

# UW Protests Halted Pending Faculty Vote

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Demonstrations at the University of Wisconsin have been called off pending faculty action Mar. 3 on the establishment of a Black Studies Department.

Black spokesman Willie Edwards confirmed Friday that a protest moratorium is in effect, and said he would elaborate later at a Great Hall meeting then in progress.

**THE MEETING** ended at 1:15 p.m., however, without Edwards addressing the group of about 150, a sparse crowd compared to the 1,000 to 1,500 students attending daily rallies at the peak of the recent demonstrations.

Edwards was expected to explain what black students want the faculty to do at the Mar. 3 meeting. A leaflet announcing Friday's rally, distributed Thursday and signed by "The Strike Committee," called on faculty members to:

**ONE.** "Note the Thiede Committee Report," which will be issued next week and will propose changes in the University's program for disadvantaged, minority students.

**TWO.** "Approve in principle establishment of a Black Studies Department."

**THREE.** "Designate a faculty member approved by the black students to set up" the black studies program.

**FOUR.** Request a progress report from Chancellor Edwin Young on the creation of a Black Studies Department by the next faculty meeting.

These four criteria are the most detailed public explanation to date specifying initial procedures for complying with any of the blacks' demands. In addition,

the four requirements asked of the faculty are moderate in tone compared to the arbitrary manner in which the demands were first presented.

**A SPEAKER** at Friday's meeting indicated that demonstrations would resume if faculty action is not satisfactory.

"We're waiting to see what the faculty is going to do but keep in readiness to go out in the streets again," the Puerto Rican student said. He did not identify himself, but said he was a member of the Third World Liberation Front, an organization of "oppressed peoples" from Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

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them we're serious and not joking," he said.

"We hope, in a way, that the demands will not be met at first so this can serve as an education as to where this University is at," he added.

**THE SPEAKER** also offered an explanation as to why student participation in the strike and demonstrations dwindled sharply this week.

"The drop in attendance came, I feel, because most kids have never had the experience of true struggle or sacrifice," he said, adding that he was raised in the slums of New York City's Spanish Harlem.

**FRIDAY'S** meeting occurred as the last group of National Guardsmen called to control student disturbances was released by the adjutant general's office.

The group, about 180 members of the 32nd Engineer Company from Onalaska, will return home after spending three days here.

There have been no Guardsmen on campus since Tuesday.

**IN ADDITION** to the Mar. 3 faculty meeting, the faculty will convene as a committee of the whole at 3:30 p.m. Monday to discuss the black student demands.

Attendance at the meeting will be limited to voting faculty, but the Union Theater session will be carried by closed circuit television to the Wisconsin Center for voting members who cannot be accommodated.

Students will be able to hear the proceedings in the Great Hall.