

# Ruth Doyle Quits UW Task Force Studying Negro Issues on Campus

Mrs. Ruth Doyle, University of Wisconsin black students' program administrator whose removal blacks had asked last November, has resigned.

Mrs. Doyle, founder and former director of the University's special program to help poor Negro and other minority students, resigned Jan. 20, although the University made no official announcement.

Blacks tried to force her out because she is not black. Mrs. Doyle is the wife of U.S. Judge James E. Doyle, 21 N. Prospect Ave.

THE UNIVERSITY came up with a five-member task force to reevaluate Negro problems on the campus. She was appointed to the task force, but re-



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signed and is now working for the chancellor.

Mrs. Doyle said she opposed the task force approach of administering aid to Negro students. She also opposed one demand by Negro students that there would be a "black curricu-

lum for black students."

The black curriculum was one of several demands made by students during protest demonstrations last November. Another was that Mrs. Doyle be replaced with a black.

Mrs. Doyle said she favored integration.

SHE ALSO said in criticizing the task force approach that too many administrators "create a problem of who runs the office, who makes the daily decisions, and who applies policy to Susie Jones."

Wisconsin has about 174 students affected by the program, mostly black.

The task force was estab-

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lished after a special committee headed by dean of special projects Samuel Proctor concluded that "no one person can coordinate all aspects of the special program."

THE COMMITTEE suggested that a large staff of Negroes in key administrative and counseling positions be set up to deal with problems of minorities.

Mrs. Doyle called the request a "million dollar" dream.

The task force directing the minority student program now consists of two Negro and two white members.

ITS MEMBERS are Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs F. Chandler Young, James Baugh, former assistant director of the program; Wallace H. Douma, director of student financial aids; and Merritt Norvell, an assistant to Young.

Young said the task force is administering the program "and planning its structure for next year." He denied, however, that further changes in administration of the program are contemplated at this time.

"WE'RE DOING what everyone thinks was sensible," Young said, "to build it (the program) into existing structures but not lose its identity."

Young said the recruiting part of the program will be built into the Admissions Office, the financial aids part into the Financial Aids Office, and the counseling would be handled in his office.

He said Mrs. Doyle would still be available as a consultant on the minority student program.