

Group at UW Disrupts Classes to Aid Blacks

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About 250 student demonstrators, mostly white, disrupted classes in several University of Wisconsin buildings Friday in search of support for black students who had earlier presented 13 "non-negotiable" demands to the University administration.

Black leaders later promised to organize a boycott Monday of all classes and "other University, not student, sponsored functions." The boycott will continue, they said, until black students are satisfied that their demands will be met.

ONE DEMAND, calling for immediate admission of blacks recently expelled from Oshkosh

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State University, already has been denied by the University.

University Vice-Pres. Robert Clodius said Friday "any of these students may apply for admission to the University of Wisconsin" for any term beginning with this year's summer session.

STUDENTS disrupting classes were met with little resistance. Most professors and instructors yielded to the protesters; who then urged students to attend a meeting in the Memorial Union, where the demands were read.

While the disturbances were taking place some news photographers were threatened, although no injuries were reported.

One television cameraman said his equipment was damaged inside a classroom. Students asked photographers to surrender film shot inside classes, fearing that it might be used to incriminate them.

No film was confiscated. The demands included establishment of an autonomous black studies department and black cultural center, with black students having final authority for administration and personnel of the department and the cultural center.

The demands also called for the admission of at least 500 more black students to the University this fall. There are now about 400 Negroes enrolled.

AT A NEWS conference later, black leaders would not elaborate on their demands. They also declined to identify themselves.

The black leaders said a "consensus" or "majority" of black students on the campus

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Half Classes

'Non-Negotiable' Demands Made

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supports the demands. Fewer than 50 blacks were present at the various meetings and rallies Friday afternoon.

ACCORDING to Vice-Chancellor F. Chandler Young, about eight to 10 blacks presented the demands to him Friday morning. UW student Willie Edwards of the Black People's Alliance was the group's spokesman, Young said.

Young called "some of the demands quite unrealistic — you don't know precisely what they are asking." He declined further comment.

UW Chancellor Edwin Young likewise withheld specific comment pending further study of the demands, which he called "pretty far-reaching."

AN UNIDENTIFIED black said meetings would be held with members of the University Administration once every seven days, starting Monday, to see if any response to the demands is being made.

The chancellor and vice-chancellor both said no meetings with black students have been scheduled for Monday.

Several blacks charged Friday that Chancellor Young had been "whisked off campus" and would not meet with them.

Young denied this, saying that blacks did not show up for a 2:30 appointment with him. He said he waited until 2:50 and then left his office.

Harvey Breuscher, director of the UW News Service, said four blacks, led again by Edwards, arrived at the chancellor's office at 2:55 and left when told that Young was not there.

BLACKS emphasized the non-negotiable nature of the demands, which they said must be accepted or rejected on an "all or none, yes or no basis."

Clodius said the students from Oshkosh who applied here were turned down because the University didn't want to overrule the State University Board of Regents.

"What the students were really asking the administration to do was to try their cases over again and overrule the decision of the regents of the state universities.

"This we cannot do," Clodius said.

AFTER FRIDAY'S meeting of about 1,000 jammed in the Union's Great Hall, there was uncertainty as to what steps black students and their white supporters would take next. A boycott will be attempted, but black leaders refused all comment on what tactics might be used.

Future plans may be discussed at a noon meeting today, again in the Great Hall.



Speaker Waves Blacks' Demands at Rally on University Mall

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