

# Regents Praise UW for Refusal to 'Yield'

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MILWAUKEE — The University of Wisconsin administration won a strong vote of confidence Friday from the Board of Regents for its handling of a week of campus disorders and refusal to bow to "all or nothing" demands of black students.

About 70 militant students on the UW-Milwaukee campus later in the day sought a confrontation with the regents on the Madison strike effort and the admission of Oshkosh State University blacks.

WITH MOST of the Milwaukee campus students barred from the building when the conference room reached capacity, two spokesmen were given 20 minutes to present their views.

While they questioned regent action in refusing to admit the

Oshkosh blacks, students on the outside hurled about a dozen snowballs at the second floor windows, breaking one small pane. Inside, there was no disturbance.

THE REGENTS' endorsement of Madison Chancellor Edwin

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Young for his firm position during the five days of hit-and-run protest activities on campus pledged "whole-hearted support to his position in response to the demands" of black students.

Young, as he has maintained throughout the week, said he stood ready to confer with black leaders, but refused to

bargain under the threat of demands that were "clearly designed to be unacceptable."

"Discussion is one thing," he said. "Intimidation—coercion—is another thing and will not be tolerated."

THE CHANCELLOR, while praising police and National Guardsmen as the "true heroes" of the disturbances, said the University's heritage of academic freedom and dissent made it more difficult to control demonstrations.

"Our very openness makes us more vulnerable. It would be a true victory (for the demonstrating students) if, in the process of fighting them, we would give up what we prize most highly," he said.

"If we had no black students on campus, we still would have difficulty because we have a

determined group of revolutionaries who say we are rotten and corrupt and who believe a good place to start destruction is the University."

ON THE MOTION of Regent Walter Renk, Sun Prairie, the board also commended Gov. Warren P. Knowles, state officials, and the Legislature for their support of the University during the time of trial.

Young made a brief report to the board of his action at the start of the meeting, and then returned hurriedly to the Madison campus before the Milwaukee militants appeared in the afternoon.

Officials were prepared for the demonstrators and had locked all but one door to the building before they arrived.

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They allowed about 20 to enter, but barred about 50 others.

THE SYMPATHIZERS outside tried to use a two-by-two board as a ramrod to break down the door. Most milled around haphazardly for about an hour and then retreated across campus.

As they left, several broke the two-by-two in half, discovered some wire on the ground, and made a cross. They stuck it in the ground as a reminder of their action, but it fell over a few minutes later.

MARGARET KROEGER, vice-president of the student governing body and one of the group's spokesmen, told the regents there would be more Madisons, more San Franciscos, and more Chicagos unless University officials gave students more power.

She said students at Milwaukee felt the administration had encouraged the Oshkosh blacks to seek admission at the University, but then had rejected them.

"I wonder where the integrity is — whether it was done for political reasons with biennial budget considerations (playing a part). If all we see are lies and broken promises, then students wonder why they should continue to work through channels," she said.

DAVE EDELMAN, president of a group called the Milwaukee Organizing Committee, said the University used police and National Guard troops "to suppress the student struggle for the demands of the black students."

He called for immediate steps to meet the demands, the removal of all police and guardsmen from the Madison campus, and the admission of all Oshkosh blacks "without qualification."

The regents and University Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington offered no comment about the suggestions to remove law officers in Madison or grant demands of the blacks.

REGARDING the Oshkosh students, Harrington said the decision to deny their admission was based on administrative rules which prohibit transferring students from entering the University without waiting a semester. Special exceptions would have had to be made if the blacks were admitted this semester, he said.

"This does not mean these students cannot come to the University of Wisconsin at a later date," Harrington said.