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Johnson Hall Sit-in

Tonight law officials were called to Johnson Hall at the University of Oregon to remove those persons who were occupying the building in violation of the law of Oregon and ordinances of the City of Eugene.

An undetermined number of persons, from 35 to 200 at different times, had been sitting-in in the campus administration building since ~~just~~ before noon Wednesday.

University President Robert D. Clark had asked them to leave the building Wednesday at closing time, but on determining that they appeared to be confining their occupancy to the lobby and on their pledged of non-violence, decided to allow them to remain in the building Wednesday night.

At that time, the President said, "I want to make it perfectly clear that occupancy of this building is an infraction of the law." He also stated that their demands of 1. removal of ROTC from the campus, 2. removal of law officials from the campus, 3. amnesty for those arrested following last weeks disruptions, were beyond his power to grant.

As president of the University, Dr. Clark is responsible for the authorized

interference or disruption.

On Thursday, the occupancy continued in Johnson Hall. Normal business was  
and strident voices and by  
disrupted by the loud music, the crowding of the corridors and offices,

Late ~~noon~~ Thursday afternoon, President Clark again addressed the group,  
requesting that they leave. They demanded a convocation and he replied that  
he was willing to call faculty to meet with them and discuss the possibility  
of a convocation but that he was not willing to have them remain in Johnson  
Hall.

They rejected his request and his suggestion. Law officials were called at  
that time and the students were removed.

The action Thursday night climaxes a week of violence and dissention at the  
University - a week which has witnessed extensive vandalism at the ROTC offices  
on the campus, arrest of disrupters, rallies, and demands by dissenting students.