Meeting of the Board of Regents (Joan Kraycin)

The turnout for the October 17th meeting of the Board of Regents was larger than usual owing to an increased number of both faculty and townpeople in attendance. Many also came to the three committee meetings preceding the general meeting.

The Athletic Committee (Campbell, Bush, Clarke, and Price) is considering another $75,000 to $100,000 cut in athletics, and they discussed various possible ways to make these cuts. It was pointed out that going from Division IAA to Division II in football would not help Western financially because the loss of TV revenue would counteract any gain made by offering fewer scholarships.

It was stated that the getting rid of athletics won't solve Western's financial problems but would make them worse because athletic programs advertise WKU, and athletic programs are more frequently mentioned by alumni than are any other aspects of university life.

The Finance Committee (Harrell, Buchman, Campbell, and Gidd) adopted a budget request which had already been sent to the Council on Higher Education. Although CHE had dictated the procedure for preparing this budget, no one seemed to feel it would be considered seriously by CHE because it allowed for additional funds to cover the inflationary costs of utilities, faculty and salary raises.
to a few minor repairs to the physical buildings, and some very modest additions to the most understaffed departments. This might be thought of as the "Dream Budget." The committee was told that CHE has changed the rules of the funding game again. Apparently, UK couldn't win under the FTE model, so the model has been changed to a "Mission Model." Whatever it is that UK is doing is to be funded at the highest rate, and, conversely, whatever UK isn't doing is hardly worth funding. (Please note that I can't find the information about funding costs without access to the source material.)

The Academics Committee (Harrell, Harrell, Buckman, Bush, Sracane, and Judd) considered the problem of the Tennessee and Indiana counties from which students had previously received out-of-state tuition waivers. Although students presently enrolled from these counties, who are presently enrolled, will continue to receive tuition waivers, as long as they are continuously enrolled, Western may lose many students from those counties in the future. Hallmark scholarships, which will pay the out-of-state tuition, are being considered for bright students from these counties. The selective admissions document received considerable attention from
This committee. The members asked many of the same questions that were brought up by members of the Senate and the Academic Council. Eventually the committee accepted the procedures as outlined in the document. Regent Price, however, felt that he had to vote against the policy because too few administrators in Jefferson County schools would concern themselves with informing black students of the entrance requirements.

In the meeting of the entire Board of Regents, Joe Bill Campbell was elected Chairman of the Board, Joe Bricane was elected Vice-Chairman, and Bill Buckman, Ronnie Clarke, and Patsy Judd were elected to the Executive Committee. The new officers will assume their duties in January 1982.

A Sporathlon will be conducted by the Hundred Club on Sunday, November 22, 1981, from 1:00 to 5:00. This is being done to raise funds for the athletic program. The cost of the Sporathlon will be paid from the funds raised. Those in attendance at the Board meeting noted that the Board voted to request that the CHE not cut the funds for intercollegiate athletics. Some faculty members interpreted this to be a concern higher concern for athletics than for any other aspect program of the University. I think it should be noted, however, that Western is not told how to spend the money allotted by the state, since W. K.'s athletics are self-supporting.
Athletics are not intercollegiate athletics. Loss of state funding by Western would likely lead to cutbacks in spending on athletics but continue to receive the money for them.

Two townspeople, Mrs. Mary Frances Willocke and Dr. Nicholas Kafoglis, were called upon to speak on behalf in regard to the proposed cuts in Western's string program. Mrs. Willocke talked of the loss to the community if the string ensemble and orchestra could not be continued. Dr. Kafoglis talked about our need to keep Professor Teyber, a man who had so dramatically symbolized the importance of freedom. Both speeches were eloquent.

After the speeches, the Board went into executive session to discuss the proposed personnel changes. Although various members of the board expressed their personal unhappiness in doing so, the Board voted to approve the University's action in not renewing the contracts for sixteen tenure-track people.

President Zacharias had just returned from Washington, D.C., where he was one of 36 college and university presidents who testified before a Congressional Committee on the anticipated effects of additional
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16% of the students who receive federal
financial assistance come from
families with an annual income of less
than $5,000, 29% make less than $12,000,
and 48% earn less than $18,000. Faculty
members need to make their
voices heard in Washington if
education is to continue to be available
for all competent students.

We may also need to make our
legislators and the members of
the Council on Higher Education
know that the new-state funding
proposals are totally unsatisfactory.
Recommendaions from the CHE currently
include the proposal that Western, now
receiving 8.4% of the higher education
budget, receive only 5.0% next year
while UK, now receiving 41.2%, receive
49.2% next year. According to the
new plan Western would receive $2,925
for each FTE next year; UK would receive
$5,131 for each FTE. In this time of
tight budgeting, Western spends 41.1% of its budget on instruction; UK needs
to spend only 27.2% of its budget on
instruction. More detailed information
on the comparisons among the various
state institutions will soon be in the
hands of all committee senate committee
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