Third World Students Issue Demands

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To the thump of drum beats and the clang of cow bells, more than 170 students marched from the Third World Center to University Hall on Friday afternoon to present a list of detailed demands to the administration.

In order to give the administration time to study the demands, rally organizers have not yet released their list to the public, said spokesperson Gina Dent '87.

In previous meetings with administrators, Third World students have said that Brown needs a more ethnically diverse faculty, a less Eurocentric curriculum, improved on-campus security, and expanded minority support programs.

The march demonstrated the support of minority students for the demands of Third World leaders, Dent said, and the community may stage more rallies on the administration’s response.

President Howard Swearer was not present to receive the demands. He had left University Hall Friday afternoon, before a phone call from Third World leaders notified administrators of the impending march according to Dean of Student Life Eric Widmer.

Approximately ten minutes before the rally, Ron Thibou '86, acting as a Third World representative, went to University Hall to ask that an administrator be in front of the building to meet the students.

Thibou said that when he arrived, he found the building’s front doors locked. In addition, a Brown Security officer stood at the left entrance and two Brown Security cars were pulling on to the Green from behind Sayles Hall.

Dean of Student Life Widmer explained that he had received a call from Police and Security alerting him that “there was going to be some kind of action in which the building figured.”

“As a precautionary move until I could figure more, I had the doors locked,” Widmer said.

Thibou said he asked the guard to let him inside. After Thibou entered the building he met Widmer in the