

*Will you answer?  
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March 18, 1969  
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Dear Mr. Cratsley,

I have long hesitated to write to the college and burden the administration with yet another commentary on the events of January. However, I find my committment to the college compels me to express myself. I will try to be concise.

There is no question that the college should seek and aid a larger number of black students to enroll at Swarthmore. For many reasons this is difficult, yet the attempt should be made. Yet I shudder at the demands for a certain minimum quota for each freshman class. Perhaps reverse discrimination will be necessary for a time, but this certainly raises grave questions about quotas for other racial, religious or ethnic minorities.

What disturbs me the most is the rejection by SASS of the "integrationist ethic" and the "social diversity" upon which Swarthmore is based. Thus there is the demand for a black dean and a black counselor and virtually a semi-autonomous black college within the college. If this type of black educational experience is desired, why did the students choose Swarthmore? Why do they not transfer to a black college which has the separtism they desire? To me separtism is nothing more than segregation by a different name and it is just as corrupting. I am loathe to see Swarthmore thus corrupted.

Sincerely,

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March 21, 1969

Dear Mary Cole:

Mr. Cratsley has asked if I would answer your letter of March 18. We both thank you for it.

It is hard to express all parts of so complex a situation but let me assure you that everyone kept their heads, stayed fair and harmonious. Courtney Smith's leadership was clear and skillful.

We are all united in believing that the Admissions Office sit-in, though non-violent, was unrepresentative of Swarthmore's way. We sincerely hope that it will never happen again.

We all agree with you that Swarthmore should not have quotas of any sort; in fact, it is against the law but in my opinion, the numbers mentioned should be used as guidelines.

We are all concerned that in today's world, the whole question of integration has been forgotten. The blacks want to be by themselves, they want our respect and want to be proud of themselves. This is perfectly all right but all of us hope that there would be more mingling in the dining room, at social affairs, etc., etc.

You will be interested in knowing that the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has told all institutions that buildings for any one race are against the law and I hope all individuals will understand this.

Once again may I say we appreciate your thoughts and both Mr. Cratsley and I send you thanks.

Truly yours,

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