

# Peaceful Pickets Tell Blacks' Story

## No Classes Are Blocked, UW Notes

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About 1,500 University of Wisconsin students and sympathizers, heeding orders from black leaders to demonstrate peacefully, picketed major University classroom buildings Monday in support of black student demands.

Chanting the now familiar slogan, "On Strike, Shut It Down," the pickets offered no resistance to students entering buildings,

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and the classroom attendance was not significantly affected, according to Dean Leon Epstein of the College of Letters and Science.

BUT SOME classes devoted the entire period to discussion of the strike and the black demands.

University Protection and Security Forces were present in most classroom buildings, and about 200 riot-equipped city and county policemen were on call in buses at the fringes of the campus.

There were no arrests.

MEANWHILE, A softening of both black students' and university positions was indicated, and another meeting was scheduled today with Madison Chancellor Edwin Young. Young noted at a faculty meeting, "There are few non-negotiable demands."

Fire Department officials said four false alarms were turned in on the campus, one in the Law School and three in dormitories on the west end of the campus.

A sofa fire in Kronsage House was reported and firemen said the minor fire was apparently started on purpose, but no one was held.

IN A SEPARATE protest related only in part to the black demands, about 50 students Monday afternoon began a sit-in in the administrative offices of the Sociology Department in the Social Sciences Building.

Prof. David Mechanic, department chairman, said the students would be allowed to stay "because they're not disrupting anything." Mechanic said an emergency sociology faculty meeting had been called for noon Wednesday, at which time complaints of sociology students

will be considered.

The sociology students are demanding reconsideration of a case involving an assistant professor, Michael Fair, whose contract has not been renewed.

THE DEMANDS also call for sociology faculty support of the admission here of expelled students at Oshkosh State University.

Black leaders and sociology students have proclaimed mutual support. Black representatives visited the sit-in Monday afternoon and reinforced the non-violent theme stressed at a Great Hall rally earlier.

"WE CAN'T afford a bust (mass arrest)," a black co-ed told the group, adding, "we've done too much work to have it lost by provoking the police."

At a 9:30 a.m. Great Hall meeting with about 1,200 white supporters, black leader Bernard Forrester, a New York City freshman, said "the tactic for today is no disruption — we don't want a confrontation anytime or any way."

Friday several classes were disrupted, and black leaders said then similar tactics probably would be used Monday. Asked to explain the change in plans, Forrester said:

"IF YOU WERE at the basketball game Saturday, you'd know why tactics were changed."

He referred to a futile attempt by about 300 mostly white students to enter the Field House and disrupt the Wisconsin-Ohio State basketball game. Some 125 city and county police prevented the demonstrators from crashing the gates.

At a noon rally another black speaker reminded protesters that "the whole subject of this thing is to be as peaceful as possible. We don't want anybody getting arrested or hurt.

"We also don't want any hot-heads running around breaking windows," he stressed, an apparent reference to those who broke field house windows Saturday with snowballs.

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL predominantly white, leftist groups have given support to the class boycott and black demands control of the various rallies and demonstrations is exclusively in the hands of black leaders.

"We can't be successful without white support, but we don't want to get hung up on any SDS-type side issues," Mrs. Littery Edwards told a group of whites Sunday night.

"The clear-cut issues must be the black demands. We can't afford to be sidetracked," she said.

MONDAY white supporters appeared to be following closely the instructions of the black leaders. There was no apparent conflict, from whites over protest tactics, and white pickets adhered to orders of black leaders at the various classroom buildings.

Monday's picketing lasted from about 10 a.m. until noon and from about 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. By 4 p.m. the campus was back to normal.

WHILE THE pickets demonstrated, blacks circulate among numerous classes, where instructors allowed them to solicit support and explain the demands, which include establishment, under black control of a black studies department and cultural center.

The demands also call for admission of those expelled Oshkosh students who wish to attend here, along with the admission of at least 500 more black students to the University in fall. There are now about 100 blacks enrolled.