

# SABU demonstrates discontent; feelings aired in lengthy meeting

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A dispute between the Student Association for Black Unity and the Student Activities Board concerning entertainment during Black Awareness Week brought about a SABU demonstration Sunday night and an extended meeting of the Executive Committee Monday night.

The demonstration followed an SAB meeting during which the board voted not to hold a concert featuring a black band during Black Awareness Week.

During the E.C. meeting it was decided that SABU should come to the E.C. for funds next year instead of the SAB.

The demonstration was conceived during a SABU meeting after the SAB decision. SABU President Mike Brooks said the action was a "spur-of-the-moment thing" and that the purpose was to "let the whole Uni-

versity know" about SABU problems with the SAB.

The demonstration began with about fifteen members of SABU lighting a leaf fire in the new quad, then setting fire to two brooms and approaching Davis dorm chanting the name "Atwood."

They were calling for SAB Co-chairman Terry Atwood, who is a freshman counselor in Davis dorm.

Atwood did not appear but the SABU members did get a response from freshmen in Gilliam dorm, one of whom set up a PA system in his

window and began shouting at the demonstrators.

The group marched to the old quad, led by Tony Perry's trumpet playing "We Shall Overcome." They presented their case to the freshmen in the old dorms, some of whom responded by shouting obscenities and attempting to meet the demonstrators in the quad.

The freshmen were prevented from entering the quad by several dorm counselors, who "did a hell of a good job" in controlling the freshmen, according to head counselor

Ken Ruscio.

At one point a freshman did enter the quad, draped in what was either a Nazi or a Confederate flag, depending on which of several descriptions is believed.

The incident ended when the SABU members left the quad and moved back to their rooms.

Ruscio said the matter of the demonstration will be referred to the Student Control Committee, who will decide what disciplinary action, if any, will be taken.

## *Runoffs held today*

Run-off elections are being held today to choose the persons to fill three freshman offices.

The candidates include: for freshman president, Steve Jones and Pete Williams; for Freshman E.C. repre-

sentative, Tom McCarthy and Bill Webster; and for freshman law rep. to the E.C., Stephen Asmar, Gaining Martin, and Pamela Rogers.

Elected Monday were George Fisher, freshman vice-president, and Don Noble, U.C. rep.

## **EC tries to arbitrate**

The attempted reconciliation between the SAB and SABU at Monday night's E.C. meeting lasted three hours and saw at least three E.C. proposals to end the dispute discarded.

According to SABU Secretary Tony Perry, the SABU members were told last Spring by out-going SAB Co-

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sible concert would not be announced as a SABU function.

Thompson also said that the National Lampoon show scheduled for the same week as the SABU culture program is being held to provide some variety in campus entertainment.

Thompson cited the fact that there will be at least three black bands on campus at some time during the year and possibly four.

Perry said that the issue is not

a black band but a matter of the verbal promise made last Spring by the SAB. SABU had hoped to have a concert to draw attention to Black Awareness Week and perhaps help raise attendance at the week's other events.

E.C. member Clendon Lee suggested that the E.C. order the SAB to cancel the National Lampoon show and use the money to sponsor some black-oriented event during the week.

Thompson stated that the \$500 de-

posit paid for the show would probably be lost if such an action were taken.

E.C. member Dave Davis suggested that SABU might be aided with money from the E.C. Funding budget, but the idea was not discussed by the committee.

E.C. Vice-president Mynders Glover suggested that a resolution be passed ordering the SAB to consider the ideas of SABU members in the future when planning entertainment.

The meeting finally ended with a "gentlemen's agreement" that the SAB would attempt to schedule a black band for the Spring Concert and would listen to SABU suggestions concerning who that band should be.

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