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$700,105 for the 1980-82 biennium. The rationale on which the staff made the recommendation is still present. Western not only did not receive the adjustment but, like other universities, experienced a reduction in the original state appropriation.

V. The Council staff recommendations did not indicate how the Council budget and the budget for the Higher Education Assistance Authority will be treated in the redistribution of state appropriations.

Update

• JOINT MEETING WITH MURRAY STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

A joint meeting of the Boards of Regents at WKU and Murray State will be held here on Saturday, Nov. 21. The 10 a.m. meeting will precede the WKU-MSU football game and will be held in the Regents Conference Room in Wetherby Administration Building.

• REPORT ON COOPERATIVE MEETINGS WITH MURRAY STATE

Officials from WKU traveled to Murray on October 28 for the second in the series of cooperative meetings with administrators at Murray State. President Curris and President Zacharias plan to appoint joint study-groups to work in three areas including (1) academic programs and activities, (2) student activities, and (3) business operations and management. Members of the committees will include faculty, students, and administrative staff representatives.

• MEETINGS WITH LEGISLATORS

In recent days President Zacharias met with three local legislators to discuss the funding of higher education and the implications of the proposals now under consideration by the Council on Higher Education. He met with Rep. Jody Richards and Sen. Frank Miller of Bowling Green and Rep. Billy Ray Smith, who represents Warren and Simpson counties. A similar meeting is scheduled for the near future in Owensboro with senators and representatives from the Owensboro area.

• PHONOTHON REPORT

The recently completed Student Development Foundation Phonothon netted more than $34,000 in pledges from alumni. More than 700 students participated in the three-week event, and additional contributions are expected from persons considering gifts as a result of the personal contact.

• SPORTATHON PREVIEW

The Hilltopper Hundred Club will conduct a fund-raising Sportathon on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1-5 p.m. The four-hour program will air live from Diddle Arena and will be telecast by WBKO-TV and simulcast by WBGN and WKCT in Bowling Green, WLOO-FM in Munfordville, WAKQ-FM in Russellville and WKVE in Cave City. The Sportathon is designed to raise money for the intercollegiate athletic programs. Many individuals have expressed...
NEW ADMISSIONS POLICY

At its regular quarterly meeting on Oct. 17, the Board of Regents adopted a new admissions policy for students entering WKU in fall, 1983. A graduate of an accredited Kentucky high school may be admitted to the freshmen class with either a high school grade-point average of 2.2 or above or with an ACT composite score of 14 or above.

A graduate of an accredited out-of-state high school may be admitted with a high school grade-point average of 2.7 or above, a rank in the top half of the graduating class, and an ACT composite score of 17 or above. A graduate with a GPA of 3.5 or above and an ACT composite score of 25 or above will be automatically admitted to the freshmen class. Guidelines for specific high school courses are also included in the new policy. The Board also approved the establishment of a scholarship program for outstanding out-of-state students. The H. H. Cherry Hallmark Award in the amount of $600 per semester for a student with a 3.8 GPA and an ACT score of 28 will be awarded beginning with the 1982 fall semester. It is anticipated that 15 awards will be made next year. The H. H. Cherry Meritorious Award would be given to students with a 3.3 GPA and an ACT composite of at least 24. It is proposed that 30 awards will be granted next fall in the amount of $300 per semester.

HOLIDAY VACATION SCHEDULE

The University will observe the Thanksgiving holidays on the following schedule:

Classes will dismiss at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and resume at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 30.

Offices will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 30.

The Christmas vacation period will begin when offices close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 4.

1982-84 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Council on Higher Education has been requested to give additional study to the issue of adequate funding for higher education. The Council was requested to establish, as its first priority, the restoration of the level of funding approved by the 1980 Kentucky General Assembly. The level approved for Western for the 1980-82 biennium has been reduced by $5 million. The state appropriation approved for Western for 1981-82 was $31,294,000. The Council staff recommendation under the cap concept is only $29,649,400 for 1983-84.

The following specific suggestions and reactions were made as they relate to the budget request for Western Kentucky University.

1. The mission statement for Western Kentucky University emphasizes instruction. The implementation of this mission is demonstrated by the enrollments at Western. In the fall of 1980, 15.2% of the full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollments for the senior universities were enrolled at Western. Of the total graduate full-time equivalent enrollments, 13.7% were at Western.

2. The mission model generates a different level of support for undergraduate instruction for the senior institutions. The state funding plan should provide the same level of support at all universities at the undergraduate and master's degree levels.

3. The support for undergraduate and master's instruction at Western would be increased by $3,000,000 in the 1982-84 biennium if the factor used for the highest level of funding in the state was applied.

4. The Council staff plan does not recommend increases adequate to provide salary increases for faculty and staff. Some institutions would be in a position to provide substantial increases in salaries and wages, and other institutions could provide limited or no increases.

5. Western Kentucky University has been a major factor in the economic development of a large area of south central Kentucky. Industries relocating in Warren County in recent years have listed the presence of Western as a major factor in their decision.

6. The budget request for 1982-84, $100,500 was requested to place Western in a stronger position to assist with the economic development of the state.

There are several energy-related industries in the area served by Western. Faculty at Western have demonstrated their ability to make significant contributions to energy research and activities. The U.S. Department of Energy has recently awarded two grants to Western. These achievements are representative of the strength of the University to contribute to the economic development of Kentucky.

IV. The Council on Higher Education recommended an equity adjustment for Western of... (continued)