



John X. Jamrich, president, and group of Northern Michigan University students are shown beside one of the bonfires set in Kaye Ave. during demonstration outside Jamrich's residence. The students presented him with demand for a "holiday" Friday to permit them to hold memorial services for students killed at Kent State College in Ohio.

# NMU Grants Students' Demand For 'Holiday'

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Lincoln Ave. and Wright St. Observers estimated that about 1,500 started the march, but approximately one-third of them dropped out before reaching Jamrich's home.

Two city police patrol cars were observed in the vicinity, but at no time did officers interfere with the proceedings.

Large bonfires were set in the middle of Kaye Ave. A number of Marquette residents watched the meeting between Jamrich and the students.

The crowd began moving away after Jamrich promised that the Northern Academic Senate would consider the

"holiday" demand today. It was reported that 20 or so students stayed in the vicinity all night.

### Confusion Over Protests

Much of the discussion between Jamrich and the students was over insistence by the demonstrators that their demand be granted immediately and confusion over just what protests were being presented to the administration.

Protests over the draft, Army, ROTC, the Vietnam conflict and the Cambodian border crossings, as well as the Kent State incident, all were heard, but a petition presented to the NMU president, reportedly containing 2,100 signatures, referred specifically to the shoot-

ing of students at Kent State.

Prior to presentation of the petition to Jamrich, one of the student leaders, Charles Steen of Grosse Pointe, declared: "Like I'm going to give this cat 2,100 signatures and see what he does with it." Kevin O'Donnell, Tampa,



Shown with Jamrich (wearing hat) during lengthy discussions outside the NMU president's Tampa, Fla., newly elected president of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University. — (Mining Journal photos)

Fla. new president of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, promised that he "personally" would present the petition to the governing board and ask the board for a day off from classes.

### Wanted Immediate Decision

Many of the students kept insisting that Jamrich make an immediate decision on their demand, that faculty-students discussions begin immediately, that the meeting be moved to the fieldhouse so students taking part in the demonstration could observe and hear the discussions.

"We're here in mass saying what we want for ourselves," one of the students said. "We don't need the Academic Senate committee." Another declared: "We feel we got a right to say what we're saying now and we demand to be heard now."

Jamrich was just as adamant that he would not act under duress. Referring to the December, 1968, sit-in

at the fieldhouse by black students, he stated: "I will not negotiate in a coercive environment — and that statement stands now."

Later he repeated that he "will not make the decision in the street and in a coercive environment."

In answer to a question about what he would do "if the faculty says no," Jamrich replied: "We will make the decision tomorrow at 9." "Confusing Issues"

There appeared to be confusion and dissension among the demonstrators over whether their protests were over the Kent State shooting incident or the spreading war in Southeast Asia.

The dissension led Jamrich to observe at one point:

"I thought you were here about the horrible event at Kent State. I deplore killing in a situation I don't feel merited shooting."

Later he asked the student leaders, "Why are you con-

fusing the issues?"

Jamrich said he had been counseled by some persons to leave his residence for safety reasons. He told of receiving threats that his home would be stoned, but said he and members of his family would remain there.

Demands also were made that Jamrich write a letter to President Nixon condemning the Kent State shootings as well as the Cambodian border

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