

NMU Student Files Complaint Alleging Race Discrimination

A complaint alleging unequal opportunity for black students in Marquette has been filed with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission by a Northern Michigan University student.

The Mining Journal learned today from the Detroit office of the commission that four members of the commission staff are in Marquette investigating the complaint filed by Patrick Williams, Saginaw, president of the Black Students Association at NMU.

The commission refused to discuss details of the complaint, but it was learned that the allegations charge the university with discrimination in education, employment and housing.

Asked if there was any sub-

stance to the allegations in the complaint, Dr. John X. Jamzich, university president, said, "Since details of the allegations have not been made public, we do not feel it is proper to make comment until the investigating team has completed its investigation and until we have had time to complete our study of the individual allegations."

Miss Ruth Rasmussen, Detroit, acting director of compliance for the Civil Rights Commission, told The Mining Journal that she expects the investigation to be completed this week. A report on the investigation is expected by the end of next week, she said.

Procedural Steps

"If there is not evidence in the report to substantiate the

claimant's allegations, the complaint will be submitted to the commission with a request for dismissal of the case," Miss Rasmussen said.

"If there is substantiation, we will request an opportunity to meet with the respondent in an effort to work out some congenial solutions."

Miss Rasmussen said it probably will be July or August before the commission makes its final disposition of the case. She said details of the investigators' report could not be made public until after the case is decided by the commission.

Narcotics School Set For Thursday

Police officers from throughout Marquette County are expected to attend the one-day narcotics seminar to be held in the National Guard Armory here Thursday.

The school, sponsored by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council in cooperation with the Federal