Board Meeting To Review Case

McClellan Getting Review Not Hearing: Johnson

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Faced with a possible student boycott of classes, Northern Michigan University's Board of Control is meeting today with interim president Ogden E. Johnson to review the case against Dr. Robert McClellan. Dr. McClellan, an assistant professor of history, was given a terminal contract at the offset of this school year.

The review, which came about after pressure from the faculty and student body, is being held in the shadow of student picketing which has been going on almost continuously since Wednesday of last week.

Student body president Don L. Keskey, who also has former student senator Bob Fure, is credited with organizing the all-hour student committee to support Dr. McClellan.

Keskey indicated that the picketing would continue until the Board of Control hands down a decision. Keskey added that if McClellan is reinstated picketing would turn into a boycott of classes that was passed unanimously by over 4,000 students at a mass meeting last Wednesday.

The student resolution for a class boycott was supported later in the week by NMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

They passed a resolution agreeing "not to penalize in any way the students who might be involved in the boycott." As articulated by Faculty Senate member Dr. Richard O'Dell, the action on the part of the Faculty is not a controversy over one man but as much a test of the limits of academic freedom and faculty involvement in the affairs of the university.

Besides continuing to picket on campus since the middle of last week, a few students traveled to Lansing last weekend to picket Story, Inc., where former University President Edgar L. Harden is employed.

"A couple of the students came over to our house," said Dr. Harden, "and we spent some time talking the whole thing over. I told them they could picket as long as they wanted and when they got cold they could come in for coffee. Just so they would go back and tell whoever sent them that I wasn't changing my position."

Issue Statement

Homeowners Defend McClellan

The North Marquette Home Owners' Committee issued a statement in defense of Dr. Robert McClellan, charging that statements released by the university administration concerning McClellan's involvement with the committee were inaccurate.

"Dr. McClellan never acted in behalf, as implied, of any group or property owners in the expansion area," the statement reads, "but rather in behalf of and as spokesman for the citizens of Marquette.

NMU Speech Head Knocks Folk Medicine

The head of Northern Michigan University's speech and hearing clinic says that a drug made in Finland which purports to cure stuttering is nothing but a folk medicine.

Dr. Lennie Eberly says that the medication, Hivierne Searve Tippaj, which he calls "hype" as reportedly compounded "would have very limited effect upon human physiology."

Eberly makes his views in an article entitled "A Cure for Ankytosis" which appears in the November issue of "Today's Speech," the journal of the Eastern States Speech Association. Ankytosis is the Finnish word for stuttering, committee, his only objective was to establish some reasonable lines of communication.

"Dr. McClellan did not, as charged by the University, open any meeting with an air of hostility, use inflammatory remarks or shout in the presence of this steering committee."

"In spite of what the university's presidents are now saying, we wish to inform Dr. Edgar Harden and President Ogden E. Johnson, since their representatives seem to have forgotten, that it was generally agreed at the conclusion of the meeting that said meeting was informative and constructive and a step in the right direction."

"The only thanks due anyone at that time were to Dr. McClellan for his effort and dedication to civic affairs."

The statement was signed by Edward Malmsen, chairman of the committee, Mrs. Paul Connolly, secretary, and two neighbors, Clyde Hanks and Don Becker.

"SIGN OF THE TIMES" Academic Vice President Dr. David W. D. Dickson reflects the emotional strain that has marked the McClellan controversy.