Jamrich Considers Request To Permit Blacks To Go Home

Northern Michigan University President John N. Jamrich, referring to recommendations submitted Friday night by the Academic Senate and the Human Rights Commission, said today that “all classes will run as normal and the university will not be closed.”

The recommendations requested Jamrich to permit any black student who feels he is endangered to leave the university without penalty to his academic work.

The proposals were submitted after a number of leaflets entitled “Nigger Hunting Permit” were found around the campus earlier in the day. It was not known who distributed them.

The Human Rights Commission met shortly after the leaflets were discovered and asked Jamrich to allow the black students to leave.

It also asked that any black students who decide to leave be permitted to choose between taking the grade they have earned to date or accepting an “incomplete” with any additional work to be mailed back to the university.

The commission asked the Academic Senate for support of its recommendation. The senate held a special meeting and also adopted the proposal.

“There are only recommendations,” Jamrich said. “I will take them, under advisement and will reach a decision before Monday.

“It will be my own decision and nobody else’s. The recommendations by the Human Rights Commission and the Academic Senate are not binding on me.”

The Academic Senate also voted to seek volunteers from the faculty to be on the campus and in the residence halls throughout this “tense period.”

It was not known how many volunteers were found for the fall Pr...