

Swarthmore Sit-In Halts Classes, Registration

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Normal activities were at a standstill today at Swarthmore College where about 25 Negro students remained barricaded in the admissions office.

The group, led by Clinton Etheridge, president of the Swarthmore Afro-American Student Society, seized the office shortly after noon yesterday.

Classes and registration for next semester were called off today.

White Students Meet

White students met again today in Clothier Hall, where they had spent three hours last night discussing the black action.

Last night's student meeting was attended by about 900 of the 1,024 students, of whom 47 are Negro.

Whites expressed sympathy with SASS and the sit-in, but some disagreed with the seizure of the admissions office by the Negro students.

The white students decided to support SASS and agreed to call for white student representation in running the college. The Negro students want Negro student representation.

Faculty Statement

About 100 of the 150 Swarthmore faculty members, one of whom is a Negro, met in Clothier Hall from 8 last night to 12.15 A. M. today.

They issued a statement which said:

"The faculty, in the midst of acting on the problems of black admissions and a black curriculum, finds itself faced with a resort to force and a refusal to make use of rational procedures.

"The faculty deplores the use

of force and plans to continue an orderly consideration of the problems to which it was addressing itself when the admissions office was occupied. It invites all members of the college community to work toward the resolution of the present crisis."

Graduate Student

White students today distributed on campus copies of a statement from John H. Morrow, Jr., of 502 Woodland terrace, Philadelphia, a Negro who was graduated from Swarthmore in 1966 and who is a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania.

The statement said SASS "must be recognized for what it is, a group of dissatisfied, insecure and egotistic black students attempting exactly what

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CLINTON ETHERIDGE (left), president of the Swarthmore Afro-American Student Society, and **Don Mizel**, vice president of the society, talk to newsmen and students in Parish Hall on the campus of Swarthmore College.

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their claims say they are not, a power play for notoriety."

The matter of black admissions could have been solved "peaceably, reasonably and much faster had SASS not made its grandstand play," the statement said.

During the course of the campus debate last night, a football player suggested he and other athletes force their way into the admissions office and open it up. Nothing was done about the suggestion.

Leader Speaks

Etheridge left the admissions office long enough last night to voice a demand that the chairman of the college's admission policy committee be fired and a Negro installed in his place.

He made the demand in a talk to the white student gathering.

Etheridge asked that Fred A. Hargadon be fired because not enough black students are being admitted to the college.

Etheridge, an engineering senior, said that while the college administration has claimed it wants to enroll more Negroes, the number of black students admitted in the past four years has steadily declined.

The Negro leader had to climb out a window of the admissions office in Parrish Hall to make the speech because the militants had barricaded the door.

Etheridge told the white students: "We have suspended the customary admissions process of Swarthmore College. This decision-making process has persistently denied black people basic self-representation and must now be drastically changed to reflect a participatory democracy.

"Our demands must now be restated as follows:

—"Complete identification and description of the decision-making organs of the college on every level be made public.

—"That black people be participants in policy-making on all levels outlined in compliance with the first demand.

—"That no disciplinary action whatsoever be taken against black people, both students and employees, who have participated in this direct action."

There were no police on the campus yesterday and last night and the college administration had no immediate plans to bring in the law.

The dissident students had received mattresses, passed to them through windows by supporters, and about 200 pounds of food, students reported.

3 Stolen Safes Found Looted in Jersey Orchard

Three one-ton safes stolen Wednesday night from the Claymont, Del., Post Office were found battered open today along the edge of an apple orchard in Cinnaminson Township, N. J.

Camden Postal Inspector Hugh McDermott said \$15,000 in stamps, \$1,000 in cash and \$1,000 in postal money orders had been removed from the safes.

This is the fourth time since September that stolen post office safes have been found in the Camden-Burlington County area.

Cinnaminson Township Patrolman John Obuchowski discovered the safes at 2 this morning, along Lenola road near Route 130.

On Sept. 30, two safes stolen from Broomall Post Office in Delaware County, were found in Pennsauken Township, with \$70,000 in cash and stamps missing. Three safes taken from the Talleyville, Del., Post Office were found on Oct. 17 in Mt. Laurel Township with \$30,000 in cash