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REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

During the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents on August 22, a new budget for 1981-82 was approved and reflects a decrease of $1,231,500. Every effort was made to avoid damaging the quality of instruction. Throughout this process, the cooperation of administrators and faculty has been exceptionally good. While we were successful in reducing the budget, we retained the scheduled salary increases and no personnel will be dismissed. An outline of the areas affected by the budget reduction includes:

- Vacant Positions .... $509,722 (Abolishment of 33 positions)
- Fringe Benefits .... $ 79,692 (Budgeted savings from positions)
- Athletics ........ $ 51,288
- Graduate Assistantships .... $ 29,556 (Elimination of 11)
- Travel ............ $ 20,793
- Student Salaries ... $ 54,771
- Library Acquisitions .... $ 25,000
- Telephone ........ $ 20,000
- Summer Stipends .... $ 15,667
- Utilities ............. $ 28,000
- Health Services .... $ 1,500
- Professional Services .... $ 15,000
- Instruction
- Undistributed .... $ 20,000
- Printing ............ $ 15,000 (Graduate Catalog)
- Physical Plant .... $ 51,511

In addition, the Board approved an increase of $20 per semester in residence hall rates, effective spring, 1982. This increase in revenue and $200,000 from the contingency accounts, combined with the reductions, total our 5 percent cut for 1981-82.

In other action, permission was given to grant tuition waivers to students currently enrolled from four Indiana counties and two counties in Tennessee. This is a continuation of the policy established by the Council on Higher Education. Students enrolled after the fall of 1981 must pay out-of-state tuition. Students currently enrolled must maintain continuous enrollment during the regular semesters to receive the tuition waiver. This policy will be (continued)
The Board approved a change in the summer school format for 1982. The summer session will include one 8-week term. The session will begin June 14 and end August 6. Classes will be held between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

• TASK FORCE ON ADMISSIONS
  The Task Force on Admissions has submitted a preliminary proposal for strengthening the admissions requirements. The report suggests that in-state students be required to possess a 2.2 grade-point average and an ACT score of at least 14. Out-of-state students would be required to furnish a grade-point average of 2.2, or rank in the top half of their class, and an ACT score of 17 or above. A copy of the proposal is available from the Office of the President and your comments are solicited prior to September 25.

• LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
  The University will observe the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7. Classes will resume and offices will open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8.

• ATTENTION ALL CHAIRPERSONS OF CAMPUS COMMITTEES
  Please submit copies of committee agendas and minutes to the Office of Public Information on a regular basis. The Office is constantly looking for new avenues to publicize the University, and the materials may include information helpful in scheduling news coverage. Also, as we begin the new school year, please keep the Office of Public Information informed of any unusual or unique human interest stories or research projects in your department or college. It is important that we all assist in the publicizing of the University.

• NEXT BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
  The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17. The meeting had previously been scheduled for October 31.

• COMMITTEE OF 75
  The Committee of 75 will hold its next meeting on Saturday, September 12. The entire committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Regents Room in Weatherby Administration Building and subcommittees will meet at 10:30 a.m. Following lunch the group will attend the WKU-Delaware football game at Smith Stadium.

• FOOTBALL ON TV
  The WKU-Delaware football game will be televised on a delayed basis by ESPN. The telecast can be seen on Sunday, September 13, at 11 p.m. and Tuesday, September 15, at 3 a.m. and 1 p.m. This vehicle provides the university with exposure to more than 11 million cable television homes across the nation.

• FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
  Tickets are now on sale for the ninth annual Fine Arts Festival, which will offer six major events for the 1981-82 season. Ticket information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Dean of Potter College.