

# Knowles' Approach to UW

Gov. Warren P. Knowles again has called for a calm approach to solving the problems which have plagued the University of Wisconsin.

Knowles has carefully and properly advised the Legislature, controlled by members of his party, not to adopt legislation in haste.



At a press conference he said: "I would hope they would not adopt legislation

on the basis of prejudice or panic."

On the other hand, the governor rightly recognizes that the campus is seriously threatened by radical elements which are hell-bent on destroying the University.

Chancellor Edwin Young has been praised by the governor for his position on campus disruption.

The chancellor deserves the thanks of the entire campus community as well as citizens of the state for his careful execution of duty to protect the integrity of the entire University and the freedom which it has always championed.

The governor, the University, the Legislature, and the people are all concerned about the future of the UW and the forces which work at odds with it.

Elsewhere on today's Page of Opinion an interview with Gov. Knowles is reprinted. Knowles discusses the whole area of campus disruption that goes beyond legal protest and demonstration.

A federal grand-jury investigation of campus riots and their leaders is proposed by Knowles. It is a concept, unlike a good number that

have been offered lately, which deserves serious consideration: a study by legal authorities that can encompass all American campus behavior, not just one campus in one state.

There may be other investigative bodies at a national level that could be set up instead of a grand jury, but the concept of a federal examination is the important point.

What happened at the UW is happening on many campuses. There is reason to believe that very small groups of highly organized radicals are working in harmony.

And it is not the right wing or conservatives that see this threat. Such liberal writers as Drew Pearson have warned about the problem. He wrote: "This column, after extensive research, is able to report that there is an international student conspiracy."

Gov. Knowles has made a reasonable and prudent request of lawmakers and citizens and students: he has asked for dealing with the problems without panic.

Regarding those problems, he said in the interview: "Now, some people say they have to be met with toughness. I don't agree with that. But they have to be met with firmness. Our various educational institutions — no matter where they are — must not be taken over by any group of individuals for purposes other than education."

It is not easy to remain cool in the face of serious threats to the University. It is not easy for some to admit that outside influence may be partly to blame. It will be hard to work out the solutions in anything less than a climate of reason.

The governor has set a tone for us all.