

Emergency...

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unimpeded on the grounds of a state-supported institution of higher education."

In addition, the spokesmen also expressed their dissatisfaction with Jamrich's refusal to let them return home now, without grade penalties.

"Monday evening, when we met with seven Black members of the legislature, we sought to emphasize the tension and fear which presently dominates the campus.

"The legislators have advised us that they will request the Chairman of the House Committee on Colleges and Universities to ask Dr. Jamrich to appear before the committee and the Black legislators to testify on the situation.

"We are most hopeful that the situation can be resolved at an early date, so as to avoid the further extension of racial unrest. In addition, we would hope that Dr. Jamrich will reconsider his decision not to allow Black students to leave without undue penalty, prior to the closing of the official school year."

Pointing to reports from faculty members who are voluntarily spending their evening hours in the residence halls, Jamrich said that "they report a normal situation."

"Their attitude has been substantiated by the reports of Charles Greenleaf of the Governor's office, who visited the campus last week, and Joseph Gross, Detroit, a Black member of the university's Board of Control, who also visited the campus Tuesday."



Just as he has gone to the rock in front of the University Center several times in the past week to hear student concerns, President John X. Jamrich went there again last Friday, this time to hear the concerns of black students.

Milliken

A Michigan gubernatorial aide

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Follow System

Northern Michigan University's black student community has presented the University administration with a list of "demands" — for purposes of rhetoric, we'd prefer to call them "requests" — which we see as quite reasonable. Northern's black students in many respects deserve special treatment. And that's not "reverse racism," either; it's just recognizing the facts that blacks up here do have special problems.

What must be remembered, though, is that these demands simply are not going to be implemented overnight. University President John X. Jamrich has established a precedent for dealing with student "requests": consult the Academic Senate; consult the ASNMU Governing Board; make a decision based on the recommendations of both. It's a process which is perfectly in tune with the democratic system — certainly not as efficient as a presidential fiat; but then, efficiency has never characterized the democratic process.

What is important now is pressure. Blacks must put pressure on the Academic Senate and on the ASNMU Governing Board if their list of demands is to be implemented. Neither group must ever be allowed to forget the fact that it has a black constituency to represent.

But the "channels" must be followed. Those blacks who are upset with the current conditions on campus (and those whites who feel the same way, for that matter) MUST remember that, as good as the results would be in this situation, an arbitrary presidential decision would only serve to destroy the democratic process of decision making which, for the first time in 78 years, is now in existence at Northern.

As most every black person knows, waiting for change is a frustrating experience. But change can and will occur at Northern. If such change is to come through a democratic process which involves ALL members of the University community, though, waiting is the only answer.

Unfortunate Role

Northern Michigan University has gone through a period of great turmoil over the past several weeks — a turmoil which, thanks to the sensibility of our administrative, faculty, and student leadership, has remained verbal rather than physical. Leading the effort to keep Northern's "turmoil" peaceful has been University President John X. Jamrich.

An unfortunate situation within the University administration, however, has long made Jamrich's job as both campus peacemaker and University chief executive more difficult than it really should be. The "unfortunate situation" we refer to is the fact that the president of the company which owns three of the major daily papers in the Upper Peninsula is also a key member of NMU's Board of Control. This person is John P. McGoff.

McGoff's involvement with the U.P.'s three major sources of daily local news (*The Marquette Mining Journal*, *The Escanaba Daily Press* and *The Iron Mountain News*) has in the past and continues to put the University in what we regard as an impossible position. The situation is especially severe in the Marquette area because the only other major source of local news — radio station WDMJ — gets its copy directly from the *Mining Journal* newsroom, having virtually no news department of its own.

It has been continually charged by enemies of the University that there is some sort of "secret coalition" between the *Mining Journal* (i.e., Panax Corporation) and the University to suppress the truth about what happens on the NMU campus. Even those in the Upper Peninsula who are friendly toward NMU have begun to regard John McGoff's "dual role" as, at the very least, unfortunate.

While we recognize the great contribution John McGoff has made to the betterment of Northern Michigan University during his tenure as a member of the Board of Control, we cannot help but feel that his continued association with both the University and major U.P. printed media will inevitably do more harm than good, both to Northern's credibility and to the credibility of the Upper Peninsula Panax papers.

The greatest service John McGoff could do Northern Michigan University at the present time is to resign his position on this institution's Board of Control.

Quotable Quotes

Everything changes but change.

Zangwill

A book is the only immortality.

Rufus Choate

In the country of the blind the one-eyed man is king.

Erasmus

Communications Gap Narrowed

The "communications gap" between the University and the city of Marquette was narrowed somewhat Monday night as an estimated 300 people gathered in the city's Community Center to talk about problems in town-gown relations.

Representing the city of Marquette in the remarks which pre-faced a series of small group discussions were Mayor Lloyd Price and City Commissioners Fred Rydholm, Ed Downey and Paul LaFreniere.

Speakers from the University community included Vernon Smalls and David Williams, members of the Black Students Association; Fred Perry, an NMU student; Kevin O'Donnell, president of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University; and Dr. Robert McClellan, NMU history instructor.

While acknowledging that the "relationship between the city of Marquette and NMU has been good," Mayor Lloyd Price said that city officials "cannot stand idly by and see our town torn apart by students who do not like it here."

