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Robert Cross, President  
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Dear Mr. Cross:

Lest the din of petulance be confused with the cumulative surge of progress, we the loyal workers of Swarthmore College wish to present our reactions to the Black students and the radical white students whose demands are so presently adamant.

We are of the opinion that:

- 1) In the matter of education, certain students have confused "a right" with "a privilege". College education is a privilege earned by those students who by diligence, intellect, and discipline, have indicated the potential to undertake advanced studies at college level.
- 2) Because of the calibre of the students involved, we would think the "reasoned approach" would be a challenge to their abilities, rather than the defiant invasion of offices. Sooner or later militant tactics foster a physical response which leads to unreasoned mob violence. As we look around, we see more being accomplished by a Reverend Leon Sullivan or a Ralph Nader and others using such approaches than all the whirling dervishes extant.
- 3) The "owe us" demands of certain factions reek of blackmail for which there is only one solution. At best, such demands are so egotistical as to preclude serious consideration.

"We owe" allegiance to our flag and the country for which it stands.  
"We owe" a moral, law-abiding, disciplined conduct to our neighbors - all.  
"We owe" a right to vote to adjust the mistakes of man and proclaim the  
"Right" as we see it.

We, the undersigned believe that Swarthmore College is trying to progress swiftly in educational advances for all groups of the populace in an atmosphere of relaxed discipline. However, control must be vested in an experienced board. Standards of education cannot be subject to every whim. The College is not primarily a haven for draft dodgers nor can it become a commune for co-habitation.

Respectfully yours,

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