

The Faculty Senate has noted with particular interest the proposal submitted by the Ad Hoc Athletic Committee to the Board of Regents at their November 27, 1982 meeting regarding the employment of one additional football coach, the release from teaching responsibilities of several assistant coaches, and the addition of five athletic grants-in-aid. We appreciate the concerns of the Athletic Committee and their determination to bolster Western's football program. We prefer to interpret this proposal in a positive light and hope the Ad Hoc Committee's action is an indication that Western's financial outlook has improved since the Fall, 1981, when sixteen academic faculty positions were terminated. We hereby request the Board of Regents consider, along with the Ad Hoc Committee's proposal, parity funding for Western Kentucky University's academic programs, many of which have been adversely affected by the budgetary restraints of the past two years.