



Cordell Wood (right), president of the Epsilon Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, an all-black fraternity at Northern Michigan University, presents a plaque to Earl A. McIntyre, faculty advisor to the group, for having been chosen

the "best advisor in the Michigan Province" to a black fraternity. Presentation was made at the Marquette Kiwanis Club's luncheon meeting Monday afternoon in the Northwoods Supper Club.

NMU Black Students View Relationships With Community

Northern Michigan University's black students find the community generally responsive to their needs, except in areas in which there are little or no opportunities for anyone.

That was the general reaction of spokesmen for the Epsilon Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, an all-black fraternity at NMU, who appeared before the Marquette Kiwanis Club at its luncheon meeting in the Northwoods Supper Club Monday afternoon.

In a surprise presentation, Cordell Wood, president of the fraternity, gave Earl A. McIntyre, faculty advisor for the group, a plaque for having been chosen "best advisor in the Michigan Province" to a black fraternity.

Selection was made at the recent province meeting held in Detroit, Wood said. McIntyre is director of communications for NMU.

Hear Three Students

Three leaders of the fraternity, Jerry Mitchell, a Buffalo, N.Y., senior; James Johnson, a Detroit junior, and Stanley Phillips, a Detroit sophomore, spoke on community relations.

While there were some remarks concerning prejudice, the tone, on the whole, was one of acceptance by the community, it was noted.

"Like anyone else," Mitchell said, "we tend to remember the things that are done against you, and not those things that are done for you."

He said the relations with the community were better when there were fewer black students here, about four years ago.

"On the whole, however, the community has done pretty well insofar as entertainment is concerned," Mitchell said. "The businessmen treat us pretty well, although there are

some discrepancies."

He said there is not so much a "black-white problem" here as there is a "problem of communications."

Concerning Integration

In a question-answer period, Mitchell responded to a query about the change in the blacks' attitude (seeking separate or segregated places and groups, instead of integrated programs). Mitchell said the blacks today are seeking equal opportunities, instead of equality, as they did before.

Johnson said Marquette does not have too much to offer the blacks from a recreation standpoint, but acknowledged, in response to a question from the floor, that the recreational opportunities which are available here are available to blacks as well as whites.

"There just isn't much for us to do," he said, then saying, after a question was raised about hunting and fishing, that not many blacks from the metropolitan areas are interested in such recreational activities, which are the major attractions here.

Churches Important

Phillips pointed out that churches traditionally have been the connecting point between blacks and whites, here and elsewhere.

For in religion, he said, has been centered the attention of the early generation blacks in America, and from religion has evolved many of the prominent black leaders (Rev. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Rev. Ralph Abernathy, etc.).

There was more involvement with churches while the Women's Job Corps was on the campus, he said, but not much in regular services since then, primarily because the blacks prefer more involvement, i.e., singing, in religious services.

He said it is anticipated that the establishment of a black Baptist church on the campus within the coming year will enable more black participation in religious activities.

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