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4. two units in science which specifically include either Biology I, Chemistry I, or Physics I.

It is recommended that college-bound students take additional high school courses in foreign languages, the arts, science, mathematics, and computer literacy.

**KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

The Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System provides medical insurance for retired members. Increased costs have produced a projected deficit for 1983-84. The Board of Trustees has approved a plan for financing the cost of medical insurance for retired members.

The plan includes additional funding sources and limited changes in the insurance coverage. The plan is outlined in the October issue of the KTRS Newsletter.

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Council on Higher Education met on November 15, 1983. The four new members who were administered the oath of office were:

- Terry McBryar - an attorney from Lexington
- Jack Dulworth - a student at the University of Kentucky
- Michael Harrel - a banker from Louisville
- Dr. Grady Stumbo - a physician from Hindman

The principal items on the agenda related to the requests for state appropriation for higher education for the 1984-86 biennium.

The Council approved a tuition schedule for the 1984-86 biennium. Western students will be assessed the following tuition and fees per semester if the institutional fees remain at the current year's level.

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The Council recommended state appropriations for Western of $35,565,500 for 1984-85 and $39,730,000 in 1985-86. This amounts to increases of $3,291,700 in 1984-85 and $4,164,500 in 1985-86. These funds are for support of current operations.

The Council recommended funds for each institution for implementation of the desegregation plan. The funding recommended in this category for Western is $207,100 for the biennium.

In addition to recommending support for current operations, the Council recommended appropriations for equipment and capital projects. In the category of equipment, $698,000 was recommended for Western. These funds were requested for academic equipment.

The Council recommended support for each institution to improve existing physical facilities.
Funding amounting to $4,100,000 was recommended for Western. The capital equipment and projects recommendations are for non-recurring funding.

The recommendations of the Council are forwarded to the Office for Policy and Management (OPM) of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. The Council recommendations will be considered by OPM in preparing the Executive Budget proposed by the Governor for 1984-86.

• PLANNING TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES

The Task Force for Strategic Planning has held two general meetings since October 15 and plans two more sessions before Christmas. The group's purpose remains to provide coordination for the long-range planning which will be carried out at all unit levels of the University. Procedures for the Task Force to use in providing this coordination will result from study by seven committees within the group. These committees are preparing recommendations relating to the seven components of strategic planning included in the university planning guidelines.

The Task Force plans to complete these preliminary steps soon. The next stage will include the actual planning activities which will take place in the normal administrative units and at all levels of the University early in 1984.

• DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Steering Committee

The Development Steering Committee met on November 19. Dr. William Meacham, a neurologist from Nashville, began his services on the Committee. Dr. Meacham graduated from Western in 1937. The other members in attendance were Chairman Hays Watkins, Harold Helm, and Jerry Parker.

Presidents Club Dinner

Individuals or organizations that contribute $1,000 or more are eligible for membership in the Presidents Club. A dinner is held annually honoring those who qualify for the Presidents Club. This year 125 are members compared to 105 last year. The dinner honoring this year's Presidents Club members was held on November 18.

Phonothon

The Student Phonothon concluded on November 17. The students received pledges totaling $32,069 from alumni of the University. Approximately 750 students were involved in this effort. I appreciate the efforts of the students and the support and encouragement provided by faculty and staff.

• ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITIONS

Announcements of administrative positions in other universities are frequently received in the Office of the President. Copies of these announcements will be sent to the reference room in the Helm Library. Faculty and staff interested in such announcements should request the personnel file at the reference desk.

• CORRECTIONS

In the October 12, 1983, issue of Update, the scholarship support provided by the College Heights Foundation for 1983-84 was erroneously listed at $165,000. The support provided is approximately $265,000. The same issue listed Dr. Jerry Rust as an associate professor. Dr. Rust is a full professor. We apologize for both of these errors.

• FULBRIGHT LEAVES

Three members of the Western faculty are on Fulbright leaves this year. This reflects favorably on the faculty. The numbers on leave from other institutions in the state are:

- Eastern Kentucky University 3
- University of Kentucky 2
- University of Louisville 1

• MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents was held on October 28, 1983. Joe Bill Campbell was reelected Chairman of the Board. Minor revisions were made in the Undergraduate Admission Policy to comply with the policies of the Council on Higher Education.

The implementation of the Pre-College Curriculum will take effect in the fall of 1987. Students admitted for the 1987 fall semester will be required to have completed the following courses in high school:

1. four units of English which specifically include English I, English II, English III, and English IV;
2. two units in social studies which specifically include United States History and World Civilization;
3. three units of mathematics specifically including Algebra I, Geometry, and either Algebra II or a mathematics elective; and