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Madison Chancellor Edwin Young did some tough talking Wednesday.

He said in an interview that there will be major changes in discipline this fall and predicted that some people won't like it.

YOUNG DECLARED, "We are moving to get away from closing our eyes to what is going on here.

"I'm suggesting that we not let just anyone who wants to come onto the campus and organize mass meetings," he said.

"We're going to have to take a look at it hard. We've got to start enforcing rules on campus."

HIS REMARKS about student discipline are the toughest he has made thus far.

Among the rules that should be enforced are those regulating student hours and others insuring that members of student groups are actually students, he said.

"We gave away more of our rules over the years," Young

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said. "Everything is loaded on the side of maximum freedom."

YOUNG BLAMED much of the current crisis on court decisions which have held that going to a public university is a right rather than a privilege.

"This in turn has made school administrators more careful in what they did. We didn't want to be accused of being arbitrary. It's a very complicated mixture," he said.

Young denied that he was "a hard-liner or repressive." But he said he has never held the view of some colleagues "that the downtrodden are somehow a very special class. I believe that the people who make decisions ought to make them from competency," he added.

YOUNG DIDN'T detail the changes to be made this fall but said he's aware of demands of some parents and regents for more supervision over student life.

He revealed that his life has been threatened but said that he now is used to it. However, campus unrest has done serious psychological damage to some teachers, he added.

Terming himself an optimist, he said, "I have confidence in the good sense and resiliency of the American people. They are not going to let revolutionists take over. They are going to insist that people coming to the University behave."

HE CONTENTED that the tactic of the "big lie" had to be destroyed. "The big lie works," he said. "You say over and over again that the Army Mathematical Research Center is doing secret work and . . . some students believe it even though it isn't true."

He argued that the University of Wisconsin is in the big league in education, adding, "If you want to preserve a university, shouldn't we fight for this one?"