

Black Students' Protest, Hearings On NMU Campus Aired By University Dean

Black students must achieve a sense of identity, but they're going to have to achieve it within the established order, a Northern Michigan University official said Monday.

Speaking at the noon luncheon meeting of the Marquette Rotary Club, Dean of Students Lowell K. Kafer discussed the current situation on the NMU campus involving efforts to prosecute black students who participated in a sit-in demonstration on campus last Dec. 17-18.

Twenty-one black students were charged with violating university regulations during the demonstration in which the dean of students offices were occupied after 3 in the morning, furniture and equipment was damaged and Dr. Allan Niemi, NMU vice president for student affairs, allegedly was forcibly detained and threatened by students occupying the offices. Kafer was present along with Niemi at the site of the demonstration.

Two Concepts Emerged

Before commenting on the demonstration and the subsequent hearings for the accused black students, Kafer spoke on "the dynamics leading to racial tensions on campuses."

The first black sit-in was undertaken 10 years ago this month to integrate a lunch counter in the Deep South, Kafer said. Since then, the movement has had a great impact on the thought patterns of blacks, and two principal concepts have emerged among them.

One is the "black is beautiful" concept whereby blacks emphasize Afro-Americanism to gain a sense of pride from being black.

Black Unity

A few years ago, Kafer said, blacks wanted to be white or as much like whites as possible in hopes of sharing some of the advantages enjoyed by whites over blacks. This desire has now been abandoned in favor of its direct opposite, an accentuation of blackness to gain a sense of identity.

The black is beautiful concept is manifested in Afro hair styles, soul foods, soul music and demands for black studies courses, Kafer said. Last November, he noted, a Miss Black Pride contest was held on the NMU campus.

The second concept that has grown out of the civil rights movement, the speaker said, is black unity, or separatism. Blacks don't want to be discriminated against, but they no longer

want to become integrated with whites, as the whites once thought they did, Kafer said.

Difficulties blacks encounter in Marquette were enumerated by Kafer, "based on what black students have told me."

"One of the difficulties is that there is no place to go for social life outside the campus. Whites can leave the campus and find a social life, but not blacks."

"Black students also tell me they feel very uncomfortable in the community, that they get the feeling that they're really not wanted in the community."

'Emotion-Charged Situation'

"They also find it difficult to find housing. If they want to rent a room off campus, it's virtually impossible to do so."

Kafer said he sees the drives for black pride and black unity "as necessary and desirable trends in order for a black person to have respect for himself, but at the same time the dynamics are there for a lot of confrontation and tension. What we're seeing on our campuses is a very emotion-charged situation."

Question Of Permission

Turning to the black student hearings, Kafer said he and Niemi were able to identify about 25 black students who were present after the 5 p.m. closing of the dean of students offices or early on the morning of Dec. 18 when Niemi reportedly was held against his will in the offices.

Ten of the cases were heard by the Student-Faculty Judiciary involving students who could be identified merely as being present during the demonstration without committing any overt acts, Kafer said.

The judiciary said mere presence was insufficient grounds for conviction, Kafer stated, and "there was some confusion over whether they had permission to be there — this was really the issue surrounding the first 15 cases."

The judiciary voted to acquit the first 10 and asked that the other five of the 15 cases be dismissed on grounds that they were identical to the 10 cases already heard. The university administration agreed to the dismissal request.

Allowing for students who didn't return to school after the semester break, six cases remain to be heard. Those involve students accused of more serious violations who are to be arraigned in Marquette District Court on March 3.

Because of constitutional ques-

tions involved, Kafer said, "we have chosen not to take action on campus on these cases until they have been disposed of downtown."

Frequent Questions

The most frequent questions asked regarding the hearings, Kafer said, are "What in hell is happening on campus?" and "Why doesn't the president kick them out of school?"

Kafer replied that the university president can't expel the students because of legal roadblocks.

Although he said "I'm disappointed with what has come out of the hearings," Kafer said disciplinary procedure against college students has changed greatly in the last 10 years. Before that, college administrators could dismiss students whenever they wanted to, but subsequent court rulings have established that an institution must provide due process for a student "in arriving at any situation to sever his relations with the university."

'Quasi-Legal Situation'

"We have gone from a very authoritarian situation to an almost quasi-legal situation," the speaker said.

