

# Minorities still hold Ad. Bldg.

## 150 vow to remain unless 'U' complies

By ROB MEACHUM

Reaffirming their commitment to "bring this institution to its knees," approximately 150 University minority students remained in the occupied Administration Building last night.

The protesters, many of them black, have been in the building since early Tuesday morning vowing not to leave until a set of six demands are met. They are:

—Recognition of the Third World Coalition Council as the official negotiating team for Black, Asian, Mexican and Native-Americans students at the University.

—The immediate reinstatement of Cleopatra Lyons, a nursing student expelled for unnamed "academic reasons,"

—Establishment of a full-time Native-American advocate with pay equal to the amount of work done,

—Establishment of an Asian-American advocate,

—Establishment of a Chicano cultural center and

—The granting of full amnesty to "all those participating in the activities of the Third World Coalition Council."

UNIVERSITY President Kobben Fleming yesterday repeated his earlier intentions of allowing the protesters to remain in the building "as long as they keep their part of the bargain — no destruction of property.

He also reiterated his no amnesty stand of Tuesday afternoon, saying, "We do not grant amnesty."

As for the remaining demands, Fleming believes that they "will come down to a question of money." With the recent cutbacks in state appropriations the University may have difficulty in meeting some of the other demands, he said.

BUT "TO walk out with anything less than a full commitment of four to five of our six demands is to tell college students around the country not to engage in struggle," said Sam Riddle, a spokesman for the Council.

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ONE OF THE MANY protesters occupying the Administration Building yesterday is shown here trying to get some shut-eye. The protesters are demanding an end to the "systematic racism at every level" by the University.

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TWO PARTICIPANTS in the National Student Conference Against Racism address the 2,000 member conference during the plenary session last Saturday in Boston.

## Anti-racism group meets

By CRÉSENDI MICKELS

Nearly 2000 people from across the country came together in Boston last weekend at the National Student Conference Against Racism, which was organized in response to the violence sparked by the school desegregation conflict in that city last September.

The mood of solidarity which marked the conference's opening teach-in on Friday evening wavered during workshops on the second day when the mass of people was broken down into smaller groups.

A MEETING of some black participants, headed by Lawrence Elliot, aide to Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, focused on grievances with the progress of the conference, and culminated in the formation of a separate caucus.

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# Anti-racism conference meets

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A University of Michigan student listed the caucus' major objections:

—the conference was being manipulated by the Young Socialist Alliance,

—the black community of Boston was not properly represented,

—the selection of the Steering Committee for the conference was unfair,

—the conference did not appear to concern itself directly with the question at hand, —the conflict in Boston.

Their dissension was brought to a head during the second plenary which convened that evening, when the Black Caucus and the rest of the conference clashed on various proposals formulated during the workshops.

The original conference group agreed to support the Boston busing plan, and demanded that federal troops be called in to the city to protect the black children.

THE BLACK Caucus opposed the demand for troops, disa-

greed with the NAACP desegregation plan and offered an alternative plan which centered on community control of schools.

The disagreements developed into a verbal battle between spokespersons for the Black Caucus, and members of the Conference body.

The arguments climaxed when the Caucus walked out of the meeting, urging others to join them.

They met for the remainder of the evening in a separate room, and at the conclusion of their session agreed to arrange a meeting with the residents of Roxbury, a black community presently embroiled in the busing conflict.

IN ADDITION, they decided to stage a demonstration protesting racism in front of the home of the Governor of Massachusetts, Michael Dukakis.

The opening teach-in featured sixteen speakers including Dr. Benjamin Spock, James Meredith, Jonathan Kozol, au-

thor of Death at an Early Age — and a direct participant in the current busing program, Cynthia Wade, a student leader at South Boston High.

Spock opened by congratulating all the people attending the conference and said, "I am a great believer in conferences of this kind because everything helps a little and in not helping a problem you allow it to exist."

ANOTHER speaker, Thomas Atkins, President of the Boston National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) attempted to set the direction for the conference by telling the enthusiastic audience, "They are trying to recreate the nigger. But I say to you today, the nigger is dead and will never be created again. Not a black one, brown one, red one, yellow one, poor white one and not a woman. There will be no more Jim Crow laws and there will be no backing away from school desegregation — not one inch."

Despite the conflict, the conference concluded on a note of solidarity when the Black Caucus and the rest of the conference agreed to organize a massive anti-racism march on March 17.

Consensus among University of Michigan students was that despite the ups and downs, the conference was essentially productive.

One student, expressing her optimism, said "This conference has picked up the pieces of the sixties Civil Rights movement and will continue to proceed."

# 150 remain in Ad. Bldg.

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The Council issued a statement late yesterday afternoon, approved 14-0 with two abstentions, to "remain in the building until physically removed or until the University sets a firm

schedule for negotiating with the Third World Coalition Council."

Raymond Snowden, director of the Coalition for the Use of Learning Skills (CULS) and a spokesman for the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA), read a statement by the BFSA in support of the demonstration.

"WE QUESTION the administration's commitment to affirmative action," Snowden said. The group is also support-

ing the six demands.

The Graduate Employees' Organization (GEO) also issued a statement in support of the takeover.

"We (GEO) call upon the University to negotiate in good faith with the Third World Coalition Council, and not to resort to violence in response to their peaceful sit-in," said the unanimously passed statement. GEO supports each of the demands except recognition of the Council as the official negotiating agent for University minorities.

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