Serious Faults In Proposed Constitution

The third shortcoming is the most critical and in fact, is what will deny the new governing structure the ability to be an effective legislative body.

This is the document's failure to effectively integrate the governing function. The committee fails to see the necessity of assuming the responsibility for establishing Residence Hall government as an equitable, representative, integrated arm of the student governing structure.

The explanation is offered that this is how it is intended to work but it will take care of itself after the new constitution is put into effect. This attitude represents the ideologists' naivete and a philosophy that plagues student government right now.

It appears very plain that the residence halls which are so comfortably entrenched within the confines of the Housing Office, is simply too hot an issue in an arm of student government, and fairly and representatively elected (ASNMU) "work things out" at a late date with a group which makes a laughing matter out of representative government.

The proposed document on Tuesday's ballot does effectively organize the various service functions of student government and also does a magnificent job in developing an equitable judicial system. The present system is completely lacking in both of these areas.

Now comes the difficult question. Do we approve the proposed document and satisfy our present government for an effective judiciary and efficient student services, or do we defeat the proposal because of disenfranchisement and failure to integrate the governing body.

Neither alternative is very desirable. The best solution would be a postponement of the vote on the constitution in the hope that the committee would take the opportunity to include the amendment in their document.

It would be unfortunate after eight months of effort to end up with a constitution which only goes halfway toward establishing a sound structure for student government at Northern.

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Group Demonstrates

Dr. Jamrich Blasts OEO In Job Corps Controversy

Northern Michigan University President John X. Jamrich said Wednesday that he has received another in a series of threatening telephone calls Tuesday night, on the heels of a decision by the federal government to close down the Job Corps center.

Jamrich said that the calls began last December, immediately following a sit-in by black students which resulted in the cancellation of a basketball game.

The calls, which reportedly threatened the safety of the President and his family, were believed to be related to the sit-in and the Job Corps.

Jamrich said one anonymous caller said that he "better do it right for the black students, or else.

Another caller, Jamrich said, called him a "nigger lover."

But the president added that he did not intend to shirk away from personal contact with students. Jamrich made these statements Wednesday afternoon, as he was meeting with persons backing the retention of the Women's Job Corps center on Northern's campus and representatives of the Corps itself.

The Job Corps center, set up at Northern in 1966, has been slated for closing in a Nixon administration economy move.

The NMU center has been the object of considerable controversy on campus, and whether or not it would remain here for another year was to have been decided at the upcoming meeting of the University Board of Control.

At the time Jamrich and the group were meeting, some 350 to 400 persons gathered outside the University Center in a "Save the Job Corps" rally.

The rally was staged by the Friends of the Black Students' Association (FOBSA), a group of students and faculty which has been supporting retention of the Job Corps center since last fall.

Ruben Franco, chairman of FOBSA, read a list of demands drawn up by that organization and presented to President Jamrich. Included in the list were demands that Jamrich ask President Richard Nixon to keep the Job Corps at NMU; return the center to the Board of Control to make the same request, and that Jamrich make a public statement of support for the center.

Melvin Payne, president of the Black Students' Association of Northern Michigan University, and Glenn Weber, a member of the campus ministry, and several Northern Michigan students and faculty also spoke and made similar demands.

Dean Carl, chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) spoke to the group, expressing his opposition to the Corps.

He carried signs saying "Dick did the trick" and "Sock it to 'em, President Jamrich."

A confederate flag was waved by several white students from a window that Office of Residential Life as several Job Corps enrollees talked about the program.

When confronted with both the demands of enrollees and Job Corps representatives at the Wednesday meeting, President Jamrich said he wanted to "make it clear and explicit that he will not be intimidated, threatened, or forced into a decision, especially in this particular case at this point in time in view of several compelling facts."

"As of this date," Jamrich said, "the University is the contractee for the Job Corps program has not received any information regarding the basis and rationale for this decision to discontinue this center."

"And, until we have that rationale, as well as some indication that there is a possibility for changing the decision, the Board and I do not have a decision to make."

Jamrich said that he has received evidence over the past few months that Office of Economic Opportunity officials in Washington have been "less than enthusiastic" about the Marquette center.

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