

## Four Protesters Arrested

# Police and Students Clash at UW Game

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More than 300 University of Wisconsin students clashed with about 140 police from four law enforcement agencies Saturday afternoon at the Fieldhouse in an expressed attempt to disrupt the University's basketball game.

Few of the students succeeded in gaining entrance.

Instead, they shouted, threw snow and mud at both the police and Fieldhouse, where 11,151 persons were watching the game, and tried to storm their way in.

However, the game was not disrupted.

ABOUT 50 STUDENTS, mostly blacks, did get into the Fieldhouse, where they carried out several silent demonstrations.

Before the demonstrations ended at about 4:30 p.m., a little more than an hour after they started, 11 persons had been arrested, four policemen had been injured, the official car of Gov. Warren P. Knowles had been damaged, and about 10 windows had been broken at the fieldhouse.

The march and demonstrations were planned at a noon rally in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. There, about 400 students, black and white, discussed the demands the black students had made to the University Friday, and the role

the white students could play in aiding the blacks.

THE PURPOSE of the march was to emphasize those demands. Student leaders, including Willie Edwards, leader of the Black Peoples' Alliance, refused to speak to newsmen.

The confrontation was one of the first in what student leaders hope will become a general student strike on campus. A boycott of classes has been planned for Monday, with a rally in the Great Hall scheduled for 9:30 a.m. that day.

University of Wisconsin Protection and Security had about 25 officers on the scene and were aided by 71 from the City

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of Madison and between 40 and 50 Sheriff's deputies and Dane County Traffic Police. They began arriving at 2:30 p.m. and were still coming at half time.

#### ARRESTED were:

David E. Roloff, 20, of 10 S. Orchard St., a student; Ronald Melnick, 19, of 216 N. Hamilton St., a student; William W. Rentz, 24, Appleton, listed as unemployed; all are at liberty on \$107 bail for disorderly conduct;

Clay E. Batts, 21, of 1221 Spaight St., a student was held in the Dane County jail on charges of disorderly conduct and battery to a police officer.

FOUR MADISON police officers were reported injured in incidents at the fieldhouse.

Lt. Frederick J. Hall, 42, of 2525 Chamberlain Ave., suffered a severely sprained wrist and minor bruises in a scuffle at one of the gates.

Police officers James Sparks, 32, of 4310 Portland Parkway, and Richard Olson, 37, of 5019 Flambeau Rd., and Special Investigator James Scrivner, 25, of 5826 Balsam Rd., received minor abrasions.

INSIDE THE fieldhouse, about 45 blacks were seated in front row seats behind the Badger bench at the start of the game. As the national anthem was played, they remained seated. Meanwhile, three blacks moved into the court area, raised their clenched fists, and knelt on one knee in front of the group of blacks.

After the game began, several blacks began changing seats. Six minutes into the game a group of 20 blacks stood up as if to leave.

Twice during the first half, a group of blacks marched slowly around the court obstructing the view of spectators in lower seats. There were no incidents during the second half, and many of the blacks left before the end of the game.

SNOW BALLS and rocks were hurled through windows near the entrances.

Most of the demonstrators outside were white. And, as the clashes and rock-throwing continued, fewer black students were observed among the crowd.

The students had marched from the Memorial Union to the fieldhouse, headed by a small group of blacks equipped with megaphones and walkie-talkies. The group shouted "Reinstate the Oshkosh Blacks" and "On Strike, Shut it Down."

and whites spoke of "cooperation."

Leaders of other campus groups said that they were helping to organize the planned student strike, which is scheduled to begin Monday.

AS THE STUDENTS rushed for Gate 1 they were met by about 30 helmeted police. One youth who managed to get into the building was whisked to a waiting police van.

The students outside then rushed to Gate 2 on the southeast side where another confrontation with police occurred. Outside the gate Gov. Knowles' car was damaged when at least two students jumped on the hood.

A later examination revealed one of the governor's "No. 1" license plates was gone and the other almost torn off. The air was let out of three tires, and the telephone and radio antennae were broken. The words "Shut It Down" were scratched into the black paint of the car.

THE STUDENTS went from door to door and were repeatedly greeted by the sight of about 30 helmeted police at each door. There was little disturbance, however, at Gate 7 at the northwest side of the building. This was the main entrance for the police.

After a rush on Gate 2, which resulted in broken windows, the police came out and routed the students and went inside again.

A black girl yelled at the students who had fled, "Come back. Come back up. Hopefully, the athletes inside will do something." The students returned and continued throwing snowballs and mud at windows.

AT HALF time, a white youth on the inside opened the window and shouted to the students that the game hadn't been disrupted. "What's the score?" a girl shouted back.

At this point, several black leaders spoke to smaller groups and told them to meet again for the rally Monday.

Knowles was unavailable for comment Saturday night. Paul Hassett, the governor's chief of staff, said he and the governor left the game early in Hassett's car after the State Patrol had notified him of the damage to the governor's car.

A MEETING of about 80 students was held in the Union Cafeteria Saturday night after it was learned that bail had not been posted for Batts.

Reports from persons at the meeting indicated that no action would be taken before Monday morning, when Batts is scheduled to appear in County Court Branch II.