Good morning, people,
We're still here.
In fact there were more people than ever here Friday night—at least 600 at one point, not counting a hundred drunken louts who gathered around the doorways and growled. They went away—we didn't, and won't for a while.

The State News ran an article Friday quoting Dr. Hannah as saying that we would be asked to leave at midnight so Bessey could close for the weekend. One of us went to see Dr. Hannah, who confirmed this statement. Our spokesman then pointed out that about 400 people the night before had tentatively decided to stay here regardless of the police. Later in the day, Dean Callin came down and announced to us in a very friendly manner that the statement had been in error, and that no student would be asked to leave the building. We don't know that Dr determination to stay in the building made administration change its mind. It may be that the administration simply decided that it would be unwise and unfair to interfere. It doesn't really matter anyway. We are still here—and a precedent has been set. Bessey Hall is now open 24 hours a day to students.

Dr. Forman of the ATL Department spoke to us Friday night. He read a short response to our letter from Dr. Strandness, who said, in effect, that the first move is up to the AAUP. He also told us to go home. He said that the ATL Department is united against us, and that the large majority of its members were signing a petition calling for our action. Dr. Forman was contradicted later that evening by a non-tenured instructor in ATL who, understandably, wishes to remain anonymous. He described conditions in the ATL Department as a "reign of terror" and said that only 17 of 70-odd department members had signed the anti-student petition. While we disagree with Dr. Forman, we appreciate his concern—which is more than most other department members have shown.

Jim Graham, Jim Carbine, Jim Sink, and Greg Hopkins, all Student Board members, were present Friday night. All support our position strongly. They obtained for us about 500 copies of the academic section of the Williams Report for use in the broader battle for academic freedom and student participation.

Fewer people attended Saturday and Sunday, so we were able to discuss concrete forms of action in smaller groups. Now that the weekend is over, we expect a bigger crowd again tonight. Why don't you come?

If you disagree, we'd like to know why—after all, the right to dissent is one of the things we're fighting for—and if you agree with us, you should be here.

The main decisions made Saturday and Sunday were:
(1) To maintain the platform adopted Wednesday and outlined in NOTES #1 (ask for a copy if you haven't seen it).
(2) To remain in Bessey until Wednesday at least.
(3) To take further action on the immediate ATL issue. The steering committee will visit Dr. Strandness today, in response to his invitation. Delegations will attempt to see other concerned administrators and faculty. We maintain, however, that this is a purely student-faculty problem. Visits to administrators will be mainly to clarify our position to them. Each of us here will try to see some faculty member or members to explain our position and try to establish friendly relations with sympathetic faculty members, the number of whom seems to be growing. A representative will attempt to present a request to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday. Our request to them will probably be that they acknowledge the legitimacy of student interests and student action on academic matters, and that they listen to students as full-fledged citizens of the academic community. Hopefully this will result in the Trustees removal of the ATL matter back to the ATL department for further consideration. Watch for an announcement of a rally later in the week.
(4) To continue action on the broader issues of academic freedom, academic degeneracy, and student voice and participation in academic matters. Hopefully such action can be undertaken successfully without resorting to such extreme tactics as have been necessary in this particular case. Some improvement should be responsible through cooperation if we can find enough sympathetic faculty members. We are disappointed at the relative lack of response thus far from the faculty. Some faculty members have said that others are afraid to speak out in our behalf, though they may agree with us. We do not feel that fear is a proper atmosphere for the unfettered pursuit of truth. That's why we're here.

P.S. It wasn't U.S. at Cowles House.