

UW Blacks Ask Boycott of New Unit

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There aren't enough blacks on the University of Wisconsin Black Studies Department steering committee, the UW Black Council charged Thursday.

Horace T. Harris, chairman of the student group, assailed Madison Campus Chancellor Edwin Young for appointing four whites to the committee, and urged all students to boycott it.

Young also appointed three black faculty members to the committee, which will lay the groundwork for a Black Studies Department next fall.

"TWO DAYS ago the chancellor had the racist audacity to appoint a white chairman and a white majority to the steering committee of the Black Studies department," Harris said.

"How much plainer does he have to be in his intention to withhold all power from black faculty as well as black students," Harris asked. "Perhaps he feels that 'my people' are not yet ready to progress from the status of the 'white man's burden,'" he added.

A Black Studies Department controlled by black students and faculty was the key demand that triggered a two-week student strike in February.

THE FACULTY authorized Young in early March to appoint a nine-member steering committee to include seven faculty members and two students.

The seven professors were to have control of personnel matters pending the appointment of three tenured members to the department.

Harris said the Black Council had offered an alternative plan whereby seven students would sit on the committee as observers without voting rights.