

NO ACADEMIC GHETTO

What UW Has Planned

At the heart of the original 13 demands of black students at the University is the demand for a black studies department which would be controlled by the black students.

As shown by the demands in an adjoining column, this includes the right to hire and fire all administrators and teachers who have anything to do with black courses.

It would move all black courses to the new department and, if the voiced demands of the conferences of last week are any indication, they would be for black students only.

The result would be an academic ghetto for blacks.

The university has gone a long way toward meeting this problem, in work started before the conference of last week.

A Subcommittee on New Curricula, chaired by Prof. Fred Hayward, has recommended to its parent Committee of Studies and Instruction on Race Relations, chaired by Prof. Wilson Thiede, that a concentration of black studies be set up within the American Institutions program.

This has been started. The first courses are being offered. Other

courses are to be added as soon as the difficult job of finding faculty can be met.

The course leads to a bachelor's degree within the Afro-American concentration of the American Institutions program.

The Hayward subcommittee and the Thiede committee have both agreed that policy in the concentration should be in the hands of a subcommittee of teachers in the black studies; that students in black courses should be represented on the committee, and that the director should be black, if at all possible.

The courses, presumably, would be open to white as well as black students.

It would seem that the University had been moving toward solution of black problems in the important field of curriculum before the conferences of last week and the unrest on the campus of this week.

The University committee recommendations meet the same problems which the 13 demands seek to resolve, but conceding to the 13 stated demands would create massive new problems, including the possibility of an academic ghetto.