

# Black Threatens Shutdown of UW

A black leader on the University of Wisconsin campus said Saturday that, unless his group's demands are met and the University becomes "more relevant, there should be no University at all."

Willie Edwards, leader of the Black Peoples' Alliance, added, "If we don't get what we want, this University will not function."

Speaking at a rally Saturday noon in the Memorial Union's Great Hall, Edwards and several other students, black and white, discussed the changes they are seeking in the University system.

"We've been trying to cooperate for the past year," Edwards said. "We have been involved in committees to negotiate and ultimately change things here, but the University played with us, manipulated us."

"They only want to placate us. All they want is to do is talk," he continued. "We don't have any power at all in their structure, so the only power that remains to us is the power to disrupt."