

Protesters Leave a Destructive Path

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The chant of "On strike, shut it down" turned into cries of "Cut it down, tear it down" Thursday afternoon as some 200 militant students ripped through the University of Wisconsin campus in a destructive demonstration supporting the demands of black students.

The melee, which lasted about 45 minutes, left broken windows, upset vending machines, broken furniture and fixtures, ripped fire hoses, and smoke-filled classrooms as the group

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hit and ran through eight University buildings.

At least \$1,200 window breakage and paint damage was caused to campus buildings in the afternoon demonstrations, Campus Police Lt. Lavern Cator said an incomplete report showed.

Five persons were arrested but no injuries were reported as two busloads of city and county police moved in to restore calm.

THE NEW OUTBREAK drew quick reply from University Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington

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and Chancellor Edwin Young who announced that expulsion proceedings would be promptly brought "against students apprehended for intentional conduct that indicates serious danger to the personal safety of others or seriously damages and destroys University property or obstructs classrooms."

The rampage began shortly after 1:30 p.m. when black student leaders announced that the strike which had run for 10 days on the campus during the last two weeks was reopened.

A RALLY in support of the new strike had been called for noon on Bascom Hill. It was first attended by a handful of black students and some 60 whites.

It wasn't until after about 20 black students returned to the Hill from a meeting in the Memorial Union that the disturbances began.

Dividing into two groups, led by black students, the protesters moved into action.

THEY SURGED into a lecture hall of the Social Science Building first, where they encountered State Sen. Gordon Roseleip, (R-Darlington) who was addressing a class on social disorganization.

Several leaders of the group shouted obscenities at Roseleip as he quickly and quietly left the auditorium.

Minutes later a smoke bomb was exploded in the front of the auditorium and the destruction began.

STENCH BOMBS were ignited in the halls of the building. Fire alarms were set off, ash cans overturned and paint was splattered on the front of the building as the cry of "swing, don't sing" went up from black leaders.

From the Social Science Building the militant group, which had now drawn more onlookers than participants, moved to Bascom Hall.

Tearing into a lunch and rest area, the group overturned tables and chairs and smashed down vending machines in the rear of the building.

It was there that the group had its first encounter with University police who made arrests and drove the students off under heavy smoke bombs.

KEEPING ONE step ahead of police in their hit-and-run tactics, the students moved on through Van Vleck Hall, the Commerce Building, Lathrop Hall, Psychology Building, the new Chemistry Building and on to Van Hise Building, repeating their destruction on the way.

Windows were broken with trash cans, chairs, desks and rocks in seven of the buildings. Stench and smoke bombs were ignited in all of them.

"They did more destruction in the 45 minutes than they did during the whole two weeks of the last strike," University Police Chief Ralph Hanson said.

AT 2:15 p.m. the demonstrators hit Van Hise where they

broke in about four huge glass-front doors with trash cans and began moving inside the buildings to set off stench bombs.

Campus police were able to enter Van Hise and make arrests of some of the student demonstrators at that point.

The group broke up there, leaving only curious onlookers as Madison and Dane County officers arrived.

THROUGHOUT THE noon rally and the demonstrations, the black student leaders emphasized that they were going to "quit being non-violent."

"Our non-violent demands have been met with violent denials by this University's administration. They are only compromising the destiny of the black students," one black spokesman told the rally crowd.

In a printed handout entitled the Black Journal, it was pointed out that pressure would be put on the University to meet all 13 demands that the black students had raised in the first strike demonstration.

"This doesn't necessarily mean that we will be dancing and singing in the streets," the handout said.

"TODAY'S DESTRUCTION are all acts of desperation by a small group of militants who have lost most of their following. These acts are crimes against the State of Wisconsin and grounds for expulsion from the University of Wisconsin," Chancellor Young said.

Young said that Madison police and sheriff's deputies would be on the campus today to keep order.

There was no indication that the National Guard, which had been called by Gov. Warren Knowles to quell the last demonstration, would be called in again.