"Last fall, the NMU board adopted a 'Student Code of Conduct' in keeping with provisions for due process. We thought we had in writing one of the best systems in the country, and it worked quite well until the recent hearings for black students."

In a question period following his address, Kafer commented in response to a query, "There has not been a student who has been suspended from NMU whose parents haven't said, 'You can't do that to my son (or daughter)!' We need the support of parents. We have been asked to be the parents of 7,000 stu-

Youth Injured In Auto Mishap

NEGAUNEE — A two-car accident at 7:10 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Division and Copper Sts. resulted in injury to an 18-year-old youth.

Police said a vehicle driven by Phillip J. Ombrello, Ishpeming, made a left-turn forcing an oncoming vehicle driven by Gary Anderson, 18, Negaunee, into a utility pole.

Anderson, who suffered minor injuries, sought his own treatment.

Ombrello was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way. Anderson's car was removed from the scene by a wrecker.

Special Events Program Sunday At Mt. Mesnard; Skiers To Race In Costume

Mt. Mesnard's annual "Special Events Day" is scheduled Sunday, with all participating skiers requested to wear costumes for the occasion.

James C. Engle, superintendent of the Marquette Parks - Recreation Department, which operates Mt. Mesnard, said the day's schedule will include races, novelty events, and outdoor cooking for those who wish to bring food for lunch.

The city will provide picnic tables and grills, and skiers who wish may cook outside, beginning at 11 a.m.

Forsyth Group Elects Officers

GWINN—Officers of the Forsyth Township Lake Front Property Owners Association were elected at a regular meeting.

Officers elected were Vance Hiney, president; Horace Dompierre, vice president; Vincent Villa, secretary; and Ted Kero, treasurer.

The organization will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Richmond Township Community Club. All members and lake property owners are urged to attend.

Races, Obstacle Event

Competitive events will start at 1 p.m., according to Alethea (Scotty) Rossi, hill supervisor at Mt. Mesnard. Downhill, slalom and trail races, as well as an obstacle course event, are slated.

Skiers taking part will be divided into the following age groups: tiny tots, children 5 and 6, children 7 to 9, those 10 to 13, skiers 14 to 16, and older contestants.

Obituary

JOSEPH HAKENJOS

Services for Joseph W. Hakenjos, who died Saturday, will be held at 10 Thursday morning in the Fassbender Funeral Home with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arnold L. Casanova, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 7 Wednesday evening.

dents, and we just can't be that.

Kafer concluded his address by stating, "Having blacks at Northern is not only desirable but necessary. I welcome them. Somehow, we're going to have to work with them because if we can't overcome the problems at Northern, then there's really no hope for society."

A man weighing 150 pounds on earth would weigh nearly two tons on the sun.

Doctor O.K.'s This Hemorrhoid Treatment For N.J. Couple's Son

Treatment Shrinks Piles, Relieves Pain In Most Cases

Wharton, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jeffers report: "Our son suffered from hemorrhoids. I asked the doctor about Preparation H and he gave us the O.K. Our son is now fine, thanks to Preparation H!"

(Note: Doctors have proved in most cases — Preparation H actually shrinks inflamed hemorrhoids. In case after case, the sufferer first notices prompt relief from pain, burning and itching. Then swelling is gently reduced. There's no other formula for the treatment of hemorrhoids like doctor-tested Preparation H. It also lubricates to make bowel movements more comfortable soothes irritated tissues and helps prevent further infection. In ointment or suppository form.)

Many Irish Pubs Install Milk Bars

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Many Irish pubs have installed milk bars since the introduction of the breathalyzer test for drunken drivers. National Dairy Council signs in the bars read: "Scientists have proven milk reduces intoxication."

Christianity, Buddhism and Islam all began in Asia, as did Hinduism, Judaism and Taoism.

NOTICE

Board of Review West Branch Township

Private Session Tuesday, March 3, 1970
Public Sessions, Monday, March 9, 1970 and Tuesday, March 10, 1970 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West Branch Township Hall
Sol Wiseman, Acting Clerk

NOTICE

MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW
Private Sessions March 3rd & 4th, 1970.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

March 9, 1970 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1:00-4:00 p.m., 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
March 10, 1970 9 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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