

Cost of Disorders May Reach \$300,000

The cost of controlling recent student disorders at the University of Wisconsin may reach \$300,000, Gov. Warren P. Knowles estimated Monday.

There probably will be legislative proposals to pay that bill, Knowles told his Education Cabinet, "but the problem is, where do we get the funds?"

THE QUESTION of whether the universities or the state should pick up the tab for outside police help called to deal with campus disorders was raised by State Universities Executive Director Eugene McPhee.

McPhee noted that the State Universities Board of Regents has recommended payment of claims from the cities of White-water and Oshkosh for police help they supplied to quell disorders on campuses in those cities.

An attorney general's opinion on whether the State Universities may legally pay such claims has been asked.

KNOWLES SAID he has been visited by many students since the disorders on the UW campus and has told them that the disorders were hurting programs for the disadvantaged because the money to control the disorders also must come from the taxpayers.

The governor said he warned those students that continuation of the disorders could have an extremely adverse effect on university budgets.

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possibility, Coordinating Council for Higher Education (CCHE) Executive Director Angus Rothwell urged Knowles to "make an appeal to the sober-minded people of the state to look at this problem as reasonably as possible."

Rothwell warned against the possibility of a "severe over-reaction to problems that could have a lasting bad effect."

KNOWLES ALSO cited another indirect cost to the state of recent campus disorders, "The refusal of some to make gifts and grants available to universities because of the disturbances."

UW Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington noted that there also was personal cost involved for Guardsmen who gave up regular salaries while serving with the National Guard.

Harrington defended the decision to call the National Guard and said he will bring it in again if the need arises.