

Blacks Credited With Keeping Order

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A member of the conservative Young Americans for Freedom testified Tuesday night that black students at the University of Wisconsin often were responsible for maintaining order during recent demonstrations on the UW campus.

David Keene, 23, a second-year law student, spoke before the joint legislative committee investigating the Feb. 7-14 demonstrations in support of black student demands.

KEENE, Ft. Atkinson, told the nine-member committee that most black leaders of the student strike "are not part of the very small minority bent on destroying the University."

He charged that "white, radical members of the Students for a Democratic Society" caused the campus violence. Keene was the last of three witnesses who appeared before the committee Tuesday night.

OTHERS appearing were David Joranson, 27, of 1431 Morrison St., a graduate student in the University School of Social Work, and Douglas Morris, Witte Hall, a mathematics department research assistant.

Committee chairman Sen. Milo Knutson (R-La Crosse) said Madison Police Chief Wil-

bur Emery and University Police Chief Ralph Hanson will testify at tonight's 7:30 State Capitol hearing.

About 75 students attended Tuesday's hearing, at which both Keene and Morris sharply criticized the disruptive tactics used during the demonstrations, as well as the University administration's handling of the disorder.

JORANSON, a former resident of Beloit and Appleton, expressed support for the 13 demands of the black students, and attacked the Feb. 12 callup of National Guardsmen.

"I had a fierce, gut reaction to the presence of the Guard," Joranson said, adding that "their presence gave momentum to the student movement."

The Guard "had the effect of polarizing people who had not taken a stand before," he said.

Although he did not criticize the overall conduct of the troops, Joranson did say that "an unsheathed bayonet makes it difficult for people to think clearly."

Joranson called for increased communication between University students and state legislators. He was the second of the five witnesses, all students, who have testified before the committee to express essential support of the demonstrations and black demands.

ALL THE witnesses called by the committee have been graduate students who were not active participants in the demonstrations.

John Armstrong, the committee's legal counsel, has conducted most of the interrogation, which has dealt with what each witness observed during the demonstrations, who they felt was responsible, how they evaluate the University's response, and what, if any, legislation they favor as a result of the demonstrations.