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**Update**

**VACATION DATES**

All University offices will close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 4. Registration for the spring semester will be held on Monday, January 11, and classes will begin on Tuesday, January 12.

**JOINT BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

A joint meeting of the Boards of Regents of Murray State and Western was held on November 21 in the Board of Regents meeting room in Wetherby Administration Building. The Boards passed three resolutions jointly supporting a sound and fair plan for funding higher education in Kentucky, encouraging the restoration of funding lost during recent budget reductions, and supporting the efforts of Presidents Zacharias and Curris in exploring avenues of additional cooperation between the two universities.

**WENDY'S CLASSIC**

Wendy's and WKU were hosts Dec. 4-5 for the second annual Wendy's Classic, won by the University of Louisville. The Cardinals defeated WKU 71-66 in the finals after UL defeated Tulane and WKU downed New Hampshire in the semifinals. Capacity crowds were on hand each night, and the University benefited from excellent media exposure during the tournament and expects to receive some funds for academic and athletic programs from Wendy's.

**CABLE TV NETWORK**

WKU has signed an agreement with Storer Communications to provide tape delayed cablecasts of 10 home basketball games this season. The games will be available to subscribers of the Storer-owned systems in Warren, Jefferson, Kenton, Campbell and Boone counties. Also, subscribers in

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**Henderson, Paducah and Owensboro will receive the games through their local systems. The possibility exists to expand the network as the season progresses.**

In addition, WBKO-TV will televise three games live this season. The games, produced by the Television Production Center at WKU, began with the Butler Tele- Television last week and includes Duquesne (Dec. 30) and Eastern Kentucky (Feb. 4).

Two national cable networks also are televising the Hilltoppers this year. ESPN will carry the Jan. 3 home game with Murray State (also to telecast as the OVC Game-of-the-Week) and the Feb. 13 game at Middle Tennessee. The USA Network will carry the Dec. 22 game against Georgetown (D.C.) on a 24-hour delayed basis.

**SPORTATHON**

The recent Hilltopper Hundred Club Sportathon netted approximately $23,000 for WKU athletics. The Sportathon provided an opportunity for many persons to contribute to Western who have not been previously contacted. The production costs of the Sportathon will be deducted from the proceeds.

**AASCU**

President Zacharias attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities national meeting in Colorado on November 7-11. Programs for administrators focused on the theme "Vision and Decisions." Nearly every aspect of university operations was discussed, ranging from student financial aid to international education. President Zacharias participated on the program, describing the development of a national system of academic program evaluation. AASCU adopted several resolutions during the business session, calling upon Congress to continue its funding of projects to assist public education. Dr. William Buckman, faculty regent, was a special guest at the national meeting and attended sessions related to expanding opportunities in international education.

**SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS-COMMISSION ON COLLEGES**

Delegates to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools met in Dallas on December 6-8. President Zacharias attended several sessions related to Western's planning for reaccreditation. SACS is revising several standards and expects to place increased emphasis upon the outcome of instruction in future accreditation studies. The issue of finding ways to measure the impact of educational activities upon students is becoming increasingly important as universities evaluate programs and try to demonstrate academic quality. Major SACS committees expect to issue reports on these issues during the summer, 1982.

**FACULTY MEETING**

President Zacharias told members of the University's faculty and staff Tuesday "to retain enthusiasm" and continue "quality teaching and counseling." In a message to all employees, Dr. Zacharias compared the current situation on WKU's campus with world conditions which have caused wide-spread change in nearly every facet of American life," he said.

"The University has the dual role of mirroring these changes and at the same time needing to take part in the rescue operations," he said.

Dr. Zacharias said some national trends over the past several months which affect WKU are: cutbacks in financial aid, fewer federal dollars for entitlement programs, and the shift in higher education "from a rapidly expanding operation with room for more of everything...to one with less of the basic resources and fewer jobs."

"Every effort needs to be made to gain restoration of the dollars taken from us during the three budget reductions. At a minimum, new funds need to be appropriated to provide a salary increase that matches the cost of living even if the state has to pass new taxes," he said, adding, "Unless another budget cut occurs, no additional reductions in faculty should be made for 1982-83 except through resignations and retirements."

A final priority, he said, concerns "a systematic review of all noninstructional activities and personnel should continue with the goal of keeping personnel costs to a minimum."

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