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• BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Biennial Budget Request for 1982/84 was approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents on September 4. The Board will consider it on October 17, and the Council on Higher Education will consider the requests from all the institutions on November 12.

The recommendations of the Council on Higher Education must be submitted to the Department of Finance by November 15. The guidelines provided by the Department of Finance are based on an assumption that there will be no new dollars for 1982/83. In Governor Brown's memorandum accompanying the Department of Finance guidelines, he says, "No more dollars can be requested by executive agencies in fiscal year 1983 than were received in fiscal year 1982 (after budget cuts) to continue current programs." The guidelines provide for a 7.5 percent "limited growth cap" for fiscal year 1984.

We will make every effort to secure additional funding for 1982/84. You should realize that the state and national financial picture is such that additional funds may not be provided in 1982/83.

At the present time I am engaging in discussions regarding budgetary alternatives for 1982/83 with several groups and individuals. The vice presidents and college deans are looking at programs which could be altered or reduced in 1982/83.

There will be an increase of at least $500,000 in fixed costs in 1982/83 if inflation continues at or near the current rate. These costs will have to be met even if we do not get an increase in state appropriation. As additional financial information becomes available, I will share it with you. However, I do not anticipate any more details about Kentucky's funding for higher education until the November 12 meeting of the Council on Higher Education.
COMMITTEE OF 75
The Committee of 75 met on Saturday, September 12, to receive a briefing on the 75th anniversary observance and budget preparations. Mr. John Gray, a member of the Committee of 75, presented the University with a check for $3,000 from the Island Creek Coal Company during the luncheon.

UNITED GIVERS FUND
The United Givers Fund of Bowling Green-Warren County is currently involved in its annual campaign. All university faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in this annual program.

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
The next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled Saturday, October 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the Regents Conference Room. This regular quarterly meeting was originally scheduled for October 31.

MURRAY STATE ADMINISTRATORS TO VISIT
Administrators from Murray State have accepted an invitation to visit our campus on Wednesday, September 30, for the first in a series of meetings to explore additional cooperation between the two schools. A meeting will be held later this fall at Murray. The meetings and luncheon will not be open to the public, but the campus representatives will be available to meet with the press following the afternoon meeting. The meetings are designed to discuss avenues and methods for a more cooperative atmosphere between Western and Murray State.

After exploratory sessions are concluded, future meetings involving faculty and staff members in developing specific proposals are anticipated.

SELF-STUDY PREPARATIONS
Dr. James Davis and I attended a planning session last Monday and Tuesday in Atlanta regarding the pending self-study to be performed by WKU for the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities. The self-study will begin this year and will culminate in 1984 with a campus visit from the Southern Association. We will be establishing the appropriate committees to begin work on the self-study in the near future.

INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS
Last year the Board of Regents approved the establishment of an administrative internship program. We are continuing this program this year, and applications are now available in the Offices of the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Internship duties must be performed in addition to regular duties, and applications must be submitted prior to October 6.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION PHONOTHON
The Student Development foundation will begin its annual phonthon on Sunday, October 4, and continue through Thursday, October 22. Students will call more than 14,000 alumni during the three-week event and attempt to secure at least $75,000 in pledges.

EATON CORPORATION GIFT TO WKYU-FM
The Eaton Corporation has provided funds to WKYU-FM for a 13-week series with the Boston Pops Orchestra. The concerts may be heard every Saturday evening, beginning October 3, at 7 p.m. Jack Keyser, general supervisor of employee relations at the Eaton Corporation Standard Power Control Division in Bowling Green, made the check presentation.

REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN OWENSBORO
At a recent meeting of the Advisory Council for the WKU Educational Program in Owensboro, Dr. George Overstreet reported on the following areas:

- The 1981 summer term included 36 course offerings and a student enrollment of 497. He compared the figures with the 1980 summer term which included 34 course offerings and a student enrollment of 596. He pointed out that the number of students taking classes in Owensboro has only decreased slightly, and fewer students are taking more than one class.

- Enrollment in Murray State's MBA program has almost doubled in Owensboro and 15 students are currently enrolled in Western's Master of Public Service program.

- Four seminars in middle and executive management are in the final stages of preparation. The First Line Supervisors Seminar is full and this will become a continuing program.

- Dr. Bill Chandler was reappointed chairman of the Advisory Council and Mr. Ted Smith was reappointed vice-chairman.

- The Advisory Council's next meeting is scheduled November 19 at 4 p.m. at Kentucky Wesleyan College.