

Seeks Definite Action

# Pro-Integration Group Organized

The formation of Students For Direct Action, an organization which the chairman says intends to oil the rusted integration machinery on and near the campus was announced this week.

The group is not sponsored by any already-existing organization, either religious or academic, SFDA's chairman Chandler Davidson, said. He hopes that, for this reason, "it can get around the formidable red tape which has hamstrung 'official' groups in the past.

"Integration is practically at a standstill in the University area," Davidson said. "Most of the students are not even aware of the segregation tactics employed by the University and by business firms in the campus area.

"Our purpose is to publicize the Negro's plight, to throw the spotlight on individuals who are responsible for this plight, and to take peaceful, lawful, but definite action to remedy the situation."

The group originally met as a "human relations council" under the auspices of the student government Human Relations Committee, of which Sandra Cason is chairman.

It was decided before the Thanksgiving holidays to form a committee separate from the student government.

"Due to the extreme conservatism which characterizes most of the student government and to its jungle of bureaucratic procedures, direct action concerning civil rights is virtually impossible within its framework," Davidson said.

"However, we hope to cooperate with the Human Relations Committee. Its chairman, in fact, is an SFDA member. Our many hope is to escape bogging down in 'officialdom,'"

The committee's first large-scale project will begin next week in an attempt to organize all interested students and faculty members into a single coordinated group, and to encourage restaurants to integrate their establishments.