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Board of Trustees,
Swarthmore College,
Gentlemen,

The mistake you
made was to ever allow
a negro in your hallowed
halls. How many militant
negroes do you think it takes
to equal in value one Dr.
Courtney Smith?

My husband is also a
Rhodes Scholar and a Phi

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Beta Kappa. My daughter graduated from Wellesley where the negroes have made the same demands, but, without such dire results.

I hope you do not allow one negro to return; their heads should be bowed in shame.

Mr. Mason visited here when he was secretary of the Rhodes scholarships

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Very Sincerely,
Theresa Palmer

Prexy Dies, Siege Ends

SWARTHMORE, Pa. (UPI) — Some 25 Negro militants gave up an eight-day occupation of the Swarthmore College admissions office Thursday some five hours after learning of the death of school president, Dr. Courtney Smith, a Rhodes Scholarships executive.

Smith, 52, was stricken fatally with a heart attack at 10 a.m. while awaiting a meeting with a faculty committee studying demands by Negro students who took over the office eight days ago.

The demonstrators left the office, got into five autos, and drove off. A spokesman for the group said they abandoned their takeover out of respect for Smith.

Smith, American secretary of Rhodes scholarships since 1953, was pronounced dead in his office at the Quaker-oriented school by Dr. Morris Bowie, college physician.

A Swarthmore spokesman said Smith had been under "quite a strain" since members of the Swarthmore Afro-American Student Society (SASS) took over the admissions office last Thursday to enforce demands for increased enrollment of Negroes at the 104-year-old school in suburban Philadelphia. The admissions office is on the first floor of Parrish Hall, and Smith's office is on the second.

A native of Winterset, Iowa, Smith was graduated from

Roosevelt High School in Des Moines and from Harvard University in 1938. He was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University from 1938 to 1939. Smith, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, was elected president of Swarthmore in 1953, the same year he became secretary of the Rhodes Scholar-

Patriarch on Visit

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UPI) — Patriarch Justinian of the Romanian Orthodox church, arrived Wednesday for a six-day visit as guest of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Patriarch Justinian, 68, has been an active promoter of inter-Orthodox Church cooperation.

ships in the United States.

Smith died in his office next to a conference room in which he was to meet with a faculty committee of three whites and one Negro. He had set up the committee to determine the exact nature of SASS demands on admissions and policy-making.

Swarthmore has an enrollment of 47 blacks in its student body of 1,024. Officials had said repeatedly that they would not use force to remove the Negroes occupying the admissions office.

Smith, who was scheduled to resign next Sept. 1 to become president of the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation, is survived by his widow and three children.



Dr. Courtney Smith



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Brandeis U. Warns Rebels

WALTHAM, Mass. (UPI) — A faculty committee at Brandeis University warned Thursday that students disrupting classes in support of protesting blacks will be suspended immediately.

Some 60 black students who seized Ford Hall Jan. 8 remained barricaded in the building. Negotiations between them and the administration were at an impasse.

About 150 white students

boycotted classes in support of the blacks and another 30 whites were on a hunger strike.