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Summary of events

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MEMO FROM THE INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Location: second floor Slayter Hall

Realizing Denison is in a state of crisis, students supporting the
Black Demands are publishing this newsletter to honestly inform students
and faculty concerning the course of the situation.

The following is a summary to date of events of the last few days.

Monday, March 16; 8:30 a.m. Sit-in begins at Doane.
1:30 Bomb scare necessitates a transfer of students
to Blair Knapp amphitheater.
1:30-3:30 Plans were to initiate discussions in classes
concerning the Black Demands. Another meeting of
the group was planned for Tuesday evening at 7:00

Tuesday March 17: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Forums in many classes to discuss the Black
Demands.
2:00 Meeting in Knapp amphitheater and proposals for action.

The decision was made to confront the faculty in their
regular meeting at Slayter Auditorium. 450 students
proceeded to interrupt the meeting precipitating an
abrupt adjournment. There followed an open dialogue
between the students and about forty faculty who chose to
remain.

The following plans of action were agreed upon at the Tuesday night meeting:
1. A spontaneous teach-in, to be conducted by black students, was sched-
duled in Slayter Auditorium on Wednesday.
2. Telegrams would be sent to trustees urging them to assemble at Denison
for a special meeting on Saturday March 21.

Wednesday March 18: 9:00-2:00 Mass meetings at the union between Black and
White students and faculty.
3:15-5:00 A thousand students and faculty met at Huff-

The following plans of action were adopted: 1) A occupation of Doane Ad-
ministration building to begin at 7:30 Thursday morning. 2) Plans were
made to initiate attempts to persuade all students and faculty to dis-
continue classes for the duration of the crisis period. 3) A committee
was established to facilitate communication within the University and
to inform alumni, trustees and news media of the situation at Denison.
4) An alternate college was instituted to commence operations at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday. An information booth will be set up Thursday morning on the
second floor of Slayter. Anyone seeking information on the alternate
college or on the current crisis should go to this booth. Information
about new developments should be reported to this booth from
where it will be distributed to all concerned parties.

We wish to emphasize the non-violent character of this movement. Destruction
of property or personal assaults cannot be condoned in its name.