

UW Disrupters to Be Expelled, State Budget Scanners Assured

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Students guilty of disrupting University of Wisconsin classes will be expelled, the president of the Board of Regents assured the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee here Thursday.

"I agree that we need more expulsions than we've had for activities that are clearly disruptive," said Regent Pres. Charles Gelatt, LaCrosse.

"And I'm sure the board will explore ways of implementing rules" adopted last summer at its meeting on Mar. 14, Gelatt said. "I can assure you the board will look further to find sufficient sanctions to prevent active disruptions."

Gelatt's remarks came as the committee reviewed the University's 1969-71 budget requests, a

session that soon was directed by legislators' questions to recent campus disturbances.

JOSEPH NOLL, Kenosha, a Coordinating Council for Higher Education (CCHE) member, urged the committee not to retaliate against the University for the recent disorders by cutting budget requests.

"I've been a little concerned in recent weeks about comments to the effect we ought to shut the damn place down or cut the budget in half to show them," Noll said, "but I sure as the devil don't want to shut the place down."

UNIVERSITY PRES. Fred Harvey Harrington, testifying in the face of new student disorders Thursday afternoon, also assured the legislators that the

University will not await completion of court cases against those arrested in disorders a week ago before proceeding with University disciplinary action.

Gelatt suggested earlier that it might be best for the University to await disposition of the court cases. He also argued that suspension of students charged with disruptions until their University cases are heard would probably be challenged in court.

ASSEMBLYMAN John Shabaz (R-New Berlin) replied that "Certainly suspension is within your confines. Your actions in this just don't make sense."

Assemblyman David Martin (R-Neenah) contended that "If you're going to tell us a student

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arrested for violating someone's right to go into a class will stay in school until his court case clears, we'll never get any where because the court cases will go on until after graduation.

"A person can also continue to illegally demonstrate that way," Martin added. "You can't take that position and for very long run a top-notch University. The Board of Regents has had quite a bit of time. I hope you'll move toward suspension."

HARRINGTON TOLD the legislators that the University is preparing its own cases against those among the 31 arrested in the last disturbances who were arrested on campus. Cases also will be prepared against others not among the 31 arrested on the basis of photos taken during the disorders, he said.

"We did take a lot of pictures, and are studying them," Harrington said, "but we've had difficulty here because the leaders held back and couldn't be identified."

Harrington noted that campus demonstrations have become more violent over the years. In the early days, universities admitted some leeway because of that, he said, and the UW permitted a sit-in in an Administration Building a few years ago.

"It's perfectly obvious that we will not now allow a sit-in," he declared. "We've moved from peaceful sit-ins to violent demonstrations.

"OUR UNIVERSITIES are in danger," Harrington warned. "We've recognized a clear and present danger," although the charge that a national conspiracy is involved may be an over-simplification.

"We have come to a period when we have drawn the line," he said, "but you do want to bring a large part of the faculty and students along with you."

ASSEMBLYMAN Kenneth J. Merkel (R-Brookfield) criticized what he called the administration's willingness to negotiate recent black student demands. "They should never be put in a position where they can negotiate because they have nothing to offer," he said. "They are not a legitimate body."

Madison Chancellor Edwin Young said he feels it is his duty to meet with anyone who wishes to see him and has an appointment.

"They may think they're negotiating, but they don't act that way," Young said. "I know something about collective bargaining, and I'm not indulging in it."

GELATT REPLIED in answer to a question that he did not believe the regents would have reversed their decision not to admit expelled Oshkosh State University black students even if the faculty had recommended such a step.

The hearing on the UW's \$525.4 million budget request will continue today.