

# Continue Protest, Ald. Soglin Asks

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Fewer than 600 students were on hand for the start of Monday night's rally on the Memorial Library Mall and the number had dwindled to about 200 before the gathering moved inside the building for warmth.

Speakers, including Ald. Paul Soglin, Eighth Ward, urged the audience not to "cop out" on the protest or let the movement fall apart.

**TWO RALLIES** were scheduled for today, one at 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall and the other at 1 p.m. across from Agriculture Hall.

Plans will be announced at the morning gathering, and the afternoon meeting is to be an attempt to take the student cause to the agriculture students with a teach-in and rally.

Soglin, who called the University's current structure a "travesty of democracy," said the student strike is important to whites as well as blacks.

"**THERE IS** nothing more relevant at this time than the issue of freedom," he said. "You can't just walk out and leave somebody else holding the bag."

"And it's a very dirty bag," he added.

One black leader apologized to the students for what he called the "necessity" of staying out of classes. "Nobody likes missing classes," he said. "Well, maybe some do, but I can't control that."

"What you've got to realize is that some of you will fail courses for not going to classes," he added. "But there are some of us who are going to fail whether we stay out of class or not. That's what we want to change."

The second of the two black speakers, neither of whom identified themselves, took a jab at Gov. Warren P. Knowles.

"Nobody wants to talk with us on a people-to-people basis," he said. "That's why Knowles brought in the Guard — he's too

afraid to be man enough to deal with us as equals."

Both speakers commented on Chancellor H. Edwin Young's television appearance Sunday night, calling him "less than unprofessional" and "just plain dumb."

"He's telling one bunch of people one thing," one of them said, "and something different to somebody else — just trying to split us up." He did not elaborate.

Several references were made to a meeting of "a committee of brothers" and an announcement that would be forthcoming. The announcement never came.

An interlude of wisecracks and a song composed by one demonstrator took over until the rally broke up about 8:45 p.m.

"We expect soon that the school children of Dane County will join us in our strike," one leader said. "They are tired of having to walk to school because the pigs (police) took all their school buses."

"They're also tired of not being able to play," another put in, "because somebody — guess who — walked off with all their baseball bats."

With a final plea to "go back to your dorms and rap (talk) to get us more support," the black leaders announced today's rallies and suggested that "everybody go home and get some sleep."

## **UW Rumor Center Finds Lines Busy**

A rumor center — set up at the University of Wisconsin to answer questions from the community and campus — has already responded to more than 300 telephone calls in its first two days of operation.

Conceived by members of the University's Law School faculty including Stuart Gullickson, the center is manned by law students who work short shifts voluntarily between classes.

Directing the operation is Jack Burke, of the UW News Service.

Most questions posed to the rumor center deal with the status of demonstrations and rallies on the campus, Burke said.

The center, located in Bascorn Hall, can be reached by phoning 262-0100 and 262-0101.