

# UW Black Studies Planners Hope to Begin Action Soon

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The chairman of a steering committee charged with organizing a black studies department on the Madison campus hopes his committee can begin work this week.

Prof. M. Crawford Young, committee chairman, said he is awaiting the naming of the committee's two student members by Madison Chancellor Edwin Young.

The chancellor said he is conferring with David Schaefer, the new Wisconsin Student Assn. (WSA) president, and black students on selection of the student members.

Crawford Young, a political scientist and specialist in African affairs, said he has conferred informally with the other six faculty members on what timetable to follow.

The chancellor announced the appointments of the committee last week. Three of its seven faculty members are black.

Creation of an autonomous black studies department controlled and organized by black students and faculty members was one of 13 black student demands over which demonstrations were conducted here in February which led to the calling of the National Guard.

In a statement issued to the faculty last week, the chancellor noted that once the steering committee has named three ten-

ured faculty members to the new department it will have no further administrative duties — "quite an incentive for it to do its work quickly."