

Probers Hear 2 Sides of Campus Disruption

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Two sides of the February disruptions on the University of Wisconsin campus were expressed Tuesday at a hearing of a probe being conducted by a special legislative committee.

A male student from Highland Park, Ill., said that while he was in sympathy with some of the black student demands, he did

not feel the disruptions were justified.

And a co-ed from Appleton said she stayed away from her regular classes during the week of the class boycott and participated in many of the demonstrations and rallies.

KEEVAN MORGAN, a freshman, said he did not feel that limiting the percentage of out-of-state students and raising their tuition would have any ef-

fect on curbing future enrollments.

"That would only cut the percentage, not the type of student," he said. "I think it is possible to eliminate disrupters without cutting the enrollment by more careful screening of transfer students and asking students convicted of participation in disruptions here to leave."

Morgan said he felt out-of-state students had something to add to the University. "Without them this would be just another state University."

He said he thought the future disruptions might be eliminated if the administration took a stronger stand against them.

MARY KAY BAUM, a junior from Appleton, said, "So many people think that all disrupters are people from out-of-state who do not love Wisconsin."

"I have deep roots here and supported the blacks' demands because of those roots, not in spite of them."

Miss Baum compared the demands for a black studies department with a demand in 1860 by farmers for an agriculture program at the University. And, she continued, the department was not a good one until administrators went to the farmers to find out what they wanted to have in that department.

THE PERT 21-year-old who said she once planned to be a Catholic nun, said she boycotted her regular classes during the week of the demonstration but that she kept up with her regular assignments and mailed some assignments to her teachers.

She said the demonstrations were no more violent than a football game or a panty raid. She also said that the black leaders kept control of the demonstrations and cited as an example a march down State St. that was stopped to allow a bus filled with elderly persons to pass.

MISS BAUM said students are becoming politically alert to such things as unjust taxes and inadequate welfare payments as well as being interested in campus events.

She said she is not a member of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). "I have worked with SDS, but now work with the Wisconsin Alliance, which I feel is more in touch with the grass roots common people. The SDS is primarily student oriented."

Committee members said they would meet tonight in a closed session to determine the future direction of the probe.

Several young persons, apparently students, told committee members they also would like to testify. Committee members took their names, but said they were not certain if any more students would be called.