THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ANN ARBOR -- The persons who had been occupying the second floor of The University of Michigan Administration Building since 7 a.m.

Tuesday left the building at 4 p.m. Thursday.

They voted to leave after discussing the following statement from President Robben W. Fleming, which he gave them at noon:

"During times of economic trouble in the United States, people of color suffer more disadvantages than the population at large.

I sympathize with them in coping with this problem.

"Within the limits of its capabilities the University will do the best it can to alleviate the problems of minority students. I will use my influence with the various departments in finding ways to respond to the needs of the minorities, such as supportive services and financial aid.

"Good faith negotiations will continue to be conducted with Council the Third World Coalition/concerning the needs of the minorities on this campus. There will be a meeting on Monday morning, February 24, at 8:30 a.m. between the Third World Coalition, University officials, and myself to begin finding solutions to the above concerns."

Fleming pointed out that, since the students who had been occupying the second floor had committed no illegal acts, no question of a penalty is involved. Persons on the floor were never told they had to vacate the area, so that they were not guilty of trespassing.

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