

Last evening I informed you that you would be breaking the law by sitting in Johnson Hall without permission. You pledged me that your actions would be non-violent and that, indeed, you would even try to clean up the building, and I thus gave you permission to spend the night in the corridor and unlocked areas of the building. I did this because I was persuaded that staying in the building overnight was of great symbolic importance to you. I told you clearly yesterday that your specific demands were beyond my power to grant and thus your stay was symbolic. Your activities of yesterday and last evening were on a day that the University community had set aside to call attention to major national issues related to the environment and quality of life on that basis also. Your activities were, at least, somewhat part of the climate of the day on campus.

Today, however, the University returns to its day-by-day task of carrying out an educational program, ^{is} time-charged with the responsibility of seeing that the educational program and the authorized operations of the University are carried out in a proper manner without interference or disruption.

As Professor Hollis of the Law School told you last night, the gathering of such a large number of people in the corridors of this building, even though well-intentioned and based on protestations of non-violence, is ^{coercive} ~~coercive~~ and disruptive. It is a matter of considerable concern to secretaries, it engages the attention of all of the people in the building, it interferes with the adequate functioning of the University, it creates a situation of tension and anxiety. I ask you now again to leave this building quietly and peacefully. I inform you that, by staying in this building without permission, you are violating the Code of Student Conduct, ordinances of the City of Eugene, and statutes of the State of Oregon. If you continue to stay in the building, you will be subject to prosecution ~~and the consequences~~ for non-compliance.

I do not want to bring the police on campus in large numbers. I want to ^{intend} bring the police on campus only when I think there is a ^{an imminent} ~~imminent~~ threat of violence and harm to property and persons. The Attorney General has advised me that it is not advisable to seek an injunction ~~to ask you to~~ ~~desist.~~ The Student Conduct Committee has advised me that the Code of Student Conduct ~~presently, although a revision is in process,~~ ^{can} does not protect the University against disruption of this type and that the administration may find it necessary to resort to the use of police in ^{such} these circumstances. ~~Again, even though so advised by the Student Conduct~~

~~Committee, I do not wish at this time to call the police.~~ The following two alternative actions are, therefore, open.: (1) You can leave at my request at this time voluntarily, having achieved your goal of overnight sit-in, ^{or,}

(2) If you do not leave, then I shall, acting on the authority vested in me ^{as Pres of the} by ~~the Statutes~~ ^{and} ~~of the Board of Higher Education,~~ ^{as President of the} ~~and the faculty of the~~ University of Oregon, summarily suspend each of you from the University of Oregon. I do it because of your participation in this activity which I consider to be disruptive to the operations of the University. You ^{may seek} have ~~recourse,~~ ^{review} of course, ^{of} to this suspension. You can take it to the courts downtown, but that may be costly and time-consuming. You can also take the matter to the Student Conduct Committee and I would certainly be pleased to receive their recommendations. This also can be extremely time-consuming and, in the meantime, your educational programs will have been disrupted and your status as a student will have been terminated ^{by} with my act of suspension. I ask you to consider the consequences---I ask you to recognize that you have achieved your goal of symbolic attention through sitting in last night. I ask you to leave now peacefully before I find it necessary to invoke suspension on you.

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