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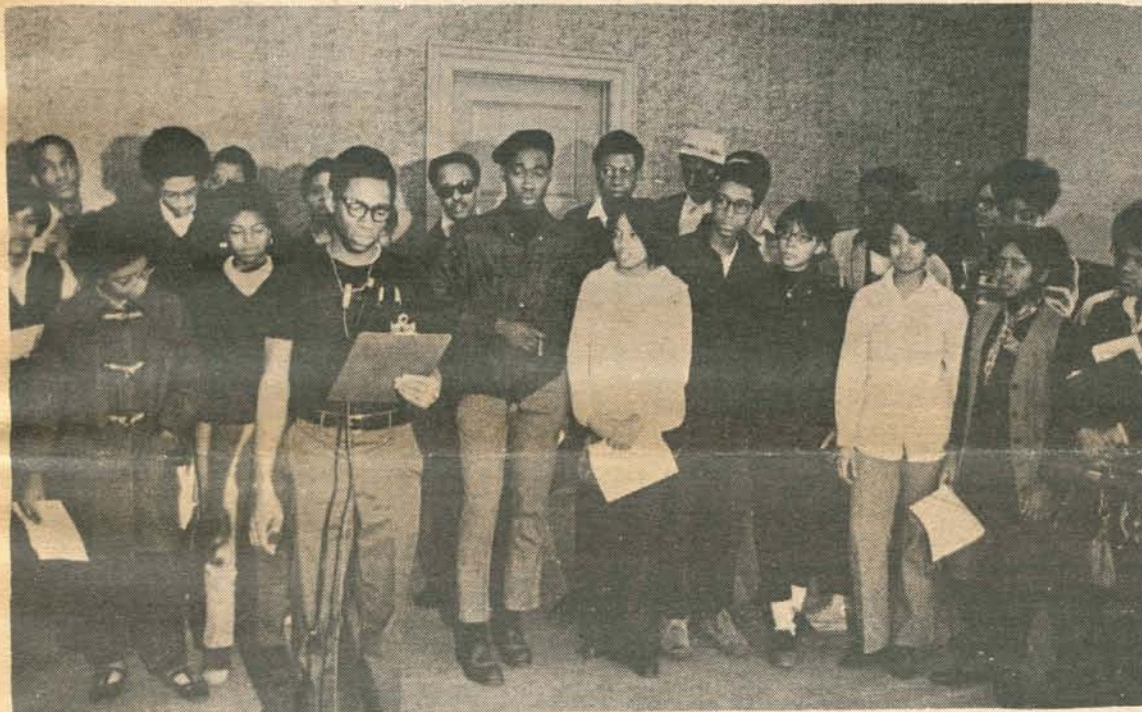
March 11, 1969

## BSU Evacuates FDB

# University Action on Demands Satisfies Blacks

STATEMENT BY BLACK STUDENTS UNION  
12:00 Noon, March 10, 1969

Our discussions with the administration of the University of Rochester have produced evidences of certain ad hoc programs which were unknown to the Black Students Union and other members of the University Community, including some administrators. We are of course pleased to hear about these. Our proposals have enhanced and modified programs already in existence, but in many other vital areas, our proposals were original. Moreover, the University has agreed to the sentiments and aims underlying our proposals. Therefore because of the initiatives made by the Black Students Union to the understanding of the problems involved in both types of programs, we feel that our actions were necessary and have been productive.



RONALD THOMAS, BSU PRESIDENT, surrounded by sit-in participants, reads a statement addressed to the university at a press conference yesterday at noon.

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Ronald Thomas, president of the Black Students' union, announced at noon yesterday that "the university has agreed to the sentiments and aims underlying our proposals." The BSU has therefore evacuated the third and fourth floors of the Frederick Douglass building which they had occupied since last Tuesday night.

The discussions between Provost Sproull, associate Provost Dowd, and the BSU were, according to Sproull, "at all times carried on in a friendly atmosphere and one of mutual respect." Among the "many positive outcomes" of the discussions included the clarification and strengthening of the university's educational opportunity program for recruiting and counselling black students. Sproull reported to the BSU last week that the UR has been planning to recruit 45 black freshmen and ten black transfer students "and will certainly encourage more students to apply."

The university's direct financial aid to present and incoming black students for the next academic year is expected to be \$200,000 plus substantial state and federal aid. A greater number of black graduate students is also expected next year.

### CHAINS, CHAINS

The occupation began one week ago today at about 8 p.m. The black students asked several occupants to vacate after which they locked, roped and chained the doors. They refused to speak to anyone other than associate Provost Frank Dowd Wednesday morning. Discussions between the BSU, Dowd and Sproull continued all week. Sproull announced yesterday that "even though we could not negotiate any proposals under these conditions, the discussions showed that the objectives underlying their proposals are consistent with the university's present policies and plans."

Several groups held meetings to discuss the BSU takeover. The faculty of the College of Arts and Science met in special sessions called by Dean Kenneth Clark Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. It was decided Wednesday that each department should form a caucus and define their potential roles in the light of the black students' action.

Provost Robert Sproull published a statement outlining consequences of the faculty caucuses and restating their present efforts. Sproull said that the faculty "is trying hard to recruit additional black professors, although the prospects are uncertain because of the scarcity of them and the great demand for their services."

### FACULTY PROPOSALS

Sproull also noted that the UR consulted two authorities on black studies on materials needed for the library, and that the faculty of the College of Arts and Science met last week for proposals for meeting the needs of the black students. "The demonstration by the faculty of their determination to create new educational programs and the imagination they have applied to this task have been impressive."

The "wide ranging discussions" held during this past week, have created "a better understanding of the problems of black students in a predominantly white university, and a better understanding of the extent and depth of the university's efforts to meet these problems," the provost stated yesterday.

Associate Provost Frank Dowd also commented on the discussions. He described them as "very useful," and added "It is imperative to emphasize that this last week is only a stage in an effort which we must all give highest priority. Let's get ahead with the job."

### CAP CONSOLIDATION

A subcommittee of the Committee on Academic Policy, charged to consolidate their proposals will report to another special meeting Thursday at 4 p.m.

College Cabinet held open meetings Wednesday and Thursday nights in the men's dining center and discussed what action students could take. It was decided that sympathizers could sign petitions and picket in front of the FDB Friday, March 7. CC's next meeting will be tomorrow evening. According to Les Nizin, Students' association vice-president, the meeting will continue the business begun at last Monday's meeting; committees formed at that time will be asked to report.

In other student action a congregation of supporters rallied on the steps of the library Wednesday at noon. Several people, many of whom were leaders of the "rap-in," spoke, and the group decided to meet again that evening. The rally voted when they reconvened, to support the BSU and to devote Thursday's classes to discussions.

Chief of security James Evangelos described how the university

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