

ATL decision 'dismays' American Studies Assn.

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"Dismay" at a decision not to recommend the re-hiring of three ATL instructors was expressed by a faculty group, about two-thirds of whose members work in the Department of American Thought and Language.

The MSU chapter of the American Studies Association (ASA), a national interdisciplinary organization of social scientists and humanists, passed a resolution questioning the procedures and criteria used in judging the professional competence of Ken Lawless, W. Gary Groat and Robert S. Fogarty.

Only two of the 25-30 members at the group's annual general meeting Thursday night voted against the resolution, reported the ASA chapter president, John Ferres, assistant professor of ATL.

Wednesday, the day before the strong ASA resolution was passed, the ATL controversy had been ignored during a regular meeting of the University College faculty, even though Dean Edward A. Carlin, presiding, had opened the floor for discussion of anything of interest to those present.

Carlin's caustic comments on earlier criticism by the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors were widely publicized. Such criticism, he had charged, "deliberately mal-

igned the integrity and good faith of all who participated in the decision."

The national ASA president, Russel B. Nye, distinguished professor of English at MSU, said Monday that he was in Ohio at the time of the local chapter's meeting.

"Local chapters are on their own in matters of this sort," Nye said.

M-R to register today

Students whose last names begin with letters M-R are eligible to enroll for winter term classes today at the Men's Intramural Building.

Those participating in early enrollment should report to the IM Building with their completed Student Schedule Card, student ID, and the Winter Term Schedule Book during a free period between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Commenting on the ATL controversy, Nye said:

"I don't really know what's going on over there. As a matter of fact, I'd rather not know.

"I have two books to finish within the next year and a half, and would prefer not to become involved in more committee work."

Nye, a special appointee to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs during its investigation of academic freedom for students, emphasized, however, that he was not opposed to faculty involvement in University controversies.

The text of the local chapter's resolution follows:

"The Michigan State University Chapter of the American Studies Association is profoundly dismayed by the dismissal of

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