

Yesterday afternoon a group of approximately ten students representing the Afro-American Action Committee came to the President's office. The President was in Duluth and in his absence Vice President Paul Cashman met with them. They left after delivering a written statement setting out three requests and indicating a deadline for response of 1 p.m. today. The requests can be summarized as follows:

- a) that the University defray one half of the expense of holding a black conference here in February. A minimum cost of \$8,000 was expected.
- b) that an Afro-American Studies Department be established by the fall quarter of 1969 offering a program leading to a B.A. degree. Plans and progress concerning this department were to be submitted to the Afro-American Action Committee.
- c) that the Martin Luther King scholarship fund be put into the hands of an agency within the black community which would determine those who were disadvantaged and entitled to assistance.

The President met at 1 p.m. with representatives of the Action Committee numbering about 60. With the President were Vice President Cashman, Assistant Vice President Lukermann and Professors Berman and Zander. An effort was made to explain the various activities now underway within the University which related to the three demands. The group left without receiving that explanation.

After leaving the Regents' Room, the students moved to the main floor of Morrill Hall where they occupied the offices of the University Recorder and the office of the Bursar. Access to these areas was denied other students and University officials dismissed civil service personnel for the remainder of the day.

The front doors to Morrill Hall, leading to the records offices, were blocked. Other doors to Morrill remained open and students and faculty going to other floors and other offices in Morrill Hall had free access. A white male student attempting entrance through the main doors was thrown back by the black students occupying the main floor. In the scuffle this student was thrown to the floor in the entryway. University police removed the student to the University Student Health Service where he was treated for back bruises and released.

At 3 p.m., a meeting was called in central administrative offices by Dr. Donald K. Smith, University Vice President for Administration, acting in the absences of President Moos. Attending the meeting were central administrative officers, the Chairman of the Faculty Consultative Committee and the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, the president of the Minnesota Student Association and the executive committee of the student senate. This meeting was called in accordance with the requirements of the campus demonstration policy and to examine the student requests. Only the president or his delegated representatives can implement procedures under this policy, but the policy stipulates that before doing so, he should consult with the chairmen or full committees noted above.

During the course of this meeting the nature of the requests and the University's responses were fully explored. Intermediaries from the student group occupying the records office made presentations seeking to clarify the nature of the black students' requests. During the afternoon's discussion, President Moos maintained contact with his representatives at the meeting.

At 5:45 p.m. the last remaining University official in the records office was asked to leave. At that point, intermediaries were negotiating with the black students in an attempt to further clarify requests for information from both groups.

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