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Monday, the 16th

Dear Joe:

I received your letter of the 12th and my first inclination was to state, "sorry, I am too disillusioned...". However, on second thought I accept, and I intend to defend policies that will counteract the seeming trend that is gripping the Board, the faculty and others. I refer of course, to the continued unrealistic policy governing blacks and the course of events of the past Winter.

Joe, just how any group of practical men could accept ten percent blacks in the incoming Freshman Class is beyond my comprehension. Especially after their antics and non-negotiable demand edicts of last January. To increase the possibility of problems and further deterioration of the situation BEFORE knowing just where these people stand is downright disgusting. To prevent a number of qualified whites to attend Swarthmore so that an increase of five percent blacks of questionable qualifications can enter the college is nuts. Finally, and if precedent is any criteria, I take it that these 31 freshmen will, like the other 46 students enjoy a "full-ride" at the expense of the white community.

I had a recommended boy turned down without so much as a full-scale study of his qualifications. His "reject letter" was hurried through. Please note this boy's letter to me... "thanking me for my efforts..." (copy enclosed). If this lad had been black, they would have fallen all over themselves. Such is the trend, Joe.

I say that if these same people burn the place down next semester, the Board, the faculty and the other "do-gooders" will have the whole thing on their consciences. They certainly have short memories.

I reiterate, I believe that responsible Negroes

should have the opportunity of enjoying the fruits of America; I believe that Negroes should have equal opportunities of all the things that life has to offer; I believe that they have been treated less than human at times; but, to act as they did last Winter on the campus is inexcusable. Until they stop this separatist trend, this militant attitude and the sort, that is currently sweeping the country, colleges such as Swarthmore should "take it easy" and be most gradual in their furthering of educational opportunities. By "taking it easy", I mean keeping the percent at five; not doubling it to ten.

I have answered numerous letters this past year (as 1940 Class Agent) on the situation at Swarthmore. I have strongly urged Alumni to continue their contributions, but at the same time to air their feelings to the Board of Managers. Many of these people did just this. I feel that this irresponsible decision of accepting ten percent blacks in the forthcoming Freshman Class has been a low blow to me and to many others of like thinking. We simply will NOT be browbeaten by the militants, the separatists and the non-negotiators.

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not* Yes, I accept your kind offer to serve on the Alumni Fund Committee. But, I am not in sympathy with the current trend of thinking on this important subject and mean to speak out at every opportunity.

With best personal regards,

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Buzz Eberle





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Dear Mr. + Mrs. Eberle,

I recieved a letter dated June 2 saying that my application to Swarthmore had been rejected. I fully accept their decision, but it seems by the mere time factor involved that the Admissions Office couldn't possibly have given careful consideration to my application. As of the day of my appointment on May 28, they had not recieved any of my transcripts. Since Memorial Day weekend followed, this would imply that neither Mr. Eberle's letter nor the bulk of my information was recieved till after May 28, giving them approximately one day to decide on my application before the rejection letter was mailed.

I can accept defeat, but it's much easier to endure when both sides have exerted a sincere effort. I really appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. Please don't feel this is a loser's gripe or a demand for further action, for Swarthmore is an excellent institution and it's no disgrace to be turned down by it. I just regret that things turned out this way for I would like to have shown both your family and my professors that their faith in me was not wasted.

Sincerely, yours,  
Randall Johnson