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In an attempt to keep members of the campus community better informed, I am initiating an experiment. During the next few months, it is my intention to publish a newsletter containing information on current campus topics in summary form. I hope this will be helpful to you in keeping you informed of developments on campus.

Donald W. Zacharias
President
Update

most of the positions currently vacant, reviewing the need for filling other positions as they become vacant, and reducing the nonpersonnel portions of the departmental budgets.

We will need the assistance and cooperation of all employees in meeting this severe budget adjustment.

TV SPOTS

You may have seen some "spots" on various television stations commemorating Western's 75th anniversary. These spots are run at no cost to the university because of the generosity of the stations. Should you know some of the management at these stations, a word of appreciation from you would be appropriate.

SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

Our annual summer commencement exercises are scheduled for August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Smith Stadium. Mr. Edward Prichard, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on the Future of Higher Education in Kentucky, will speak. I am delighted that Mr. Prichard has agreed to speak on our campus. He is one of the state's most knowledgeable individuals on the subject of higher education.

Mr. Raymond Barber, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mr. Morton Holbrook, a member of the Council on Higher Education, have already indicated their intention to attend this commencement. I expect other members of the Council to attend.

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled for August 22. The Academics Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Finance Committee at 11:00. The entire Board will meet after lunch.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT

A steering committee has been appointed to assist us in our development efforts. The group has met and all members are enthusiastic about the work of the committee. With the increasing problems with state revenues, our development efforts assume a new significance in the search for new revenue sources. Members of the Development Steering Committee are Lea Cole, Julian Goodman, Harold Helm, Carroll Knicely, Jerry Parker, and Hays Watkins.

THE COMMITTEE OF 75

Earlier this year, the Board of Regents approved the appointment of a Committee of 75 to assist in the celebration of Western's seventy-fifth anniversary. The entire committee has met once and members are working on several subcommittees. The subcommittees are Academic Program Development, Public Information and Promotion, Public Policy and University Management, Resource Development, and Student Affairs.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The process of offering financial aid awards to Western students was delayed until late June and continued into July due to the late approval of Congress of the Pell Grant program (formerly Basic Grant program). Uncertainty in Congress about some provisions of the Guaranteed Student Loan program may also cause some students to encounter a delay in obtaining loans from banks and state lending agencies. These delays may cause a larger than normal number of students to arrive on campus this fall without firm commitments of aid. The Student Financial Aid Office is working diligently to assist students and to advise them about the status of their aid awards for 1981-82.

NEW POTTER COLLEGE DEAN

Dr. Ward Hellstrom assumed his duties as dean of the Potter College of Arts and Humanities on July 1. Dr. Hellstrom comes to Western from the University of Florida where he had served as chairman of the Department of English.

OTHER ITEMS

I met with the department heads of the College of Education at their annual retreat on July 30.

On August 6, I will join Mike Green on his WLBJ show at 5:05 p.m.