

Western Students Rap Miller

Letter Condemns Action In Fracas

A letter condemning Western Michigan University President Dr. James Miller and his staff for their actions in the April 3

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campus demonstration is being prepared by the WMU Student Association.

Police arrested 33 students in the incident.

The Student Senate instructed the executive board to send the letter to Dr. Miller at their regular Tuesday night meeting after passing two motions that condemn the WMU administration and police in their actions April 3.

Duane Miller, president of the Student Association, told The Gazette today that the letter to Dr. Miller should be completed by Friday.

The two motions passed by the Senate will be incorporated into the letter. The first motion, which passed by a vote of 30 to 2, contains four areas that the Student Association condemns. They are:

- "Police agencies being called in by President Miller before closing of the Student Center;
- Negligence of administrators in confronting responsible student leaders before police action was taken;
- Militant tactics used of students by police;
- Invasions of private property. Precisely: Center hour Center."

The second motion reads:

"We, the Student Association, condemn the actions of the administration and Dr. Miller in particular for calling police

to this university without consulting the Student Association before calling the police.

"We believe that police were massed on or near the campus by 9 p.m. when in reality there had been no violence and there was no clear and present danger of its occurrence.

"We also condemn the police for their 'harassing' and 'ambush' actions and the intimidations and violence that they caused. We feel that students have been arrested indiscreetly and that it was the police and administration that precipitated violence."

The two motions were formulated after Charles Halper, vice president of the SA, issued a statement that charged Dr. Miller and the administration with "intimidation, coercion and suppression."

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WMU STUDENTS HOLD SIT-IN IN HALLS OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Standing, Chuck Renm, A Leader; WMU Vice President Paul Griffith in Doorway

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TOM HICKMAN ADDRESSES STUDENTS DURING TUESDAY AFTERNOON RALLY

John Forbes (Lower Right), Also Spoke During Student Center Forum

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WMU Group Lists Demands

Lift Student Restrictions, President Miller Urged

By JAMES STOMMEN
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The elimination of regulations concerning students at Western Michigan University is a matter of pace.

Insofar as the university's Board of Trustees is concerned, a slow approach is desirable.

WMU President James W. Miller is chiefly concerned that the pace be steady.

A group of Western students thinks that a sprint to the finish line should be made, eliminating all such restrictions right now.

That group of loosely organized students presented a list of eight "demands" to Miller during the WMU President's regularly scheduled President's Conference with students Monday afternoon.

The demands, referred to as "grievances" in a handbill distributed on campus yesterday, centered around the general question of student rights.

Those rights, according to the leaders of the dispute, are not privileges to be granted by the university. "They're rights which we are entitled to as human beings," one student said.

The demands included:

- 1) No action on a tuition hike until a mutually agreed upon fact-finding commission

reviews and reports on WMU financial records and the results are made public to the student body.

- 2) Elimination of all disciplinary boards, bodies and rules which seek to regulate the non-academic lives of students.

- 3) Elimination of all parking regulations.

- 4) Equal access to university facilities for all student organizations.

- 5) Abolition of student housing regulations.

- 6) The dropping of all non-academic disciplinary action presently enforced against any student.

- 7) Voluntary participation in general studies and physical education courses.

- 8) Students be given a meaningful voice and be part of the decision-making process in all academic affairs.

Discussion of the possible tuition hike which Miller has previously intimated may be necessary in the near future to make up for deficiencies in state appropriations involved talk of university financial

needs

Miller urged that a group of three or four students representing the complaining students meet with him and vice president for finance Robert Wetnight to review the university budget and financial needs.

The request to eliminate all disciplinary boards spread into a discussion of student rights.

Charles Ream, president of the local SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) chapter, asked:

"Are students going to be treated as people?"

Miller indicated that such properly designated bodies as residence hall councils should be given "real authority to move in certain areas."

As far as changes in student regulations are concerned, the WMU president noted that "there's been a steady breaking down of regulations over the past eight years — there's been considerable progress made in this area."

Some of the students weren't satisfied with that reply, asking

"why can't it (abolition of regulations) be done tomorrow?"

When Miller replied that "I can't get the Board of Trustees to act tomorrow," one unidentified student said:

"Let's get rid of these stupid boards and let us run everything by a general referendum."

Ream, who told the students at the conference that "we should do everything that we can do to get these rights," told Miller:

"You'll be upset when this campus blows, but it'll blow because you're going at your own pace."

Other students, however, indicated that they're not looking for a student strike situation, as at other universities.

"Let's discuss these things compatibly," one said.

Only the first two of the demands were discussed during the two-hour conference, which attracted some 100 students and faculty members at the start.

That number had dwindled to perhaps 20 by the time the session ended.

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WMU STUDENTS DISCUSS LIST OF DEMANDS WITH PRESIDENT JAMES W. MILLER
Debate Centered On Tuition Hike, Disciplinary Action, Student Rights

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Students for Social Involvement is a group of approximately 26 Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. It follows the anti-war anti-draft type of thinking which is typical of a great number of college students at the present time. The group is either wholly or partially a "hippie" type, several of the members have been arrested for narcotics violations and some are reported to be selling marijuana at the present time. Almost all of the members are engaged in publishing an "underground paper" at Western Michigan called "The Western Activist". It can be assumed that all the staff of the "Activist" are also members of the S.S.I. and vice-versa.

The president of the S.S.I. is JOHN VANDEN BRINK and the vice-president is HARVEY HELD.

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