And, said Price, "We do not intend to."

Price called the University "a boon to the city of Marquette" but said that local citizens have been asking lately "why radical students are admitted to Northern Michigan University."

Fred Rydholm, considered to be

a key member of Marquette's City Commission, blamed the problems between the city and the University on "rumor-mongers."

"People at the college get blamed for a lot more than they do," Rydholm said, advising NMU students "to put your best foot forward" when in the community.

He noted that the "rumor-mongers" cause "violence and misunderstanding... at a time when patience

by Don Curran

and understanding should be on everybody's mind..."

Rydholm said that nothing constructive is accomplished by "tormenting, threatening or causing fear."

"We must play it cool and channel our protests in the right direction," he said.

Calling for change through work within the "system," City Commissioner Ed Downey said that NMU students and Marquette citizens "must forget city and University positions and talk to each other... as friends and fellow citizens."

"There's no such thing as one group being right," he said.

There's a consensus of opinion in the community which is right."

"We must not be afraid of radical or radical ideas," Downey added, "But we must work within the system."

"Don't destroy the system in your attempt to make a change," he advised.

Speaking briefly, City Commissioner Paul LaFreniere noted that "along with all rights, there is a duty and responsibility."

I look forward to dialogue between students and members of the community," he said.

Black Students Association member Vernon Smalls outlined four problems he said black students face in the Marquette community, including discrimination in housing, problems with the city policy, inaccurate reporting on the part of the local media and discrimination in local stores.

In attacking the media, Smalls said that "the junk printed in the Marquette Mining Journal (concerning the black sit-in and the recent District Court trial of six blacks) was totally ludicrous."

"We were in the Deans' Office for a purpose," Smalls said, "and that purpose wasn't to destroy property."

Speaking of discrimination in local stores, Smalls said that "workers forget their jobs" when a black walks in to a shop in Marquette.

"A white person could walk off with the whole store because the workers are so busy watching us blacks," he said.

"When it comes right down to it," said BSA member David Williams, "the black-white problem is really a student problem."

"If white students supported blacks, we could accomplish things in the community," he said.

Williams also attacked the local news media, charging that it never told the public all of the facts behind the black sit-in in the Deans' Office.

The Black Students Association offered to pay for the damages in the Deans' Office and apologized for those damages, Williams said, "but the University said, 'We want to get us six niggers.'"

Williams also called for change in the Marquette city police force and an end to housing discrimination in the city.

"This meeting—a discussion of these problems—can't be the end of your concern," he said. "Concentrated action must be taken."

Fred Perry, an NMU student, told the gathering that the Northern Michigan University campus is in a state of "civil war—not a war of fighting, but a war to gain rights guaranteed us by the United States Constitution."

He said that the current slogan "power to the people" is "not revolutionary, (but rather) a plea to

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Editor's Mail



last issue I wondered if I should leave the safe confines of the den and view the "ruins" of Kaye Hall since it was "firebombed" or risk being trampled by the student strikers who gave the community at large the impression of a massive and effective boycott of the educational system here at NMU. However, when I read on and found out the bombs didn't go off (the bomber must have flunked basic chemistry) and the student strikers numbered all of 250, I ventured it was safe. I dare not go towards the Armory though since the strikers, armed with preparation 'H' turned their wrath on its flagpole by placing a call to the Governor's office stating the emerging society wants to lower the flag to half-mast in memory of the Kent State students. Perhaps they should watch Northern's fractured flick "It's Dark In The Woods, Isn't It?" At least 10 times till they realize when symbolism is overworked the line does get a little stale.

Billy Warner

Real Sapp

To The News:

In response to Ken Aino, this is the real Butch Sapp, less bear hair. He is 5'6", weighs 118 pounds and smells of trout.

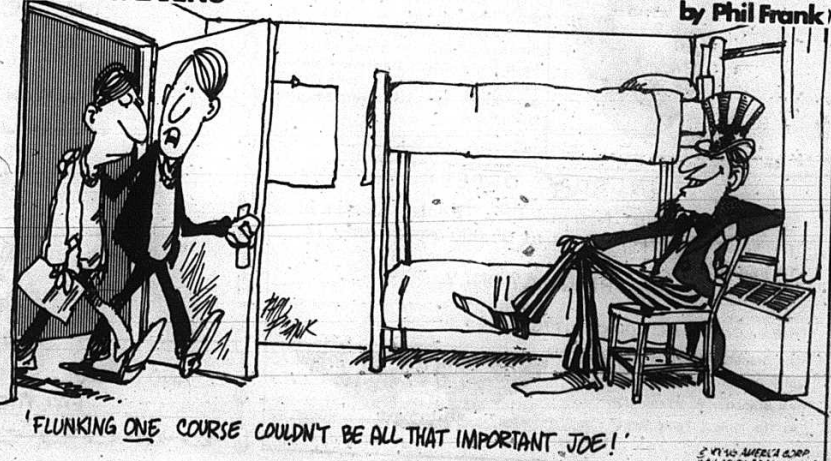
Butch Sapp

Again!

To The News:

Yes, the select few have done it again! When I finished reading your

FRANKLY SPEAKING



by Phil Frank

'FLUNKING ONE COURSE COULDN'T BE ALL THAT IMPORTANT JOE!'

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