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lagged behind benchmark institutions by as much as \$2,400 during 1980-81 according to figures compiled for the American Association of University Professors.

Professors at WKU earned an average of \$25,900, well below the \$28,300 average of institutions defined by the Council on Higher Education as similar in scope and mission to Western.

Associate professors at WKU trailed counterparts by nearly \$1,500, while assistant professors and instructors earned \$900 and \$700 less, respectively. The figures were compiled for the AAUP by Maryse Eymonerie Associates of McLean, Va., from data collected by the National Center for

Education Statistics, and published in the June 22 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Only one institution, Marshall University, paid professors less than Western, while Cleveland State topped the 26-institution list with an average salary of \$35,400.

The national average, according to AAUP sources, is \$29,580 for professors, \$23,440 for associate professors, \$19,280 for assistant professors, and \$15,060 for instructors.

Western faculty members rank in the 40th percentile among teachers at institutions awarding degrees above the bachelor's degree, excluding doctoral degree granting institutions.

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• SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

The University awarded 847 degrees to candidates at the 124th exercises last Friday evening in E.A. Diddle Arena.

Because of air travel difficulties and weather problems, Edward F. Prichard, chairman of the Council on Higher Education's Committee to study Higher Education in Kentucky, was unable to deliver the scheduled main address.

Anyone wishing a transcript of his prepared remarks may contact Public Information.

• OPENING OF FALL SEMESTER

Significant dates for the opening of the fall semester have been published in several places. This year we are not sending reminders to the homes of individual employees. Department heads are requested to remind their faculty members of the opening faculty meeting on August 21 at 3 p.m. in Van Meter Auditorium. Other dates to keep in mind include:

•Sept. 2, 3 p.m.
Secretarial and clerical personnel, Van Meter Auditorium.

•Sept. 3, 3 p.m.
Physical Plant, Food Service, and Public Safety personnel, Van Meter Auditorium.

• NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS

The College of Business Administration will open the 1981-82 school year with two new department heads. They are Dr. Robert F. Pethia, professor and head of the Department of Management and Marketing, and Dr. James William Rice, professor and head of the Department of Finance and Quantitative Business Analysis.

Dr. Pethia comes to Western from the Department of Management faculty at the University of Texas at Austin, and Dr. Rice comes from the College of Business Administration faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Dr. Jerry Cardwell will head the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work. He comes to Western from Longwood College in Farmville, Va., where he has been chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

• CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Some physical changes to the campus this fall are the result of capital improvement projects which will provide accessibility for the handicapped, conserve energy and offer life and fire safety improvements in campus buildings.

Funding sources are from federal revenue sharing funds allocated to the Kentucky Council

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on Higher Education during the 1978-80 biennial period and must be used specifically for capital improvement projects.

Phase I of a project to remove architectural barriers is underway at a cost of \$497,200.

Bids will be opened in September for a project for energy-saving techniques in campus buildings such as addition of storm windows, insulation, air locks, solar screens, heating and air conditioning, at a total cost of \$747,000.

Thursday, Aug. 13, a project began in campus buildings, including residence halls for life and fire safety improvements at a total cost of \$652,000.

In addition, the Department of Physical Plant and Facilities Management has instituted a new energy management computer program to provide the University with a higher level of heating, ventilating and air conditioning control to further reduce energy consumption and cost.

The new system is an update of a program the University initiated in 1974 in which a computer system controlling 30 campus buildings reduced electrical energy costs.

Harry Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs, says the computer update should cut an additional three to four percent from electrical energy costs, and that the savings over the next 12

months will cover funds spent on the project.

• ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC CHANGES

The school year will open with several changes in the administrative and academic divisions of the University which were approved by the Board of Regents at its regular quarterly meeting last April.

Because several months have passed since their implementation, they are updated for your information.

All student activities and services, with the exception of Student Financial Aid, have been consolidated into one unit under the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dr. John D. Minton, formerly Vice President for Administrative Affairs, was named Vice President for Student Affairs.

The Office of Scholastic Development moved from Academic Affairs to Student Affairs, and the consolidation included a merger of University-School Relations with the Office of Admissions and designated the Office of Admissions under the direction of Mrs. Cheryl Chambliss.

Student Financial Aid remains under the supervision of the University's Vice President for Business Affairs.

The academic restructuring includes the reassignment of programs in the College of Applied Arts and Health. These programs have been transferred to compatible

programs in the college to which they are assigned.

Because of the significance of the health services programs, the name of Ogden College of Science and Technology has been changed to Ogden College of Science, Technology, and Health.

Programs which were reassigned include:

•The Departments of Home Economics and Family Living, Library Science and Instructional Media, and Military Science, and the Communication Disorders Program, all to the College of Education;

•The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work to the Potter College of Arts and Humanities; and the Departments of Nursing, Health and Safety, Dental Hygiene and the Medical Record Technology Program to the Ogden College of Science, Technology, and Health;

•The University's Departments of Industrial Education and Engineering Technology were merged into the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology and were assigned to the Ogden College of Science, Technology, and Health;

•The programs in the Department of Intercultural and Folk Studies merged with the Department of Foreign Languages to become a new Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies.

• LABORATORY SCHOOL CLOSES

As part of the University's budget review process, the discontinuance of operation of instructional programs at the

Jones-Jaggers Laboratory School this fall will save the University \$109,000 and will provide income of \$65,000 from an annual lease with the Warren County Board of Education.

The University Board of Regents approved the plan in May. The agreement will benefit both Western and the county schools by providing additional revenue to the University and additional space for the county school system's anticipated increase in enrollment due to the growth of new industry in the Bowling Green area.

In recent weeks, other public universities in the state with similar facilities have followed suit in instituting plans to discontinue their programs.

• THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY'S FUTURE

The Committee on Higher Education in Kentucky's Future will have a meeting at Shakertown on Aug. 16-17 to prepare its final report. University presidents will make their comments about the draft of the final report on Sunday, Aug. 16.

• SALARY COMPARISON

The Office of Public Information has released the recent figures on Western's faculty salaries in an attempt to inform the people of Kentucky about the situation in higher education.

Faculty salaries at Western

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