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Swarthmore Afro-American Students' Society

Swarthmore College

Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19081

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Dear Mr. Quisenberry:

SASS wishes to inform you that we are, as always, deeply concerned with increased black student enrollment at Swarthmore.

This year will be a peak year for acceptance and enrollment of black students by white colleges and universities. It follows that competition for good students, both conventionally and unconventionally qualified, will increase tenfold.

Because of the stepped up recruitment policies of the college spearheaded by Mr. William Cline, Swarthmore is not as unknown as it once was. However compared to other well known prestige schools, Swarthmore still wears a veil of anonymity. Although it is true that recruitment policies and public relations maneuvers serve to compensate for the black community's lack of awareness of Swarthmore as a college alternative, both these tactics represent indirect approaches to the problem of increased enrollment of black students. We suggest that accepting more black students is the direct approach to the problem and we further feel that to meet the minimum quota of 45 black students in the class of 1974, at least 85 black students must be accepted.

Also if the college is sincere in its efforts to enroll more black students, it follows that it will have to increase the allocations from the general budget to financial aid, since there are few black people who can pay the full \$4,000 per year to put themselves or their children through school. It seems quite obvious that financial considerations should enter into the decision of every black student as to whether he or she does or does not attend Swarthmore, and should therefore be an integral part of our policies toward enrollment of black students. Black students for the most part will not come unless such aid is extended. The enrollment of a minimum of 45 black students is partially but importantly dependent on the college's willingness to extend this aid.

SASS suggests that if the admissions office wishes to meet the minimum enrollment quota of 45 black students and take a future oriented approach toward black student enrollment, that the admissions office start by accepting at least

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85 black students and by extending the necessary financial aid for their enrollment.

Yours sincerely,

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