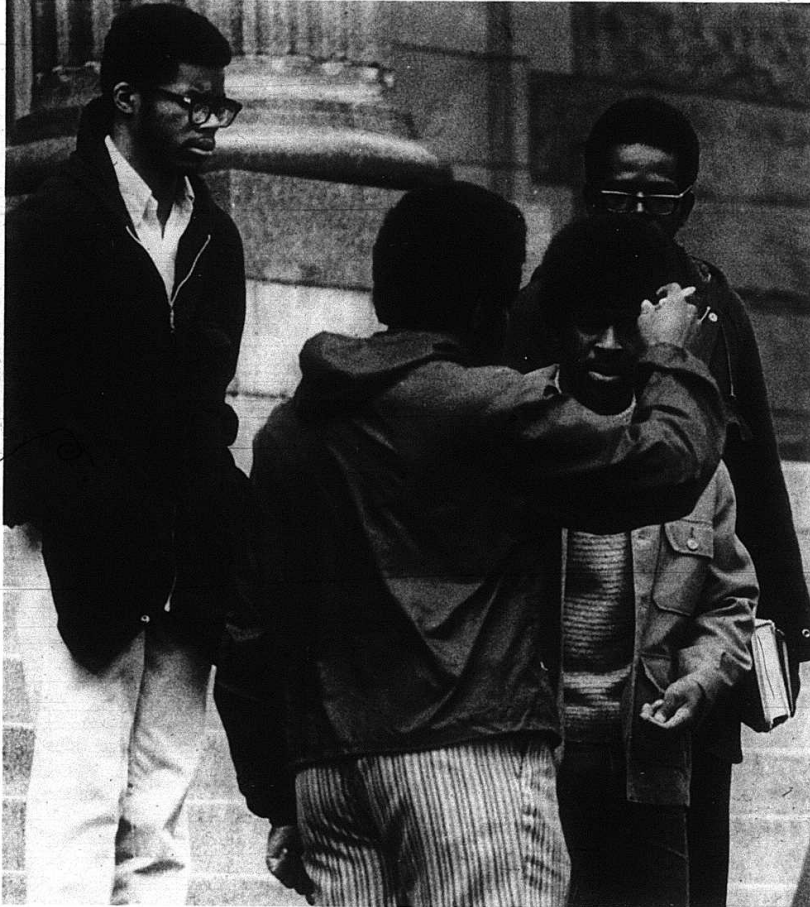




Black Trial Ends Abruptly

JUDGE CALLS MISTRIAL



'Bad Reporting' In Daily Paper Cited

The trial of six Northern Michigan University black students on charges of creating a disturbance during last December's sit-in ended abruptly in Marquette District Court Monday with the declaration of a mistrial by Judge George Hill.

The ruling was made after Defense Attorney J. Kent Bourland and Prosecutor Edward Quinnell presented a joint stipulation which charged:

- That news articles on both the sit-in and the trial printed in the local daily *The Marquette Mining Journal* were inaccurate and misleading;

- That several members of the jury had been contacted by one or more persons concerning the trial. Defense Counsel Bourland, in his stipulation, called *Marquette Mining Journal* accounts of the sit-in and trial "inaccurate, inflammatory, misleading, slanted, unfair and

It was the AUSJ's decision and sentencing in that case which sparked the 19-hour sit-in in the University Deans' Office on December 17 and 18, 1969.

Although full details were not disclosed, it was stated in court that one or more members of the jury were contacted by a person or persons of unknown identity.

Last Friday, two of the eight jurors were dismissed by Judge Hill for allegedly discussing the case.

The dismissal followed a conference in the judge's chambers, at which time an unidentified person was reportedly questioned in regard to contacting a member of the jury.

At the court session which followed the conference, Defense Attorney Bourland moved for dismissal of the charges against all six defendants due to lack of evidence.

No action was taken on that motion by Judge Hill prior to Monday's declaration of a mistrial.

The prosecution's case had just concluded when the mistrial was declared.

Following Monday's ruling, Prosecutor Quinnell said that prospects for a new trial for the six are "uncertain."

University President John X.

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SHARP EXCHANGE

A pointed question followed by a sharp denial highlighted last Thursday's session of the Marquette District Court trial of six NMU black students charged with creating a disturbance.

Defense Attorney J. Kent Bourland of Houghton was the questioner, and the answer was given by University President John X. Jamrich, witness for the prosecution.

Said Bourland, referring to an alleged exchange between Jamrich and several blacks following the sit-in, "Didn't you in fact, Dr. Jamrich, say to the black students, 'After all I have done for you, why did you niggers have to do this to me?'"

Replied Jamrich: "I have never since my arrival at Northern Michigan University up until this moment called a black person a nigger—and I want that a matter of record. I detest the insinuations you have been making."

incomplete." Bourland charged that the *Journal's* news stories "have led to a misunderstanding on the part of the public."

Bourland made reference to the use of the word "ransacked" in the *Journal* stories, and said that the paper had failed to mention a report made prior to the sit-in by the University Human Rights Commission.

In that report, the Commission criticized the procedure used by the All-University Student Judiciary in hearing a case involving a black student charged with a violation of dormitory regulations.

Black students gathered on the steps of the Marquette District Court House following the declaration of a mistrial in the case against six NMU black students last Monday.

VOTE ON MAY FIFTH

Plan RHA Referendum

On-campus residents go to the polls Tuesday, May 5, to vote on the ratification of a new constitution for the Northern Michigan University Residence Halls Association.

Voting will take place in the IF Building. Student I.D. is required.

The document, if ratified, will formally organize all dormitory residents into a body to be known as the RHA.

In addition, the constitution will formalize the structure of the Residence Halls Council, the highest on-campus-only government. The RHC has been in existence since last fall.

Included in the constitution are an executive board, which will carry on executive duties, and an executive council, the legislative

branch of the RHA which is currently known as the Residence Halls Council.

Included on the executive board are the RHA president and vice president, the secretary, the treasurer and the parliamentarian.

The executive council includes the same officials as the board, along with the president of each individual residence hall council.

Only the residence hall presidents have voting power in legislative matters, however.

The RHA president will preside over meetings of the executive council, with voting power in the case of a tie.

The president can also, with the approval of the executive council's voting members, appoint and dismiss the secretary, treasurer and

parliamentarian of the RHA.

Both the president and vice president of RHA will be elected annually by a plurality vote of all on-campus residents.

Amendments to the proposed constitution may be introduced by any six residence hall presidents or by petition of 50 per cent or more of the total residence hall population.

A two-thirds affirmative vote of all students residing in residence halls is necessary to amend the constitution.

A recall election may be called by petition of 35 per cent of all of the students residing in residence halls.

The constitution will go into effect if it receives a two-thirds affirmative vote in the coming election.

Tuition Up \$10 A Head Next Year

A \$10.00 raise in tuition per semester for resident and non-resident students was approved by the Board of Control at its public meeting yesterday morning.

With the raise, tuition will be \$220 per semester for resident students and \$565 per semester for non-resident students.

Also, it was announced at Thursday mornings meeting that the Board was considering the need for an increase in room and board rates. No action was taken, however, as the Board wished to study the matter closer.

University President John X. Jamrich stated that the University has been brought "face to face with

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