

# SABU stages sit-in

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Ten to 15 members of the Student Association for Black Unity organized a sit-in around President Huntley's office on the second floor of Washington Hall, protesting what they claim was unfair treatment of a black defendant at a Tuesday night honor trial.

The students had been there since 9 a.m. Wednesday morning said SABU President Mike Brooks. "We are going to sit here . . . until somebody tells us something."

Brooks said the defendant was not notified of the charges against him until the trial began.

In a meeting in the Admissions Office President Huntley, Dean of Students Lewis John, Johnny Morrison and Eugene Perry, ad-

visors to the defendant, E.C. President Tom Hunter and Vice-president Sandy Stradtman were discussing the situation at press time.

The protesting students contend that the late notification of charges against the accused was only one of several violations of White Book procedures at the trial.

The defendant was not convicted during the trial and according to Brooks, left in anger before the end of the trial.

"The man was railroaded," Brooks said.

But according to sophomore E.C. representative Neil Pentifallo, "Any student who comes before the E.C. for a possible honor violation will get a fair

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trial."

Pentifallo said he is bothered by claims that any student was tried unfairly. "They're questioning my integrity," he said.

E.C. members refused to comment further on the trial, since the case is still open and the White Book forbids their releasing information about any private trial.

Administration officials were still in conference with the E.C. and the defense advisers at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Brooks said this incident is just one example of the kind of problems black students have faced at W&L since the university integrated in 1970.

Wednesday afternoon members of SABU were bringing groceries into the area where they were waiting. Many of them had brought books to read. "We are prepared to stay here and make things difficult in the operation of this building," Brooks said.

This is not the first time dissatisfaction with student government actions has prompted SABU to stage a protest.

In October, 1975, the organization held a rally and march around the dormitories. According to SABU spokesmen at the time, the rally was to express their anger about the lack of black entertainment on campus and at the lack of concern shown black problems by the E.C. and Student Activities Board.

Later in the year SABU refused to continue aiding the Recruitment Committee in bringing black students to W&L.

Brooks said at that time that SABU could not continue to ask black students to come to a school where the organization felt they were not welcome.

This year's freshman class of 496 contained only two black students.

The protests last year brought about the formation of the Minority Affairs Co-ordinating Com-

mittee. The EC formed the committee to investigate minority complaints and place minority voices on all student committees.

Activities of the MACC to date have focused mostly on the problems of female exchange and law students.

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That type of thought is unfounded."

W&L had fencing before, and Dr. Worth wants to bring it back again. Not only does he feel that the student body will be enriched by it, but the students who participate in it should enjoy it as much as he will enjoy teaching it.

Fencing sharpens the mind and improves balance, coordination, muscle tone, as well as enlarging the heart, lungs, and legs. Hopefully, it also will instill a sense of chivalry into some of the student body. Who knows- Maybe gloves and sword sheaths will re-