

Civil Rights...

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- Alleged discrimination by the University in its employment practices;
- Alleged discrimination by the University's Security and Housing departments.

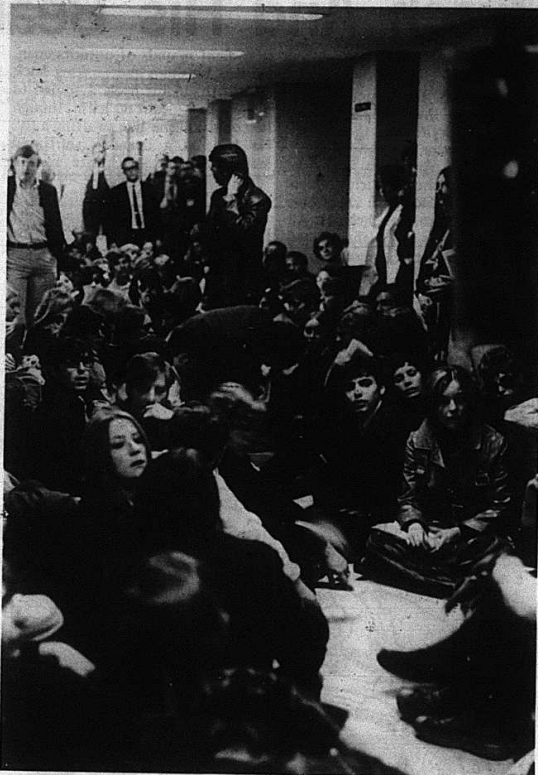
According to a member of the five man team from the Commission, the hearings on campus this week were only investigatory in nature. Any action against the University, if any, the Commission member said, will come only after the team returns to their Detroit office and studies thoroughly all the information collected during the investigation.

The NEWS contacted the Detroit office of the Commission and was told that it will probably be July or August before the Commission makes its final disposition of the case.

Asked if there was any substance to the allegations in the complaint, President Jamrich said:

"Since details of the allegations have not been made public, we do not feel it is proper to make comment until the investigating team has completed its investigation and until we have had time to complete our study of the individual allegations."

The Detroit office told the NEWS that details of the investigation this week by the Commission could not be made public until after the case is decided by the Commission.



A large group of students, who later went to the front lawn of the University Center, waited outside the office of NMU President John X. Jamrich for a statement last Thursday morning as to whether the president would call off classes in memorial to the four students killed at Kent State University. Classes were called off.

LACK OF EVIDENCE CITED Charges Dropped Against 6 Blacks

A petition to discontinue in Marquette District Court prosecution of the six Black students charged with having created a disturbance in connection with last December's sit-in on campus was filed this week by Marquette County Prosecutor Edward A. Quinnell.

The petition to discontinue followed a declaration two weeks ago by Judge George Hill of a mistrial in district court action involving the six defendants.

Quinnell listed several reasons for filing the petition, which, if granted, would result in dismissal of the case:

"Testimony introduced during five days of trial... was not as persuasive as originally expected, such that the ability of the people to prove the guilt of these defendants beyond a reasonable doubt is questionable at best. There is no proof available as to the identity of the person or persons who were personally responsible for the damage which was shown; proof which is available indicates that these defendants did not engage in destructive conduct.

"To the best of your petitioner's knowledge and belief, there is no relevant testimony available to the people beyond that which was introduced during said trial.

"This petition has been discussed with the administration of the uni-

versity, which has no objection to its being granted.

"The Black Students Association wrote to Dr. (Allan) Niemi on Jan. 16, 1970, expressly disavowing any intent to do damage or detain anyone and expressing concern over the unintended events which gave rise to the prosecution. In fact, testimony introduced at the trial showed conclusively that these defendants exerted a calming influence on the demonstrators.

"In view of all of the foregoing considerations, the ends of justice do not require further prosecution..."

It was also announced this week by Dean of Students Dr. Lowell Kafer that the university has dropped charges against the six black students. According to Kafer, the decision to drop the charges followed a recommendation to do so by the Human Rights Commission.

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

A ruling on the petition to discontinue by Judge Hill is expected upon his return to Marquette on May 17 from a vacation.

Mudfest '70 To Feature Play, Rock

Rock music and games will highlight the 1970 annual Mud Festival, scheduled to be held May 20-23 in the field behind the Hedgecock Fieldhouse.

The annual event is sponsored by the individual residence halls councils.

Events to be included this year include a sack relay, four-legged race, pie-eating contest, softball games, a sled race, fieldball, a tug of war, the running of an obstacle course, a greased-pig contest, the "root beer chug," the election of a mud queen and girl's broomball.

Rock groups from Lower Michigan will perform at a dance on May 22, and the S.R.C. and Savage Grace will perform in concert at the Hedgecock Fieldhouse on May 23.

Tickets for the dance will be sold at the door, while tickets for the concert will be sold in advance beginning Monday, May 18, in the University Center. Concert tickets will sell for \$2 each.

Entry blanks for the planned activities and further information will be sent to the individual residence halls councils and their athletic directors.

Vinocur Elected To State Post

Dr. Jacob Vinocur, vice president for Academic Affairs at Northern Michigan University, was recently elected vice president of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters for 1970-71.

The Michigan Academy was founded in 1894 by a group of some 60 faculty members of Michigan colleges and universities. It now has approximately 1,700 members. Last year, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek awarded the Academy a four-year grant to promote scholarship and research.

MAIN CONCERN: ASIAN WAR

New Group Plans Action

Special to the News

The nucleus of the 200 students who participated in last Friday's memorial here for four students killed during disturbances at Ohio's Kent State University have formed an organization to plan further activities.

The organization is without a name as of yet, but already it has persuaded the Marquette City Com-

mission to meet with it this coming Monday night.

The organization is primarily concerned about bringing an end to the war in Southeast Asia, but pointed out in a statement released Wednesday that it "has been feverishly working on many different levels of University, community and national concerns."

One of these additional concerns is black student protest. Says the organization: "...We are supporting all black students who are involved in peaceful protest."

The group's initial meeting was held last Monday night, at which time over 200 persons—mostly students—were on hand to discuss the issues.

VOTE ON WAR

"Do you agree with the decision to dispatch United States ground troops to Cambodia?"

That's the question students will be asked Friday as Northern Michigan University participates in a national student poll designed to gauge opinion on recent developments in the war in Southeast Asia.

The opinion poll is being conducted nationally by the Association of Student Governments, headquartered in Washington, D.C. The tally will be recorded and verified by ASG in the presence of any person interested in watching.

The results will be released when the compilation is completed.

Polling tables are set up in dormitories, the Instructional Facility and in the Wildcat Den.

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