

NMU Black Students, Jamrich Spell Out Details Of Campus Turmoil To Top State Officials

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LANSING — Ten Northern Michigan University black students and NMU President John X. Jamrich spelled out their six months-of-campus turmoil to top state officials today.

They held separate press conferences in the capital this morning and later planned direct approaches to the Legislature and Gov. Milliken.

These were the developments at noon today.

Jamrich was called to testify before the House Committee on Colleges and Universities this afternoon.

The students picked up support from the Legislature's "black caucus," which helped them arrange the press conference and promised an investigation.

Students said they would seek a meeting with Milliken to back up their demands and to obtain protection on the campus.

Jamrich said the black students have been treated fairly but were undergoing "emotional anxiety because of academic troubles as the semester draws to a close."

Patrick Williams, Saginaw senior and president of the Black Students Association, said stu-

dents "are in fear for life and limb and are surrounded by racial attitudes."

He claimed that the community has become inflamed by misinformation in the news media, a white vigilante committee has been formed in Marquette County and the students have been shot at several times in the past three weeks.

Jamrich said he knew of no

Ninety-five guns have been turned in to the Northern Michigan University security office since Dr. John X. Jamrich, NMU president, ordered all guns out of campus residence quarters, according to William Lyons, in charge of the security office. All of the firearms were shotguns or rifles, except three or four pistols — and four sets of bows and arrows. The firearms will be kept under lock until the end of the semester, when their owners may reclaim them.

such vigilante committee and that there has been only one unconfirmed report of a student being shot at. He said there has been no report made of the incident and no time or place of such a shooting has been ascertained.

Williams said that Jamrich's order that guns possessed by students be either taken home or turned into a central collecting spot has been violated. He said there were 2,000 to 4,000 guns on the campus and that a spot check after Jamrich issued his order showed more than 200 guns in a single dormitory.

'Can't Function As Students'

Williams said parents have come to Northern to take their youngsters out of school, fearing violence, and that the "black students have been escorted through town" by townspersons.

"We are very concerned about it because we can't function as students," Williams said.

Black students charged that white students had built fires in the president's yard and had not been punished but that when blacks did the same thing they were denied a day off that the whites had been given.

Submit 14 Revised Demands

Jamrich said both groups had built fires but had caused no damage and that both had conducted orderly demonstrations and that it had not been brought to his attention that this had created a problem.

The students presented a list of 14 revised demands, including the resignations of John P. McGoff, president of Panax Corp., which publishes The Mining Journal, and Joseph J. Gross, personnel director for Panax, from the NMU Board of Control.

"He (McGoff) has repeatedly run racist articles in The Mining Journal," said Williams. "This is what has caused the tension."

Want Black Quotas

Jamrich said he has noted no racist overtones in The Mining Journal. He said, "I think they cover the events of the day as well as they can be covered."

The remainder of the 14 demands included those for an 11 per cent black quota of the faculty, a four per cent black student quota by next September, six per cent by 1971 and 11 per cent by 1972.

They asked for \$10,000 a year earmarked for scholarships for inner city students, use of the campus radio and closed circuit television for black educational programs and a re-evaluation of the university's Human Rights Commission.

Other Demands

Students also demanded one black resident aide in each dormitory, more black books in the library (with a black librarian in charge of the section), a university job finding program for black students, a black faculty member or graduate student on all presidential advisory committees.

"We have to have these or we can't exist as black students there," Williams said.

He said the resignation of Gross from the board was demanded because "he has not represented black students up there and he hasn't communicated with us."

Jamrich said it was Gross' suggestion that a black counselor be named to the staff, particularly since there is no black community in Marquette to which the students can relate.

"He's very reasonable and

very reachable, and as a matter of fact is up there today talking to 'black students,'" Jamrich said.

In another campus incident, Williams said black students inside the dormitories were fired upon through a window.

Comment By Legislator

Jamrich said that the missile turned out to be — after investigation—a stone fired by a slingshot.

Williams acknowledged that many of the black students, approximately 100, were in academic difficulties this semester because they haven't been able to function as students.

Rep. Davis Holmes (D-Detroit) said, "This looks like a systematic way to get rid of black students."

Williams said black students would not return to the campus if the demands were not met.

'University To Stay Open'

"The university is calm and has been calm," Jamrich said. "There is no emergency at Northern Michigan, and the basis to the notion that there is danger to life and limb on the campus does not exist."

"Northern Michigan University is going to stay open to the end of the semester. I will protect every student and faculty member to the best of my ability."

"Many of them are in academic difficulty, but so are a number of white students who have goofed off. They get anxious at the end of the semester and want to do something about it."

'Just Haven't Gone To Class'

Jamrich said the students directly involved in a court case arising from a December demonstration have been taken care of in the matter of finishing their academic work for the remainder of the semester.

"The others have not been working during the semester. They just haven't gone to class," Jamrich said.

He was asked if it were reasonable to allow the black students to take their present grade as their final grade or

Forsyth V Approve Levy By

GWINN — Reversing their previous decision at a special election on March 31, Forsyth Township electors yesterday approved by a 29 vote margin a proposal providing for a levy of six mills for five years for township operational purposes.

All told, there were 541 votes cast with 285 electors in favor of the proposal and 256 opposing it. In the previous election, the proposition was defeated by 57 votes with 231 "No" votes be-

make up the work they missed during the next year.

Procedure For Absences

"That's just not equitable and just to all of the students of that university," Jamrich replied.

He said the university policy is that a student may make individual arrangements with the faculty for satisfactory absences or illnesses but that he knows of no efforts made to take advantage of this procedure.

Jamrich said the university has already instituted a black resident aide program, has assigned a tutorial system for blacks that now is serving 75 to 100 students, has increased the Martin Luther King program of scholarships to \$7,000 and has added to Board of Control scholarships specifically earmarked for black students.

Paving Firm Told To Act On Pollution

LANSING (AP) — These actions were taken Tuesday by the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission:

Riverside Foundry and Galvanizing Co. at Kalamazoo was given an additional 60 days to submit a program for reasonable control of air pollution.

Pioneer Foundry Co. of Jackson was given until Jan. 1 to make a decision on the type of controls to be used, to submit program and to complete work within a reasonable time thereafter.

Valley Grey Iron Foundry Co. of Saginaw was ordered to appear in June before the commission and make a progress report on air pollution control steps or face legal action.

Ideal Castings Co. of Albion was given an additional six months to complete negotiations for a collection system.

H. Hirschfield and Sons Metal Salvage Company of Bay City was given until Sept. 1 to install a wire incinerator.

Custom Asphalt Paving Co. of rural Negaunee was given another six months to decide whether it will comply with state regulations or face closure.

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