

SEEK MORE BLACK FACULTY

BSA Lists Concerns

Northern Michigan University's President John X. Jamrich has presented a list of seven demands last Friday, by the Black Student Association.

The demands, called for a four percent increase in Black enrollment by September 1970, six percent by September of 1971 and 11 percent by September of 1972; a guaranteed 11 percent increase in black faculty members; a black studies program with black instructors; black literature in the university library; extension and increase of the Black Aids Program; cancellation of the May 19 Teach-In; and an appropriation of \$5,000 for cultural events each year.

Jamrich responded by saying that "during these past several weeks, there have been varied pressures placed on Northern—ranging from cancellation of classes for the remainder of the semester to a day off to observe the death of United States citizens and the removal of hunting rifles from the campus.

"Each of these has been presented as a demand to be responded to immediately. Thus we have had to expend unusual time and energy

in dealing with these issues; much of this time and effort at the expense of satisfactory operation of this university.

"The current set of demands presents specific action—and again immediate action, on such matters as increasing Black student enrollments, guaranteeing increase in the number of black faculty, creating a black studies program, increasing library holdings related to black studies and extending the black aids program.

"My response to these demands is that I see them as legitimate indications of perceived needs of one group of students at Northern and that the kinds of needs which are presented have already been identified by black students, by the university's Human Rights Commission, our faculty and the Board of Control.

"We have inaugurated the Black Aids program in the residence halls; we have expanded the financial and work-study opportunities for black students substantially this past year; we have added black studies courses, and faculty groups are and will be working on additional items of this sort.

"We have, during these two years of my administration, added substantially to the library holdings as indicated in the list of requests, realizing that our library holdings in all areas of study need improvement.

"And this university has literally scoured the country in its recruitment effort for black faculty and staff.

"I must re-emphasize my response, namely that the commitment which the Board, I and the Faculty have made regarding the needs of all students coming to Northern will be given the most careful consideration and we shall provide for them within the available resources of this university at the earliest possible time.

Jamrich closed by stating that "the slanderous attacks on me as president are malicious, untrue and unfounded. My commitments and my actions of the past two years, and the commitments of this university are an open book which will clearly demonstrate the full commitment of Northern to providing the best possible education for all who come here with a desire to be educated.

"I call on all of our students and faculty to meditate on these matters carefully. We shall continue to operate as an institution of higher education for the citizens of this state."

Support for the demands was given by Dr. David Meneghel, assistant professor of speech; Dr. Robert McClellan, assistant professor of history, and Sue Warner, who spoke for the recently formed Committee for Action.

McClellan, in his statement, said that he would recommend to the faculty that they set aside a portion of their salaries, to be matched by university funds, to increase the Black Aids Program.

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give the power of government back to the people."

Stressing the need for peaceful avenues of change, Perry nonetheless warned that "apathy will destroy democracy and bring about an oligarchy in this country." He said that discrimination in the Marquette community is not limited to blacks, but is also practiced against students who have long hair.

Perry said that he and two friends "who also had long hair" tried to rent an apartment in the city but were told by its owner, "I wouldn't rent to your kind."

ASNMU President Kevin O'Donnell said that the "biggest problem between the city of Marquette and the University is lack of communication."

"But," said O'Donnell, "the students at NMU must organize themselves before we can establish rapport between the campus and the community."

"The fact that the 'Marquette' city commissioners are here is very significant," said Dr. Robert McClellan, NMU instructor of history.

"I live in Marquette; this is my home," he said. "I like it here."

McClellan said that he considers himself a resident of Marquette as well as a member of the University community "and I don't know just exactly where that puts me in this discussion."

Following McClellan's remarks, Bill Wilson a Marquette resident, stood up in the audience and offered to take students "who are afraid to stay on campus" into his home "so they can continue their education."

Wilson called on other concerned Marquette citizens to make similar offers.

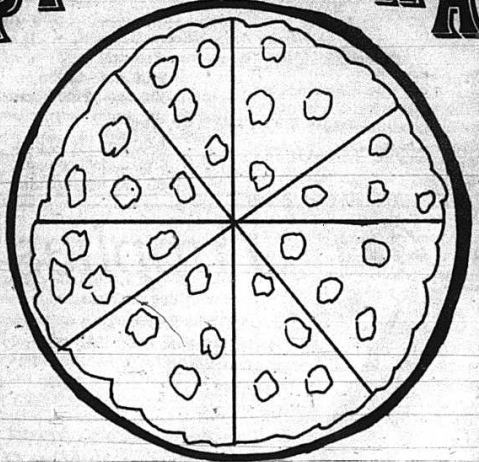
Several black students had indicated last week that they were afraid to stay on campus for the remainder of the semester because they had been threatened with bodily harm and because of a re-

port that two black students were fired on while walking near a campus dormitory.

Following the opening remarks, the audience broke up into small groups to discuss campus-community problems.

The discussion, which lasted for about an hour, was followed by a general "wrap-up" session at which representatives of the various small groups spoke on their individual discussions.

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