

Faculty Senate Supports Jamrich In BSU Incident

By a unanimous vote, the Northern Michigan University Faculty Senate adopted a resolution "endorsing fully" the response of Dr. John X. Jamrich, president of NMU, to the student protests and demonstrations earlier in the week.

A "sit-in" by a group of black militants, who said they were members of the Black Students Union, forced cancellation of the NMU basketball game with Pan American of Edinburg, Texas, Monday night.

Balked At Demands
The militants marched onto the floor during the playing of

the national anthem, raising their hands in a black power salute, and refused to leave, protesting what they alleged was unfair treatment by NMU's security police and expressing other grievances.

Jamrich had offered to meet with the group immediately following the game, but refused to yield to the demand by the militants that he suspend or fire a security officer on the spot.

Concur In Judgment

With specific reference to the events resulting in the cancellation of the basketball game

with Pan American, the NMU Faculty Senate said it "concurs with his (Dr. Jamrich's) judgment that:

"(1) There shall be no negotiation of grievances under threat of intimidation or violence.

"(2) Violations of law and of the board of control policy and campus regulations shall be dealt with in strict accordance with standards of the due process.

"(3) Meetings of administrators and faculty will be held, as they have been in the past, with any representative student group, which conducts itself in a responsible manner and in good faith as part of a joint effort to identify and, within the resources available to the university, to remedy as completely as possible the legitimate grievances disclosed in such meetings or through other proper channels."

'Helped Heal Wounds'

The Faculty Senate observed that Jamrich "took office under the most trying circumstances," and that he has been on the campus less than six months.

"Yet," it asserted, "in the judgment of the Senate, he has, in that short time, established himself as a man of intelligence, industry, forthrightness and good will — one sincerely devoted to the best interests of every segment of the Northern community.

"He has succeeded remarkably in helping to heal deep-seated wounds and hostilities in many quarters and to give NMU real educational purpose and direction.

"The Faculty Senate strongly disapproves of the unfair criticism and harassment" of Jamrich.

Hodge Will Investigate Option To Lease Former J & L Ore Research Lab

NEGAUNEE — Manager Rodney D. Hodge was instructed by the Negaunee City Council at its meeting Thursday night to contact Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. to determine what arrangements can be made to obtain an option to lease the building at the Tracy Mine site formerly used by J & L as an ore research laboratory.

Council action was the result of a communication from

search lab on August 1 of this year, and at that time the corporation offered to lease the building to the Negaunee School District for vocational education purposes. After studying the proposal for two months and obtaining estimates on costs involved in converting the building to an educational facility, the board instructed Superintendent Robert Northey to notify J & L the district did not have sufficient funds available at this time to pro-